

Functional Skills English - Key Stage 4

English teaching at The Observatory School aims to challenge, excite and promote curiosity in all our learners. It gives students the chance to experience the wide world around us and to hear voices very different to their own. There is a focus on creativity in English lessons but also an understanding that accurate usage of English in written and spoken interactions is a vital life skill and will give students the confidence they need to reach their academic and work-related goals.

In Key Stage 4 pupils have the option of studying for a GCSE in English Language, Functional Skills qualifications or even both.

Functional English provides the basis for effective communication and understanding across the three subject skill areas; speaking and listening, reading and writing. The study of English can broaden skills and confidence, allowing pupils to develop skills that help them to get on in life and work.

Functional Skills qualifications are taught from Entry Level up to Level 2.

Hamilton Year 10	Holes Comparing book and film Introduction to Entry Level and Functional Skills Entry level 1	Preparation for entry level and FS level 1 qualifications: Writing an email Entry level 1 practice papers Key vocabulary	Preparation for entry level and FS level 1 qualifications: Reading comprehension Entry Level 2 practice papers	Preparation for entry level and FS level 1 qualifications: Persuading someone Structure and content Entry Level 2	Entry level 3 practice papers Spellzone SWST assessment 3	Entry level 3 practice papers
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