

Getting Ready to Study Literacy and Numeracy at College

The 'Getting Ready' list below gives you resources and activities you can use to get ready for when your course starts at Colchester Institute in September. We have picked mostly resources and activities you can access on-line and we have some suggestions too of other resources in the 'Going Further' section.

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You will continue to develop your literacy and numeracy skills as part of your study programme as they are important skills for employability and they also help you to achieve on your study programme. Students who have not yet achieved GCSE grade 4 in Maths and English will also continue to study towards improving their GCSE grade.

It is important that you maintain the skills you already have mastered and think about what you will need to improve on when you come to college.

Take a look at the BBC Skillswise website and you can discover some of the practical ways you can use your English and maths skills in the workplace through videos and you can download fact and worksheets.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise/job-skills/zdh8vk7>

Have a go at the spelling, punctuation and grammar online tests to check what you need to work on <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z38x39q>

If you are going to be studying GCSE keep up your skills through practice via BBC Bitesize GCSE

Maths : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z38pycw>

English : <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zr9d7ty>

Finally **keep reading**- the news, articles that interest you, books, magazines, any text will extend your vocabulary and knowledge about the world.

Going Further to study Literacy and Numeracy at Colchester Institute

Take a look at Sarah Holmes's you tube channel for 'how to videos' GCSE English Language <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuQKHGq5ZUUthp4rTv3AFgA>

Or watch Mr Davies talk you through how to make the most of your writing

https://www.youtube.com/user/helpmemrdavies/videos?shelf_id=3&sort=dd&view=0

Keep a journal – not only will you be able to look back on your thoughts and feelings you will develop your writing skills.

Practise your maths skills regularly – <https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/>

Complete a free online course on using a scientific calculator – great for all but especially budding Engineers <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/mathematics-statistics/using-scientific-calculator/content-section-0?active-tab=description-tab>

You can find information for new students at:

<https://www.colchester.ac.uk/further-education/applying-full-time-courses/>