

# Going on to Level 2 courses at college – giving it your best shot!

## Do you want to go on to College or 6<sup>th</sup> Form after Yr 11 to do a Level 2 Course?

If you are doing a Foundation Learning Programme, or doing some Level 1 courses at school, this leaflet is for you!

You will have every chance of getting on to a Level 2 course if you are successful in some important subjects and have worked and attended well at school,

You will need to be able to show evidence of certain things when you apply for a course, or attend for an interview at College or 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Please see the list below:

What you need to have:	How you can show it:
<b>Literacy skills</b>	Level 1 English Functional Skills pass, <b>or</b> a Level 1 ALAN Literacy pass, <b>or</b> GCSE English grade E or above
<b>Personal Development and Employability Skill</b>	A personal and social development qualification (Like NOCN Step-Up, COPE etc.) at Level 1  A good report from school  Evidence from your work placement (if appropriate)  Attendance in Yr 11 of at least 85%

For some Level 2 courses, you may also need to have other things as well:

<b>Numeracy skills</b>	Level 1 Maths Functional Skills pass, <b>or</b> a Level 1 ALAN Numeracy pass, <b>or</b> GCSE Maths grade E or above
<b>Vocational skills</b>	A pass in a particular qualification at level 1, <b>or</b> Attend a short programme to top-up your skills at the start of the programme.

From now on, all Level 2 courses advertised by colleges should ask for a combination of the above things, depending on the course and its demands.

### **Getting the message over loud and clear!**

When you apply for courses and are interviewed by college or 6<sup>th</sup> Form staff, it is very important that you are able to explain what you have achieved and what you can do:

Please make sure you can do the following things:

- Be able to explain all of the qualifications you are doing
- Think about all of the ways you can show your Personal and Social Development skills. (There may be many other ways in addition to the ones in the table overleaf, for example, don't forget the things you do in your family or in your spare time.)
- Present all of these things in a way that will be clear to someone looking at them and will show you in the best possible light. If you have a Progress File 'presenter', this would be a good way of presenting yourself well.

**Remember, everybody will want you to do well and succeed, so give it your best shot!**

