

English Education System—progression route after age 16

	Standard academic route	More vocational route	English for Speakers of Other Languages ESOL	Average time
Level 6	Honours degree			3 years
Level 4/5	Foundation degree	HNC/HND NVQ Level 4/5		3 years
Level 3	A Levels	BTEC Level 3 NVQ Level 3		2 years
Level 2	GCSE Grades 4-9	BTEC Level 2 NVQ Level 2		2 years
Level 1		GCSE Grades 1-3 BTEC Level 1 NVQ Level 1		2 years
Entry Level		No GCSEs	Level 2 ESOL	Learners are assessed before starting college. They will start at the correct level for the English they arrive with. They can take the exams and move through the levels at their own pace and can move up during the year.
			Level 1 ESOL	
			Entry level 3 Entry Level 2 Entry Level 1	
Pre-entry Level			Pre-entry	