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Head Start – English, Maths and Foundation Learning

We welcome you to the Faculty of English, Maths and Foundation Learning. Whether you are a young person preparing to re-take your GCSEs, or you are an adult looking to study English and maths with us, we have something for you.

The following links can help you to catch up, revise and get ready for September 2020! There will be additional live sessions online as a part of our ‘Summer School’ initiative where you will be able to login and access our virtual GCSE tester revision sessions throughout the summer.

Motivation

Sometimes, it can be hard to stay on top of things, so when you feel that it’s hard to get motivated, especially when the sun is out, try one of these motivational speeches. It might be exactly what you need to remind you of just how great you can be:

Title & Short Description	Link or Online Resource
<p><u>STOP Doubting Yourself – Powerful Study Motivation!</u></p> <p>Stop Doubting Yourself! Work hard and make it happen. Imagine what would be possible if you believed in yourself and if you went all in.</p>	<p>YouTube: Click here</p>
<p><u>5 Minute Journal</u></p> <p>A way to start your morning with practices that support gratitude and bring awareness to intentional actions that enhance your life. This conditions your brain to become positive focus and ensures you begin each day with purpose.</p> <p><i>You don’t need to buy a journal, all you need is a pen and notepad, the questions are:</i></p>	<p>YouTube: Click here</p> <p>Amazon: Click here</p>

In the morning, after you wake up:

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Today I am experiencing gratitude for:

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Three mini goals for making today great:

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My today's affirmation is: (write who you are in positive terms i.e. I am successful)

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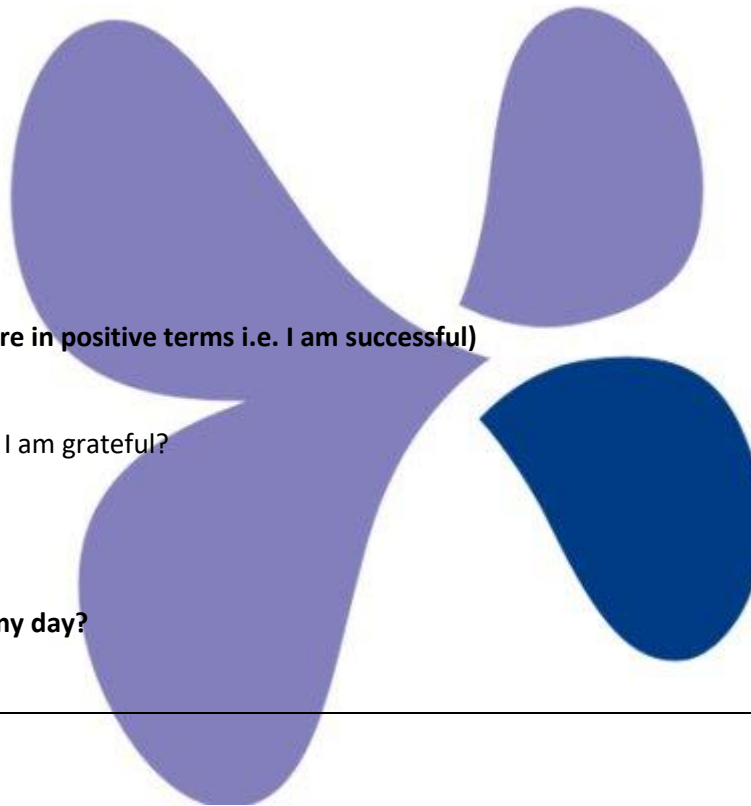
In the evening, before you go to bed:

Three things that happened today for which I am grateful?

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How I might have advanced the quality of my day?

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Pomodoro – Study Skills Technique

If you are struggling with your studies, or you are looking for a new technique, you can try pomodoro. The pomodoro technique utilizes alternating study and break times of 25 and 5 minutes, respectively. Each of these 25minute bursts of productivity is called a "pomodoro", named after the tomato timer used by Francesco Cirillo in the 1990's.

YouTube: [Click here](#)

TEDx Talk: [Click here](#)

How to Get Your Brain to Focus

The latest research is clear: the state of our attention determines the state of our lives. So how do we harness our attention to focus deeper, get distracted less, and become even more creative?

TEDx Talk: [Click here](#)

GCSE English

Whether you are looking to re-take your GCSE English, or you are hoping to start studying GCSE English from September 2020, some of the below links can help you to revise and get ready to start with strong foundations:

Title & Short Description	Link or Online Resource
<p><u>BBC Skillswise</u></p> <p>An exciting collection of resources designed to improve your English, including sections on reading, writing, spelling, word grammar, sentence grammar, speaking and listening.</p>	<p>BBC Website:</p> <p>All sections: Click here</p> <p>If you are preparing for GCSE English Initial Assessment, you may find helpful the ‘building up paragraphs’ section: Click here</p>

BBC Bitesize

A comprehensive collection of various GCSE English resources.
You will need to select – GCSE English – Edexcel (This is the awarding body we use for all our GCSE English Language)

BBC Website: [Click here](#)

YouTube playlists related to GCSE English (Edexcel)

YouTube:

Claire’s class: [Click here](#)

English Through Experience: [Click here](#)

Tips for paper 1: [Click here](#)

Tips for paper 2: [Click here](#)

Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation:

If you feel that you need to work on your grammar, spelling or punctuation, you can try one of the following links.

University of Bristol:

A list of the exercises that have been developed to help you test your understanding of the different points in grammar:

[Click here](#)

EnglishPage.com:

Detailed explanation of all verb tenses in English language:

[Click here](#)

Vocabulary.com:

An interactive website to help you improve your spelling: [Click here](#)

19th Century Literature:

As a part of your GCSE English, you will be studying 19th Century Literature. Here are a few links where you can engage in reading or test your knowledge through interactive quizzes.

British Library:

Themes of Victorian fiction: [Click here](#)

Quizzes about 19 Century:

Educationquizzes: [Click here](#)

Kensquiz: [Click here](#)

Funtrivia: [Click here](#)

Quizfreak: [Click here](#)

Further GCSE English guidelines:

If this is your first time applying for a GCSE English course, or you do not have GCSE English - grade 3, you will be asked to complete a GCSE English assessment, so that we can ensure this programme is right for you. As a part of this assessment, you will be asked to complete either an imaginative or transactional writing task (250 words). We suggest that to prepare for this, you should look into the above tasks and resources that relate to writing letters, speeches or a short story. In addition, you will be assessed on your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

If you are a learner who does not feel that the grade you received in August 2020 is representative of your abilities, there will be an opportunity for you to retake your GCSE exams in November. Please remember to revise the following: comprehension, language and structure, evaluation, comparison of writer's ideas and writing (content, organisation and spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Summer School – We will have available a set of taster lessons on GCSE English topics that will give you a flavour of what your GCSE English classes will look and feel like as well as helping you to prepare for your retake exam in November.

Functional Skills English

If GCSE English is not for you, and instead you are planning to join one of our Functional Skills English classes, we recommend that you look into the following resources.

Title & Short Description	Link or Online Resource
<p><u>Skills Workshop</u></p> <p>This website contains a wide range of resources for all levels ranging from Entry Level 1 – Entry Level 2 – Entry Level 3 – Level 1 – Level 2</p>	<p>Skills Workshop: Click here</p>
<p><u>Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation:</u></p> <p>If you feel that you need to work on your grammar, spelling or punctuation, you can try one of the following links.</p>	<p>University of Bristol:</p> <p>A list of the exercises that have been developed to help you test your understanding of the different points in grammar: Click here</p> <p>EnglishPage.com:</p> <p>Detailed explanation of all verb tenses in English language: Click here</p> <p>Vocabulary.com:</p> <p>An interactive website to help you improve your spelling: Click here</p>

Sentence structure:

YouTube:

How to improve your sentence structure Level 1 and Level 2: [Click here](#)

Types of sentences Entry Level 2, Entry Level 3, Level 1, Level 2:

Part 1: [Click here](#)

Compound and complex sentences Level 1 and Level 2:

Part 2: [Click here](#)

GCSE Maths:

Title & Short Description	Link or Online Resource
<p><u>Maths Genie</u></p> <p>This website contains resources (videos, exam questions and solutions) covering the entire GCSE Maths curriculum. If you are re-taking GCSE Maths, you should start with resources labelled as Grade 3.</p> <p>In addition, you can access GCSE Maths exam papers (including mark schemes, solutions and video solutions) – please select Edexcel/Pearson as this is the awarding body we use.</p>	<p>Maths Genie:</p> <p>Teaching and Learning resources: Click here</p> <p>GCSE Maths exam papers: Click here</p>

<p><u>Maths Made Easy:</u></p> <p>This website contains revision materials, past papers, video explanations, online revision tests and worksheets.</p>	<p>Maths Made Easy: Click here</p>
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Functional Skills Maths:

If you are hoping to join one of our Functional Skills Maths classes, here are a few links to resources you may find helpful. We suggest that you practice times tables, words used in maths, basic subtracting by borrowing, long multiplication and division.

Title & Short Description	Link or Online Resource
<p><u>Timetables:</u></p> <p>This is an interactive website where you can practice timetables.</p>	<p>Study Maths: Click here</p>
<p><u>Words used in maths:</u></p> <p>This is an interactive online math dictionary for students which explains over 630 common mathematical terms and math words in simple language with definitions.</p>	<p>Maths Dictionary: Click here</p>
<p><u>Basic subtracting by borrowing:</u></p> <p>YouTube: Click here</p>	

Long multiplication and division:

PowerPoints:

Long Division: [Click here](#)

Long Multiplication: [Click here](#)

