

Appendix 1 – Courses available in Redditch

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| Learning online | Maths, English, ICT | <p>Course are free if learners meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 years old (must be 19 by the 1st of August in the academic year they start) • Resident in UK for 3 years • Don't already have an equivalent qualification • Can demonstrate a need by our initial assessment process | <p>Roll on roll off programme so accept new starters all year. Courses are a blend of online learning and paper based and learners are expected to attend one session per week in our centre, which is currently based at the Town Hall whilst maintenance work is being carried out at Greenlands Business Centre. Can support some learners to work remotely but those that have the ability to do this successfully are in the minority as they need the support of a tutor. Based normally at Greenlands Business Centre, don't use classroom style learning, everyone works through their course at their own pace</p> |
| HOW College | Maths, English, ICT | <p>No earnings criteria – it is based on if you have a grade below GCSE C (new Grade 4) the courses are free, and government funded. They support students up to level C (Grade 4), either starting at Functional Skills Level or GCSE level – based on an assessment with the careers advisor or tutor. Apprenticeships also available.</p> | <p>Classroom based – dates times dependent on courses. Available at Redditch campus Search Results Heart of Worcestershire College (howcollege.ac.uk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *More detail below </p> |
| WCC Adult Learning | Maths, English, ICT | <p>Free for unemployed, on benefits or earning less than £17,500 and for those on benefits such as Universal Credit or anyone aged 19-23</p> | <p>Locations such as Alvechurch Library, courses are at set times and therefore attendance is limited to particular time slots and are tutor led.</p> |

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| | | with fewer than 5 GCSEs at A* to C. If you do not meet the concessions criteria for a free course, you can find similar subjects available at a small cost per person listed on their website | www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses |
| WCC Digital Champions | ICT Skills | Digital champions available at WCC libraries to help and give advice if there is a particular area of using a computer, help given on a one-to-one basis. | Ad-hoc visits to library |
| AGE UK | ICT Skills | Help with basic ICT skills, no qualification gained – advised and signposted to WCC courses including library or HOW College. | |
| Family Learning Course (comes under WCC) | Maths, English, ICT | Free for unemployed, on benefits or earning less than £17,500 – Comes under WCC Adult Learning same criteria as above. From the website: Although we work with anyone aged 19+, our typical learner is aged 30-50 and looking to gain qualifications to retrain, enter university, get a new job or bag a promotion. We know that time is particularly precious for adult | Locations such as Alvechurch Library, courses are at set times and therefore attendance is limited to particular time slots and are tutor led. www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses |

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| | | <p>learners and our programmes offer flexibility to help you achieve your goals in the most appropriate timescale for you.</p> | |
| SeetecPluss | None available | <p>Although Seetecpluss do not offer the maths, English and IT qualifications, they do offer a Restart Scheme which covers writing CVs, job searches, 1:1 coaching and advice, priority access to local services such as CAB. Once in work they can help with settling in, assisting with benefits, training and career progression – they work closely with the JCP (Job Centre Plus)</p> | N/A |
| Work Pays | None available – did offer at one time but didn't have much uptake | <p>They offer traineeships and apprenticeships in Redditch & Bromsgrove which include gaining Functional Maths, English & ICT skills. Also cover help with CVs job searches, support. Work in partnership with WCC.</p> <p>Have forwarded their details to Della for Partnership bulletin and Louise Hall (Starting Well) & Lisa Devey (Financial Inclusion)</p> | N/A |

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| Skills for Life | Essential Skills – Numeracy, *English & Digital | If you don't have a GCSE at Grade 4 (or equivalent) you can study for a range of free qualifications from entry level up to level 2 (equivalent to GCSE). If aged 19+ courses are free. *English free or part-funded. | Classroom based: Various local locations, a few here: Pathway First Ltd, Neptune House, Beoley Road West, Redditch, B98 8LY Nova Training, Unit 1, Clive Road Industrial Estate, Redditch, B97 4BT Trinity High School, Redditch Online provider: Skills Training UK Ltd |

- *HOW College Redditch
Tutor Neil Gardner responsible for Maths and IT courses

Maths Functional skills :-

1. Face to face courses on a Wednesday in Redditch
2. Free course for adults
3. 15 people per class
4. Start September but considers another course in Jan if enough people apply.
5. Meeting current expectations

IT:-

1. Face to face courses in Redditch
2. Running Mon to Thursday with no evening teaching
3. Offering entry level – level 2 for adults.
4. Most courses are offered free
5. Courses run throughout the year.