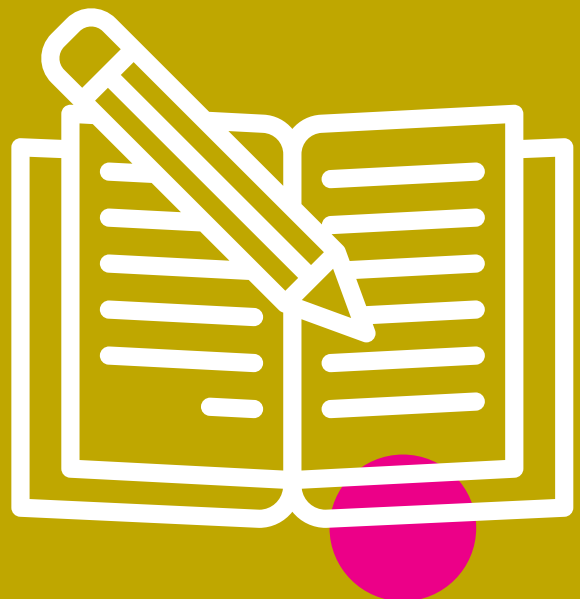
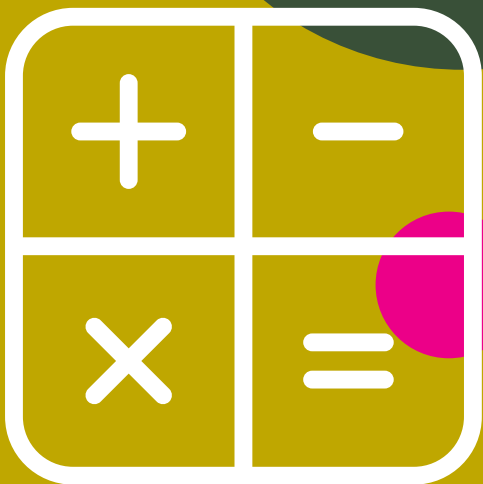


English and Maths Qualifications



English and Maths Awards - Stepping Stones



Learners aged 14 years and over.

NOCN have developed English and maths awards as 'stepping stones' to Functional Skills Qualifications.

These qualifications have the following features:

- Internally assessed - with no exams and a quick turnaround of results.
- Core and optional units which enable customisation to the specific learning needs of individuals.
- Assessments are designed to be appropriate for the learner's needs.
- Flexible delivery as a stand-alone qualification or as part of a programme of study.
- Optional use of a portfolio of evidence for assessment.
- A qualification structure built to compliment further study in relevant level of Functional Skills, apprenticeships or employment.
- A vocational offering, giving learners the opportunity to demonstrate an achievement of practical application of English and maths.

The qualification pages for English and maths awards can be found by clicking [here](#).

TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Free benchmark assessments – style and format mirror NOCN Functional Skills exams for consistency.

Teaching Support Pack

Annual subscription £100.

Over 400 materials available, including:

- Workbooks
- Videos
- PowerPoint presentations
- How to guides.



Entry Level 2 to Level 2

The support pack is aligned to Functional Skills qualifications. This means they are an ideal resource when used for the Stepping Stone maths and English awards.

The stepping stone nature of the awards, carried out as unit assessments and portfolios, have been much less daunting than traditional examinations. They have allowed all learners, whatever their needs, to confidently make progress at a level appropriate to their ability. As educators, the awards have been useful as a tool to determine which learners are equipped to move forward to attempt full Functional Skills qualifications, which form a natural onward route.

*Frances Hilton, Mathematics and English Lead
- Digital Independent Specialist College, Manchester*

Functional Skills in Maths and English



There are no age restrictions for these qualifications.

Our Functional Skills qualifications are popular with SEND and alternative curriculum schools because the assessments are written in simple understandable language. They are contextualised to everyday life and relatable resulting in a better learning experience.

NOCN offer a full suite of high-quality Functional Skills qualifications from Entry Level 1 to Level 2. Our Functional Skills team will support you from the very first step with a range of online learning tools and will guide you through the delivery of the new qualifications.

These qualifications have the following features:

- Online and paper-based exams are available on-demand (online is only available for L1/L2 English and maths).
- Live entry level assessments on demand to download.
- Quick turnaround of results.
- Remote invigilation available – [click here](#).
- 5 sample assessments at each level and marking guidance available through vLearn (our e-learning platform, learn more about this by [clicking here](#)).
- Free initial assessment tool and diagnostic assessments available through our app PocketSkills – [click here to learn more](#).

The qualification pages for English and maths Functional Skills can be found by clicking [here](#).

TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES:

- Qualifications handbook and other AIG.
- Sample assessment papers.

Teaching Support Pack - Entry Level 2 to Level 2

Annual subscription of £100

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- Activities
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Functional Skills is the foundation of our Key Stage 4 learning. For 7 years we have worked closely with NOCN to give our students access to learning and testing in Maths and English. Our focus is on development and progression and we are proud of the results achieved since the partnership began. We have consistently seen improvements in numbers achieving qualifications. NOCN have been a key partner in our success. The support they offer in terms of initial assessment, teaching resources, practice papers and supply of exam papers is profound and has made the delivery of our programs easy.

*David Thorpe, Vocational Lead
- Rotherham Aspire*