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Essential Skills Development



within JGW+



On entry to JGW+, all learners complete a Wales Essential Skills Toolkit (WEST) initial assessment during induction to identify their current literacy, numeracy and digital literacy levels, helping plan appropriate support and progression from the start.

The delivery of Essential Skills is responsive to individual learner needs and takes account of any prior achievement or Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL).

Literacy, numeracy and digital skills development is embedded within the engagement and advancement pathway and all JGW+ centres also provide access to a specialised Essential Skills provision.

Delivery schedules vary between centres, each location offers opportunities for learners to develop and achieve qualifications in Communication, Application of Number and Digital Literacy, from Entry Level 1 through to Level 2.

Pre-enrolment

Before enrolling, learners meet with their Skills and Essential Skills Tutors to confirm their appropriate starting level and set clear progression goals.

Entry levels 1, 2 & 3

Supports the development of foundational skills, knowledge and confidence below GCSE level.

Level 1

Essential Skills




Broadly comparable to GCSE grades D-G (grades 1-3).

Level 2

Essential Skills

Recognised as equivalent to GCSE grades A-C (grades 4-9) and support progression to further learning, training or employment.

Delivery

-  Timetabled skills sessions
-  One to one support
-  Drop-in support sessions

Assessment

Practical tasks, written assignments, and formal examinations relevant to learners' chosen Essential Skills qualification. Emphasis is placed on demonstrating practical application of skills in real-life contexts.