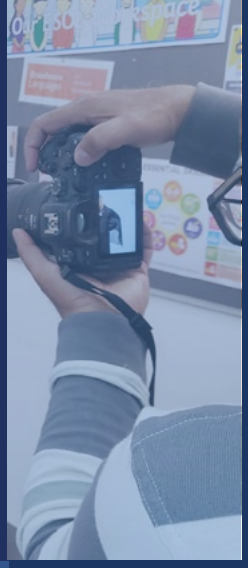

Adult Education

Part-time Courses

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OUR CENTRES

We have six centres across Birmingham, each providing high quality learning in welcoming and supportive environments.

Aston Centre
99 Whitehead Road, Aston, B6 6EJ

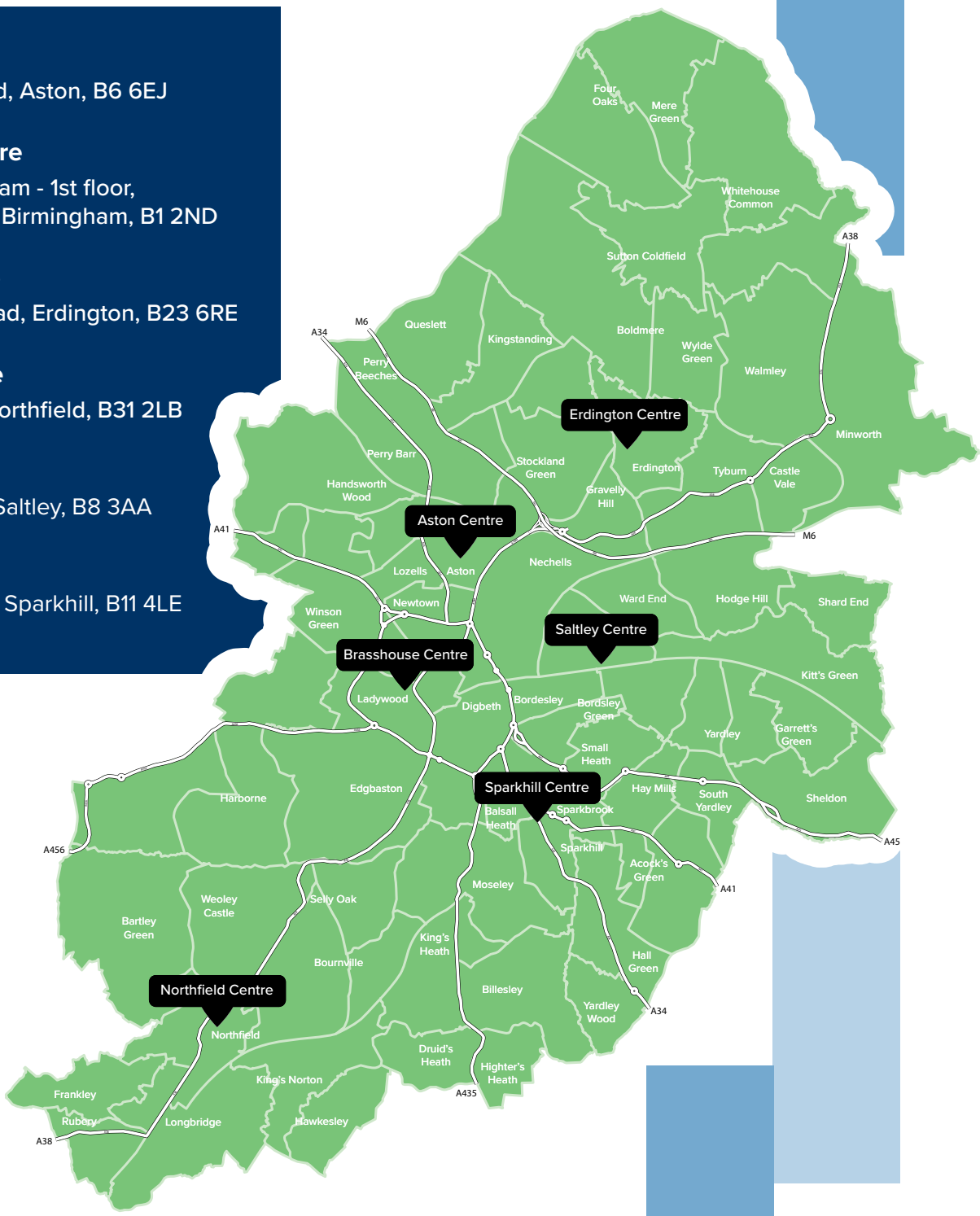
Brasshouse Centre
Library of Birmingham - 1st floor, Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2ND

Erdington Centre
101 Sutton New Road, Erdington, B23 6RE

Northfield Centre
45 Church Road, Northfield, B31 2LB

Saltley Centre
80 Anthony Road, Saltley, B8 3AA

Sparkhill Centre
477 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, B11 4LE



We also work with many community providers and run a range of courses in their venues. To find out about these courses, contact our ***Admissions Team on 0121 303 4318 or information@baes.ac.uk***

Explore our centres

Scan the QR to watch a short video about each centre.

Aston Centre
Tel: 0121 675 5921

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Brasshouse Centre
Tel: 0121 303 0114

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Erdington Centre
Tel: 0121 464 6190

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Northfield Centre
Tel: 0121 464 8272

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Saltley Centre
Tel: 0121 303 9219

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Tel: 0121 464 1893

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WELCOME

Choosing to learn as an adult is a bold decision.

At BAES, we are here to support you every step of the way.

We know you are not just signing up for a course. It is much more than that. It is rediscovering confidence, challenging yourself and gaining vital qualifications for a career. Every year, adults like you achieve their own meaningful goals.

You are also joining a community. Centre staff, managers and teachers all play their part in your journey. We see learners supporting and inspiring each other: setting up walking groups, organising conversation clubs and volunteering in classes.

These are things learners never expect to do when they start a course, but passions and potential find a way at BAES. Subjects that once felt intimidating become sources of confidence and enjoyment. A career they never considered becomes a new goal.

That is because, at BAES, learners' goals can change. In fact, you may not know where you are heading when you begin. With free, personalised careers advice, employability workshops and dedicated support services, we help you explore your options and find your future.

On behalf of our dedicated and expert staff, it is our promise to provide you with the best learning and all the support you need to succeed and fulfil your potential.

By reading this, you have already taken the first step. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Ilgun Yusuf
Principal / Head of Service

JOIN A COURSE

Follow these simple steps to enrol onto your chosen course.

BEFORE YOU APPLY

1 **Contact the Admissions Team**

Call: **0121 303 4318** | *Email:* **information@baes.ac.uk** | *In Person:* **Centre Details on page 2.**
Fill in an enquiry form on our website at: **www.learnbaes.org**

2 **Ask any questions you have about the course**

Find out more about the course content and if you will be able to attend
What sort of things will you be learning? Where, when and how often does the class take place? How much will it cost?

CHECK YOU'RE READY

3 **Check you meet the course entry requirements**

Is it the right level course for you? Before you join most of our courses you will need to complete an initial assessment to check that your maths, English, or subject knowledge are at the right level for you to succeed.

If you are looking to enrol onto either

- **Languages - Beginners course** You can enrol without an assessment
- **Arts & Crafts - Beginners course** You can enrol without an assessment *(After 01/09/26)*

Enrol now or book an initial assessment

ASSESSMENT STAGE

4 **If required, book an initial assessment**

We will find and book you onto an initial assessment at a time and venue that is most convenient for you. You will be advised on how long the assessment will take and anything else that you will be expected to do on the day.

5 **Complete an initial assessment**

If you have any additional needs or difficulties please inform the assessor before you start your assessment so we can provide any support you may need. After you have finished the assessment we will discuss your results with you and help you to find a suitable course.

Enrol onto the course

START LEARNING

6 **Get ready to start your new course**

A few weeks before your course starts we will email you more details about your course, supply your BAES learner account ID, and a reminder of when and where you course starts. **Just before your course begins we will send you a text message to welcome you to BAES.**

We're here to help you at every step
Call 0121 303 4318 or email at information@baes.ac.uk

Allocation of places: There is high demand for places on our courses. Please be aware that when we offer places, we will take into account your previous record of attendance and completion and whether you signed up for courses and did not attend.

How much will it cost?

FREE COURSES

Provided you meet residency requirements, these courses are free. These include:

- English and maths functional skills
- English and maths GCSE courses are free if you have not previously achieved a grade A-C or 4-9 at GCSE
- Basic Computer Skills qualifications are free if you have not previously achieved an IT qualification at that level or above

DISCOUNT FEE

For most courses our discount fee is free. The discount fee is available if you are:

- in receipt of Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- in receipt of Employment Support Allowance Work Related Activity Group (ESA/WRAG)
- in receipt of an income-based benefit*
- employed and earning less than £36,126 per year (you will need to provide evidence of this)
- are unemployed, actively seeking and ready to start work

**Universal Credit, Job Seekers Allowance, Employment Support Allowance (WRAG/HRAG) Income Support, Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit), Housing Benefit, Asylum Support*

FULL FEE

If you are not eligible for a discount fee you will have to pay the full course fee and any exam and assessment fees.

LEARNER SUPPORT FUND

The Learner Support Fund is a limited discretionary grant provided to help learners experiencing financial hardship to stay in education.

This fund can be used to help with:

- childcare costs
- travel costs
- DBS checks where they are a requirement of the course

To apply you must:

- be on a qualification course
- meet residency requirements
- provide evidence that you are on a low income or are experiencing financial hardship

To Apply call 0121 303 4318 or talk to a member of the Admissions Team

Please note: All support funds are subject to individual eligibility and the availability of funds. Learners who do not meet certain residency requirements will not be eligible for fee waivers, discounts or financial support. Before applying for financial support please check if you and the course you have enrolled on are eligible. You must also be prepared to provide proof of your income and status if you apply.

TERM DATES 2026/27

These are the dates that our adult education classes run between.

The actual dates of your class may be different, please check with staff or your teacher.

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Monday 07 September - Saturday 19 December 2026

**you will be given your actual start date at enrolment*

Half-term
Monday 26 October - Saturday 31 October 2026

Christmas break
Monday 21 December 2026 - Saturday 02 January 2027

SPRING TERM 2027

Monday 04 January - Thursday 25 March 2027

Half-term
Monday 15 February - Saturday 20 February 2027

Easter break
Friday 25 March - Saturday 10 April 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027

Monday 12 April - Friday 16 July 2027

Half-term
Monday 31 May - Saturday 05 June 2027

General enquiries and course information

If you have any general enquiries about our courses or any questions about the learner support available to enable you to join a course, please contact our Admissions Team or visit **www.learnbaes.org**

In person: **Centre details on page 2** | Call: **0121 303 4318** | **Email: information@baes.ac.uk**
Fill in a enquiry form on our website at **www.learnbaes.org**

Disclaimer

BAES is committed to delivering the courses and programmes of study as described in our course brochures, social media and website.

We ensure that information contained on our website and in our publications is correct and up to date. Every effort is taken to provide the programmes and services described, however BAES cannot always guarantee the provision of any course or service and we may need to make variations to the contents or methods of delivery of courses, to merge or combine courses, or in some circumstances discontinue courses if such action is considered to be necessary.

If we need to discontinue any courses, we will use all reasonable endeavours to provide a suitable alternative.

It's never too soon to start planning for your future success!

If you feel ready for a change or want to move forward in your career, Birmingham Adult Education Service is here to help. *Find my Future* is our careers and employability programme, designed to help you make informed choices and prepare for your next step. Whether your goal is employment, further education, or an apprenticeship, we'll support you along the way.

What you'll gain on the programme

Throughout your time studying with BAES, you'll have access to:

- 1:1 careers guidance tailored to your goals
- Job Preparation and Into Employment sessions to build job-ready skills
- Networking opportunities with employers, colleges, and universities
- Expert advice on careers, education, and training pathways

Support every step of the way

Planning your future can feel overwhelming, but our experienced team is here to guide you. You'll receive confidential, personalised advice to help you explore your options and create a clear plan.

Build skills for life and work

As well as preparing for employment, you'll develop valuable life skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving – skills that employers look for and that benefit you every day.

Ready for your next move?

If you're looking for work, our Team will help you stand out, with support for CV writing, applications, and interview preparation. Email the *Find my Future* Team to find out more.

careers@baes.ac.uk

LEARNER SERVICES

We are here to help you succeed

Taking the first step back into learning can be hard, especially if you've had negative experiences in school or college. You need to know you will be supported – **at BAES you will be.**

Need help with classroom support, study techniques or financial assistance?

It's natural to feel nervous about sharing a learning need; in the past, it might have led to feeling isolated. But you're not alone. Every year, we help hundreds of adults with learning differences such as ADHD, autism, dyscalculia, dyslexia, hearing and visual impairments, and mental health needs.

We provide support that is personal and practical

Our Learner Services team includes experienced managers and specialist assessors who work with you to understand what kind of support will make the biggest difference. This might include extra time or rest breaks in exams, help from a learning support assistant or volunteer, or access to specialist equipment or interpreters, such as British Sign Language (BSL). Come along to an admissions day. Talk to a teacher or a Learner Services Manager and see how we can help you.

Great News!

In our latest learner satisfaction survey:
100% of our learners said: They would tell a friend to come to a BAES course
100% of our learners said: They feel welcome and that they belong at BAES

(June 2026 - 850 learners surveyed)

Support for ALL learners

Even if you don't have a diagnosed learning need, we offer a range of services to help you stay confident and on track throughout your course.

Learner rooms are relaxed spaces where you can focus on classwork, use a computer, or just take a break and chat. Workshops throughout the year cover a range of topics such as managing exam stress, improving study habits, and developing independent learning strategies. If you'd like help with digital tools, we can support you in strengthening your IT and computer skills, too.

We know finances can be a barrier to learning. That's why we may be able to help towards travel, course materials, IT equipment, or childcare, depending on your situation. *Speak to a team member to find out what's available and how to apply.*

1 in 8 **of Learners received extra support so they could succeed**

922 learners received support from the Learner Services Team in 2025–26.

This included 840 learners supported in the classroom by a dedicated network of **47 Learning Support Assistants, 58 volunteers and 70 Learning Buddies,** helping learners overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

Wellbeing and community support

Sometimes you may need support that goes beyond the classroom. Our BAES Community Hub offers free advice and information on personal finance, health and wellbeing, and other life challenges. If you need more specialist advice, we can point you towards trusted organisations that can help.

For more information

Talk to our Learner Services Team to find out how they can help you to overcome any barriers to learning. Whether you need practical help, academic support, or just someone to talk to, we're here.

0121 303 4318 | LSM@baes.ac.uk

ENGLISH

Change your story with English

Life is harder without an English qualification. Without good English skills, people are held back in their everyday life. University and good jobs are often out of reach.

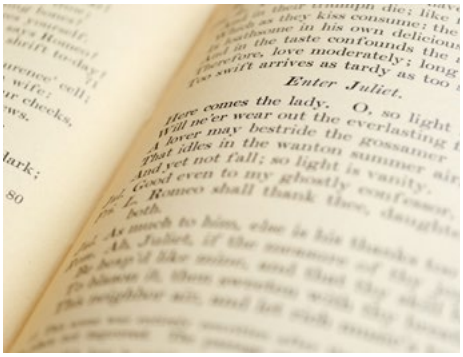
Now is the time to learn

Maybe you have experienced being lost for words in an interview. Or maybe you didn't get past the application stage because of your writing. You can lose confidence and doubt yourself. Why try again when you know how the story ends? But it doesn't have to end the same way.

One step at a time, you can change the story

Each year, there are adults like you who choose to improve their English skills. It could be to feel more confident about speaking in front of others, spelling tricky words or using commas in the right place. Writing anything at all might be hard; the ideas are in your head and you know what you want to say, but struggle to write them clearly.

Everyone has a starting point and we teach from where you are now, at your pace. Every day you improve the skills that matter to your life and you work towards qualifications which can open doors.



What is it like on an English course?

Our courses are part-time, flexible and free for most people. Classes are smaller than school too. We have daytime and evening courses, which take place in both the classroom and online. If you do wish to study online, you will need a computer and a reliable internet connection. As you will be learning in a live virtual classroom, you will also need to have a quiet space so you can take part in the lesson, as you would in a normal classroom.

What does joining an English course look like?

It might have been a long time since you had to write something for a teacher. The thought of a professional looking at your writing again can be stressful.

It's why we keep the process simple and supportive. We have a chat about your experience and goals. It's followed by a short writing task, where you complete what you can - that's all we ask. A teacher checks your writing and we then find the right course for your current skills and goals that fits around your life. That's all there is to it!

> *From my first assessment onward, I have felt more comfortable than I have in most other environments. I feel both seen and heard in a way I never have before.*

Shakil

English Level 1 Learner

Spirit of BAES Award Winner 2026

How to join an English Course

Call or email our Admissions team and arrange to come and meet a member of the English team.

0121 303 4318 | information@baes.ac.uk

English Course Levels

What will I be learning?

LEVEL

Functional Skills

ENTRY 1,2 & 3

Writing:	emails and letters to friends
Grammar:	past, present and future tense, using plurals
Spelling:	*you're/your, their/they're, to/too*
Punctuation:	capital letters, full stops, question marks
Speaking:	using the right words for medical appointments, parents' evenings

LEVEL

Functional Skills

1

Writing:	letters of complaint, blogs, forum contributions
Grammar:	using joining words to create longer sentences
Spelling:	words with silent letters e.g. *receipt, debt*
Punctuation:	commas, apostrophes e.g. *it's/its*
Speaking:	discussions about issues such as the environment and social media

LEVEL

Functional Skills

2

Writing:	reports, reviews, magazine articles
Grammar:	structuring sentences for effect
Spelling:	practical words e.g. *acknowledge, recommend*
Punctuation:	colons and semi colons
Speaking:	formal presentations on issues such as knife crime and parenting

LEVEL

GCSE

Writing:	short stories, analysis and persuasion
Grammar	linking sentences to create a smooth coherent effect
Spelling:	sophisticated and unusual words e.g. *ambiguous, juxtapose*
Punctuation:	dashes and short sentences for effect
Speaking:	interviews, sales pitches, debating, public speaking

Finding the words

I've always wanted to write stories and poems. Now I've got the words to finally get my ideas out.

A reason to learn

Scarlet enrolled on an English class in September 2025, determined to make a change in her life. Reading and writing had always felt like uphill battles in her life, barriers that prevented her from learning to drive and pursuing her passion for music. She had grown to accept this was her lot and carried on with life.

But everything changed for Scarlet when she realised her ill son needed her more than ever. She wanted to read, understand, and write confidently to help him manage his medical. That was when she decided to improve her English.

Keep going

On her course assessment Scarlet was surprised, and a little disheartened, to see that her English scores were lower than she expected. But driven by her love for her son, she enrolled. Returning to learning hasn't always been easy. There have been moments of frustration and times she has doubted herself. Yet, with the encouragement of her teacher and the support of her classmates, Scarlet has kept going.

A new ambition

Now, she feels she has caught up with her peers. More importantly, she has discovered something amazing: she's fallen in love with English. With her passion for music still strong, Scarlet – who has been learning the violin for 18 months – is now aiming higher, hoping to start a music course and one day play in an orchestra.

MATHS

Life starts to add up with maths

There are three main reasons why people struggled with maths in the past: it was too hard, the teacher went too fast and it wasn't relevant to their life.

Learning maths is different now

Every year, hundreds of adults learn maths with us. They find a classroom that isn't silently learning from a textbook. It's a classroom with practical activities that teach skills relevant to real life and the future. In the past, you might have struggled with things like adding and subtracting or decimals and percentages. You'll learn through everyday situations - online shopping, DIY, budgeting, helping the kids with their homework. Learning in this way, many adults find they are good at maths and can enjoy it.

Maths gives you more options

"Must hold a Level 2 in maths." It's in a lot of job descriptions and it stops many people each year from moving towards the future they really want. There are jobs that don't require a Level 2 qualification, which helps in the short-term. But a maths course can open doors to a future that is more secure, more enjoyable and better paid.

Come along to an Admissions Day. Talk to our staff. See what happens when you learn maths in a way that works for you.

What is it like on a maths course?

It is easy and free to learn for most people. We have daytime and evening part time courses. They take place in both the classroom and online. If you do wish to study online, you will need a computer and a reliable internet connection. As you will be learning in a live virtual classroom, you will also need to have a quiet space so you can take part in the lesson, as you would in a normal classroom. Our classes are smaller than school and taught at the right pace for you.

What does joining a maths course look like?

Worried about being tested on skills you haven't used in a long time? We know joining a maths course can make people nervous. That's why we take time to get to know you. We have a relaxed chat about your experience and goals and ask questions like: When was the last time you studied maths? What are you hoping to do in the future?

You will complete a short maths task on paper – just the parts you are comfortable with. This helps us match you with a course that suits your level and lifestyle.

> *My teacher always put on such amazing, interesting lessons – I didn't miss any classes!*

Nazik

GCSE Maths Learner

Step into learning Award Winner 2026

How to join a maths course

Call or email our Admissions team and arrange to come and meet a member of the Maths team.

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Maths Course Levels

What will I be learning?

LEVEL

Functional Skills

ENTRY

- read and write whole numbers (up to thousands)
- perform whole-number four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide)
- understand and use common fractions *(e.g. ½, ¼ ,¾)*
- estimate, compare and convert lengths, weights and capacities
- read and interpret simple bar charts, tables and pictograms
- solve real-life problems involving money, time and measures

LEVEL

Functional Skills

1

- read, write and use whole numbers (up to millions)
- convert between fractions, decimals and percentages
- multiply and divide using fractions and decimals
- calculate percentages of quantities (e.g. 15% of 60)
- use ratios and proportions to solve simple problems
- understand negative numbers
- round numbers and estimating
- calculate perimeter, area and volume of simple shapes
- use and interpret scales (eg. maps, plans)
- identify and use angles and properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes
- represent, interpret and extract data from tables, graphs and diagrams
- understand and calculate probabilities of simple events

LEVEL

GCSE

- use place value, powers and roots *(including decimals and negatives)*
- apply fractions, decimals, percentages
- use ratios and proportions in real-world contexts
- use and interpret scale factors in maps and drawings
- use Pythagoras Theorem and trigonometry to solve problems
- understand and work with vectors
- simplify and manipulate algebraic expressions
- solve linear and quadratic equations
- use and plot linear and quadratic graphs and solve simultaneous equations
- calculate probabilities of events
- use a variety of diagrams and tables to calculate probabilities
- draw and interpret bar and pie charts, histograms and scatter graphs
- understand and calculate the mean, median, mode and range from data sets

Learning through adversity

In hard times, I have found myself wanting to be back in the classroom.

Resilience and commitment

Favour's journey is a powerful reminder that determination can shine through even the most challenging circumstances. Currently studying GCSE maths online, she has shown exceptional resilience and an unwavering commitment to her education.

Last year, Favour began a Higher GCSE maths course, but a serious illness and ongoing treatment meant she was unable to continue. Rather than giving up, she returned to her studies this year, joining the Foundation GCSE maths course with renewed determination and a positive outlook.

Learning through adversity

Studying online has given Favour the flexibility to balance her education alongside her treatment. No matter the circumstances, she logs into every lesson ready to learn, actively participating with her camera on, listening carefully, asking thoughtful questions, and engaging fully in class discussions.

Her commitment extends beyond attendance. Favour completes every task independently, consistently stays on top of her work, and takes real ownership of her learning. She also communicates proactively with her tutor whenever hospital appointments affect her schedule, ensuring she remains fully engaged with the course.

Looking ahead

Alongside her academic dedication, Favour is a valued member of the class community. She approaches every lesson with kindness, positivity, and respect for others, inspiring both her classmates and tutors.

Despite the challenges of continuing her education while undergoing cancer treatment, Favour remains focused on achieving her goals. Her resilience, courage, and determination to keep learning are a testament to her character and make her an outstanding learner with a bright future ahead.

COMPUTERS

Keep connected in a changing world

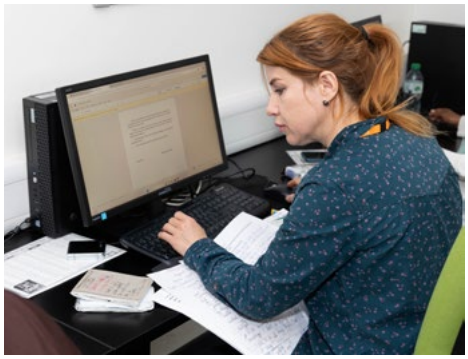
Whether you hardly use a computer, need to brush up skills or are looking for something more advanced, there are courses for you.

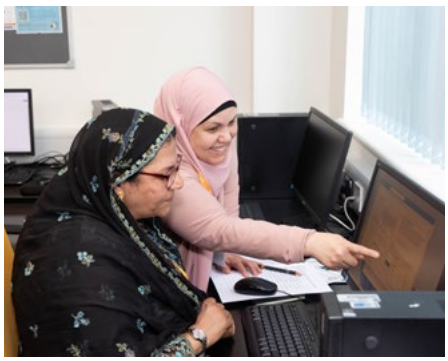
Stay connected

Everyday tasks like booking medical appointments, shopping, staying in touch with family increasingly need digital skills. If you aren't confident, it can feel overwhelming. Thoughts like, "I'm too old to learn about computers" or "It's too complicated and I'm too slow" can take over. But computers don't have to be something to fear. Even if you haven't gone near a computer in a long time, we can help. You learn skills at your pace. Skills that will give you the confidence to use computers and feel connected to the world.

Computer skills are important for the future

Being good with computers also makes you more appealing to employers. Even if you are getting by with IT, technology changes fast and there is always something new to learn. You could be learning skills that help you save money and protect yourself and your family online. You could be learning skills like Microsoft Office, graphic design and video editing. Skills that can lead to opportunities, such as setting up the business you've always wanted or starting a new career. As technology changes, roles continue to grow - from data scientist, software developer to cyber security specialist. IT skills expand your options.





What is it like on an IT course?

It is easy and free to learn for most people. We have daytime and evening part time courses. They take place in both the classroom and online. If you do wish to study online, you will need a computer and a reliable internet connection. As you will be learning in a live virtual classroom, you will also need to have a quiet space so you can take part in the lesson, as you would in a normal classroom.

Classes are small - there are often 10 to 12 learners. You'll be in a group of motivated learners with similar skills. The skills that you learn on the course are made relevant to your everyday life and goals. It might be using spreadsheets to budget a day out or a holiday, or analysing real online scams.

What does joining an IT course look like?

We begin by talking about your experience and goals. Then there will a computer-based task. It might be using a programme like Word or Excel. The task that you are given will be appropriate for you. Don't worry if you find some of the tasks too challenging. It is only to see where you are right now. We can then find a course that fits your current skills and lifestyle.

> *Learning IT at BAES has really helped me feel more confident, and it's opening up new doors for my future goals.*

Jonathan

IT Learner

BAES Achievement Award Winner 2026

How to join a Computer Course

Call or email our Admissions team and arrange to come and meet a member of the IT & Business team.

0121 303 4318 | information@baes.ac.uk

IT Course Levels

Progression Guide

Gain confidence using a computer in everyday life.

STEP 1: GETTING STARTED

Computer Skills (Beginners & Beginners Plus)

Perfect for complete beginners or those wanting to refresh basic skills.

What you will learn:

- How to switch on and log into a computer. Using a keyboard and mouse
- Opening and closing programmes safely
- Creating simple documents
- Using the internet and browsing safely. Setting up and using email

Entry-level qualification and improved employability

STEP 2: BUILDING CONFIDENCE

Essential Digital Skills Entry 3 (Gateway)

Perfect for learners with basic skills ready to progress.

What you will learn:

- Creating, editing and saving documents, images and videos
- Using the internet effectively (searching, shopping, comparing prices)
- Accessing government and public services online
- Improving digital skills for everyday tasks and work

Strong foundation for work and further study

STEP 3: DEVELOPING SKILLS

Essential Digital Skills Level 1 (Gateway)

Perfect for learners with a good basic understanding of computers.

What you will learn:

- Using Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, etc.)
- Creating and managing different types of files
- Understanding websites and online services
- Introduction to internet banking and online safety

Level 2 qualification recognised by employers.

STEP 4: WORKPLACE SKILLS

Level 2: IT User Skills (TLM) or ICDL (BCS)

Perfect for learners preparing for office-based jobs.

What you will learn:

- Word processing (documents)
- Spreadsheets (data and calculations)
- Presentation software (slideshows)

Two options: - IT User Skills: Portfolio-based or ICDL: Timed exam

Ready to progress to Further Education or an IT career.

STEP 5: ADVANCED SKILLS

Level 3: IT User Skills (TLM) or ICDL Advanced - Level 3 (BCS)

Perfect for learners aiming for advanced IT skills or further education.

What you will learn:

- Advanced use of Microsoft applications
- High-level digital and workplace skills
- Preparation for specialist IT study or careers

Two options: - IT User Skills: Portfolio-based or ICDL: Timed exam

IT & Business

Computer Skills for Everyday Life

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Course Costs Discount	Centre
Computer Skills - Beginners							
Beginners	Mon	13:00 - 15:00	07/09/26	14/12/26	FREE	FREE	Aston
Beginners	Mon	18:00 - 21:00	07/09/26	09/11/26	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners	Mon	13:00 - 15:00	07/09/26	14/12/26	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners	Mon	13:00 - 15:00	07/09/26	14/12/26	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Beginners	Mon	13:00 - 15:00	07/09/26	14/12/26	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Beginners	Tue	09:30 - 12:30	08/09/26	10/11/26	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners	Tue	13:00 - 15:00	08/09/26	15/12/26	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Wed	13:00 - 15:00	09/09/26	06/01/27	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	09/09/26	18/11/26	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Wed	13:00 - 15:00	09/09/26	16/12/26	FREE	FREE	Northfield
Beginners	Wed	13:00 - 15:00	09/09/26	06/01/27	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Beginners	Thu	13:00 - 15:00	10/09/26	17/12/26	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Thu	13:00 - 15:00	10/09/26	17/12/26	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Beginners	Fri	13:00 - 15:00	11/09/26	18/12/26	FREE	FREE	Northfield
Beginners	Fri	09:30 - 12:30	11/09/26	13/11/26	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Beginners	Fri	13:00 - 15:00	11/09/26	11/12/26	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Beginners	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	23/09/26	18/11/26	FREE	FREE	Northfield
Computer Skills - Beginners Plus							
Beginners Plus	Mon	18:00 - 21:00	16/11/26	15/03/27	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners Plus	Tue	09:30 - 12:30	17/11/26	16/03/27	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners Plus	Fri	09:30 - 12:30	20/11/26	19/03/27	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Beginners Plus	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	25/11/26	24/03/27	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Beginners Plus	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	25/11/26	24/03/27	FREE	FREE	Northfield
Essential Digital Skills - Entry 3 (Gateway)							
Entry 3 Award	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	07/09/26	04/01/27	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Entry 3 Award	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	07/09/26	04/01/27	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Entry 3 Award	Tue	09:30 - 12:30	08/09/26	05/01/27	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Entry 3 Award	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	09/09/26	06/01/27	FREE	FREE	Brasshouse
Entry 3 Award	Thu	09:30 - 12:30	10/09/26	07/01/27	FREE	FREE	Aston
Entry 3 Award	Thu	09:30 - 12:30	10/09/26	07/01/27	FREE	FREE	Erdington
Entry 3 Award	Thu	09:30 - 12:30	10/09/26	07/01/27	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Entry 3 Award	Fri	09:30 - 12:30	11/09/26	08/01/27	FREE	FREE	Northfield

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Discount	Centre
Essential Digital Skills - Level 1 (Gateway)							
Introduction	Thu	13:00 - 15:00	10/09/26	10/12/26	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Introduction	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	07/09/26	05/10/26	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Level 1	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	12/10/26	11/01/27	FREE	FREE	Saltley
Level 1	Tue	09:30 - 15:00	08/09/26	08/12/26	FREE	FREE	Sparkhill
Level 1	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	10/09/26	17/12/26	FREE	FREE	Northfield
IT User Skills - Level 2 Certificate (TLM)							
Level 2 Certificate	Tue	09:30 - 15:00	08/09/26	26/01/27	£415	FREE	Aston
Level 2 Certificate	Wed	13:00 - 15:00	09/09/26	28/07/27	£415	FREE	Erdington
Level 2 Certificate	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	09/09/26	16/06/27	£415	FREE	Sparkhill
Level 2 Certificate	Thu	13:00 - 15:00	10/09/26	29/07/27	£415	FREE	Aston
Level 2 Certificate	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	10/09/26	11/02/27	£415	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 2 Certificate	Thu	09:30 - 12:30	10/09/26	22/07/27	£415	FREE	Saltley
Level 2 Certificate	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	12/10/26	12/07/27	£415	FREE	Saltley
ICDL Advanced - Level 3 Certificate (BCS)							
Level 3 Certificate (BCS)	Tue/Wed	18:00 - 21:00	08/09/26	21/07/27	£1,210	FREE	Online
IT User Skills - Level 3 Award (TLM)							
Level 3 Award	Mon	09:45 - 12:30	07/09/26	19/07/27	£350	FREE	Online
Level 3 Award	Wed	09:30 - 12:30	16/09/26	30/06/27	£350	FREE	Sparkhill

Specialist Digital Skills Training

Graphic Design							
Level 1 Award	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	07/09/26	07/12/26	£230	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 2 Award	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	14/12/26	31/05/27	£245	FREE	Brasshouse
Digital Marketing							
Level 1 Award	Mon	13:00 - 15:00	07/09/26	14/12/26	£130	FREE	Brasshouse

Accounts & Bookkeeping

Business Skills							
Level 1 Award	Tue	09:30 - 15:00	08/09/26	05/01/27	£235	FREE	Brasshouse
AAT Bookkeeping - Level 1 Award							
Level 1 Award	Tu/We	18:00 - 20:30	08/09/26	06/01/27	£235	FREE	Brasshouse
Computerised Accounting for Business - Level 1 Award							
Level 1 Award	Mon	09:30 - 12:30	07/09/26	19/01/27	£235	FREE	Brasshouse
AAT Level 2 Certificate in Accounting							
Level 2 Certificate	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	10/09/26	01/07/27	£1,099	FREE	Brasshouse
AAT Bookkeeping Level 3 Certificate							
Level 3 Certificate	We/Th	18:00 - 21:00	09/09/26	08/07/27	£1,210	FREE	Brasshouse

Composing a new future

From piano teacher to aspiring data analyst, Andri chose to return to learning, rebuild her confidence and compose a new future.

Returning to learn

Andri's journey is a powerful story of resilience, ambition and the life-changing impact of adult learning. Having been out of the workplace for ten years, she made the brave decision to return to education, enrolling on the ICDL Level 3 Advanced programme with a clear goal: to rebuild her confidence, update her digital skills and step back into employment.

From the very beginning, Andri approached every lesson with focus, curiosity and determination. Her dedication has led to excellent results, achieving 85% in Word Processing and an outstanding 94% in Spreadsheets - an impressive achievement that reflects both her ability and her commitment to mastering new challenges. Alongside her academic progress, her confidence has grown steadily, shining through in everything she does.

A valued team player

What truly makes Andri stand out is her support for others. She is a natural team player, always willing to help classmates by explaining tasks, sharing techniques or offering encouragement. Her calm and patient approach has made her a trusted and valued member of the learning community.

Composing a new future

Before returning to learning, Andri worked as a piano teacher for 12 years, building a creative and fulfilling career. Now, she is embracing a new path. Having already secured a role as a receptionist at a Medical Practice, she is gaining valuable workplace experience while continuing to build her skills.

Looking ahead, Andri is working towards her goal of becoming a data analyst. With her determination, growing expertise and positive mindset, she is composing exciting new opportunities for herself and her family.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Start a rewarding career supporting people to live healthier, happier, and more independent lives.

Preparing to work in Adult Social Care
Perfect if you're new to care or exploring a career in the sector. Learn the essentials of communication, safeguarding, health and safety, equality, and person-centred care.

Working in Health and Care
Gain the knowledge and practical skills needed to progress into employment, an apprenticeship, or further study in the health and care sector. Develop an understanding of healthcare settings, patient care, and professional practice.

Social Care

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Course Costs Discount	Centre
Health & Care - Entry 3 Award							
Entry 3 Award	Tue	09:30 - 14:30	08/09/26	10/11/26	£235	FREE	Saltley
Entry 3 Award	Wed	09:30 - 15:00	09/09/26	11/11/26	£235	FREE	Brasshouse
Entry 3 Award	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	10/09/26	12/11/26	£235	FREE	Saltley
Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care - Level 1 Award (NCFE)							
Level 1 Award	Tue	09:30 - 14:30	17/11/26	13/07/27	£235	FREE	Saltley
Level 1 Award	Wed	09:30 - 15:00	18/11/26	14/07/27	£235	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 1 Award	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	19/11/26	15/07/27	£235	FREE	Saltley
Working in the Health Sector - Level 2 Certificate (CACHE)							
Level 2 Certificate	Tue	09:30 - 15:30	08/09/26	19/01/27	£550	FREE	Northfield
Level 2 Certificate	Wed	09:30 - 15:00	09/09/26	20/01/27	£550	FREE	Brasshouse
End of Life Care - Level 2 Certificate							
Level 2 Certificate	Fri	09:30 - 15:00	11/09/26	05/02/27	£428	FREE	Brasshouse
Health and Social Care - Level 3 Award (NCFE)							
Level 3 Award	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	07/09/26	12/04/27	£880	FREE	Erdington

WORKING IN SCHOOLS

Shape the future by inspiring the next generation through meaningful, rewarding work in childcare and education.

Working with Children & Young People

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Course Costs Discount	Centre
Early Years Education & Care - Level 2 Diploma (NCFE)							
Level 2 Diploma	Thu	09:30 - 14:30	10/09/26	17/06/27	£600	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 2 Diploma	Thu	09:30 - 16:00	10/09/26	17/06/27	£600	FREE	Aston
Supporting Teaching & Learning - Level 2 Certificate (CACHE)							
Level 2 Certificate	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	07/09/26	31/05/27	£350	FREE	Sparkhill
Level 2 Certificate	Mon	09:30 - 15:00	07/09/26	31/05/27	£350	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 2 Certificate	Tue	09:30 - 15:00	08/09/26	29/06/27	£350	FREE	Northfield
Level 2 Certificate	Tue	09:30 - 15:00	08/09/26	29/06/27	£350	FREE	Erdington
Level 2 Certificate	Wed	09:30 - 14:30	09/09/26	23/06/27	£350	FREE	Aston
Level 2 Certificate	Thu	09:30 - 15:00	10/09/26	03/06/27	£350	FREE	Sparkhill
Level 2 Certificate	Fri	09:30 - 15:00	11/09/26	04/06/27	£350	FREE	Brasshouse
Level 2 Certificate	Fri	09:30 - 15:00	11/09/26	04/06/27	£350	FREE	Saltley
Supporting Teaching & Learning - Level 3 Diploma (CACHE)							
Level 3 Diploma	Mon	09:30 - 15:30	07/09/26	12/07/27	£1,290	FREE	Aston
Level 3 Diploma	Thu	09:30 - 14:30	10/09/26	15/07/27	£1,290	FREE	Sparkhill
Level 3 Diploma	Thu	09:30 - 14:30	10/09/26	15/07/27	£1,290	FREE	Brasshouse

Mentoring

Mentoring - Level 1 Award (TQUK)							
Level 1 Award	Tue	18:00 - 21:00	08/09/26	01/12/26	£185	FREE	Online
Mentoring - Level 2 Award (NCFE)							
Mentoring - Level 2 Award (NCFE)	Tue	18:00 - 21:00	08/12/26	23/03/27	£190	FREE	Online

Working with Adults

Education & Training Level 3 Award (TQUK)							
Level 3 Award	Wed	15:30 - 17:30	09/09/26	27/01/27	£399	FREE	Online

SEND

Learn essential skills and feel included

Improve the skills you need to live independently and play an active part in your community.

At BAES, we offer a programme of study for adults with SEND that aims to inspire and enable our learners to achieve their potential, and reach any personal or career goals.

What skills will you learn on our SEND programme?

Our programme is made up of a range of courses at progressive levels that can take up to three years to complete. You can choose to study at one of three centres: Erdington, Brasshouse or Northfield. At the end of the programme, there is the opportunity to gain accreditation at Entry level in English, maths, IT, retail or catering.

Not everyone needs to start at the beginning and take the full three years to complete. Before you join the course, you will have an assessment, and the information from this will help our team to find the course that is at the right level for you.

What to expect when you join one of our SEND courses?

You will join a safe and inclusive learning environment where classes are kept small, with a maximum of 8 learners per class.

How will you learn?

Each programme of study is broken down into sessions that are taught over two full days per week. Most classes have a Learning Support Assistant or a volunteer who provides individual support when needed. On our courses, you will meet new people who have similar goals and share many things in common with you. There will be opportunities for learners to participate in work experience during the course.

Who should enrol on a SEND course?

If you are nineteen years old, or older and have a special learning need or disability, our courses will teach you how to manage tasks better in your everyday life and inspire you to explore different work or volunteering opportunities. While you are developing these new skills, you will discover that your self-confidence increases too.

Our SEND programme will prepare you with the skills and knowledge you need to progress onto further courses. If you are looking to find employment or volunteer in the community our courses will help you take these next steps.

> *I love learning in class but I am really looking forward to starting my work placement in a shop.*

Priya
SEND Retail Learner

How to join a SEND Course

Call or email our Admissions team and arrange to come and meet a member of the SEND team.

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SEND Course programme

Access to Catering

ERDINGTON

This three-year course helps you develop essential skills for cooking whilst working towards a volunteer or paid role in Catering.

You will study and gain qualifications in Food Safety, IT, English and maths, and a certificate in hospitality and catering, developing interpersonal skills to enhance your career prospects.

Access to Retail

BRASSHOUSE

Our three-year retail course will prepare you for voluntary and paid work. You will improve your understanding of the workplace and customer service skills.

You will study at Entry Level two or above in IT, maths and English and gain a qualification in Retail.

Independent Living Skills

ERDINGTON NORTHFIELD

This three-year course enables you to develop independent everyday living skills while improving your reading, writing, handling money, independent travel, and computer skills.

This may lead to study up to Entry Level 2 in English and maths whilst preparing you for volunteering or employment.

Art

NORTHFIELD

For the creative in the SEND community, we offer Art sessions.

Our SEND art provision provides a supportive and inclusive environment where learners can explore creativity, develop self-expression and build confidence through a range of accessible artistic activities. Tailored to individual needs and abilities, the programme promotes communication, wellbeing and personal achievement while developing practical art skills.

Gardening

NORTHFIELD

You will improve social skills working in small groups learning about propagating, cultivating plants and maintaining a garden throughout the year.

In the Northfield Community Garden, you will deal directly with the public, selling plants and helping maintain a garden centre.

Learning without limits

Thank you to everyone who has helped me in my learning. I love to learn in class and online.

Learning without limits

Maria is a visually impaired learner on the Access to Catering course at Erdington Centre, where she has become known for her dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment to learning. Since joining two years ago, she has worked hard to improve her English, maths, and digital skills, consistently arriving early and maintaining an excellent attendance record.each session and remaining an active member of the group.

Staying connected

In November 2025, Maria travelled to Pakistan due to a family emergency and remained there until late January 2026. Despite being thousands of miles away from the classroom, she was determined not to let her learning suffer. Maria stayed in regular contact with her tutor, requesting work she could complete remotely and joining lessons online whenever possible. Initially using her mobile phone, she later adapted to using an iPad with support from her family, making it easier to access learning materials and participate in class activities. She completed every task set, emailing her work to her tutor after each session and remaining an active member of the group.

Not content with that, Maria also learned how to access lessons through Microsoft Teams on a laptop, ensuring she could continue learning and stay connected with both staff and classmates. Her fellow learners enjoyed catching up with her online, and Maria often shared how much she missed being part of the group in person.

Returning stronger

Now back in Birmingham, Maria has returned to the classroom with the same determination and positive attitude that have defined her learning journey. Her willingness to overcome challenges, embrace new technology, and stay committed to her education demonstrates remarkable resilience and a genuine passion for learning.

LANGUAGES & CULTURE

Go beyond the app: talk, laugh and learn in a classroom

Combining app-learning with classroom conversation could be what's missing. Engaging with real people in real situations, guided by an expert tutor, brings a language to life.

See the world differently

Maybe you're planning a trip and thinking of relying on your phone to translate. But learning even a little of the language makes the experience far more rewarding. Apps help practise the basics and maintain momentum. The classroom takes you even further, understanding what can't be translated: body language, tone, humour, culture and context.

You don't have to travel to benefit, either. Maybe a book or a film has sparked your interest in a culture. Maybe you're looking to keep your mind active, develop your career or connect more deeply to friends and family – your heritage.

There are many reasons to learn a new language. For some, it's a long-held dream they never acted on. For others, it's something they've started through an app but now need something more to gain advanced skills, to speak fluently and truly understand the language.

What is it like to learn a language with us?

Our flexible, part-time courses fit around your life. You'll join a supportive group of learners at the same level as you, led by a tutor who adapts to your needs. You won't just sit through slides – instead, you'll take part in immersive and interactive learning. That might mean visiting Chinatown as part of a Mandarin class or learning Italian vocabulary through a fashion show.

What does joining a language course look like?

Getting started is easy. If you're new to the language, you'll start on a Beginner's course. If you have some experience, we'll arrange a chat with a tutor and ask you to complete a task, which will determine your starting level.

I like the human contact of learning in a group. I prefer to be with people and interact, it's more like having a normal conversation

Irene

Spanish - Advanced Conversation & Culture Learner

How to join a Language Course

Enrolment opens on Monday 24 August 2026.

Call or email our Admissions team and arrange to come and meet a member of the Langauages team.

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Languages & Culture

Modern Foreign Languages

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Course Costs Discount	Centre
Arabic							
Beginners 1.1	Wed	16:00 - 18:00	23/09/26	21/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Wed	16:00 - 18:00	04/11/26	02/12/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 3	Thu	16:00 - 18:00	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 3	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
French							
Beginners 1.1	Mon	16:00 - 18:00	21/09/26	19/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Mon	16:00 - 18:00	02/11/26	30/11/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.2	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 2.1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Post Intermediate 1.3	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Wed	10:30 - 12:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Fri	10:30 - 12:30	25/09/26	04/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
German							
Beginners 1.1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	20/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	03/11/26	01/12/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 3	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 2	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 2.2	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Intermediate 2.1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Post Intermediate 1.2	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Greek							
Beginners 1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Post Intermediate 1.1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Italian							
Beginners 1.1	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	22/09/26	20/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	03/11/26	01/12/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 3	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 3	Wed	16:00 - 18:00	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse

Finding Purpose

BAES has given me a future without limits.

New beginnings

Sherry's journey is one of courage, sacrifice and starting again. Born in Guyana, she migrated to the British Virgin Islands at the age of 13, growing up in a close, supportive community – an experience she carried with her even after witnessing the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

From the age of sixteen, Sherry worked tirelessly, starting at the very bottom in a fine dining Italian restaurant and working her way up to become a restaurant manager. Later, she spent four years helping to get her family's stainless-steel fabrication and welding business up and running. But when her father became seriously ill, she made the selfless decision to step away and care for him full-time.

A fresh start

For years, Sherry put others first as a daughter, mother, partner and provider. When her daughter was settled on her own path, Sherry made the brave decision to focus on herself and begin a new life in the UK.

Arriving in Birmingham less than a year ago, she faced the challenge of starting over. Living in the Chinese Quarter, she set herself a simple goal – to learn Mandarin to connect with those around her. That step led her to BAES. Through courses at Brasshouse and Aston Centre, Sherry has built confidence, friendships and a passion for supporting others.

Looking ahead

Now 49, Sherry is proving it is never too late to begin again. Inspired by her learning journey, she continues to embrace new opportunities with confidence and purpose, demonstrating the life-changing impact of adult education.

Languages & Culture

Modern Foreign Languages

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Discount	Centre
Improvers Plus 2	Thu	16:00 - 18:00	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 3	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 2.1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Post Intermediate 1.1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£180	£180	Online
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Thu	10:30 - 12:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Japanese							
Beginners 1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 1	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Mandarin							
Beginners 1.1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	19/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	02/11/26	30/11/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 3	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.3	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Spanish							
Beginners 1.1	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	22/09/26	20/10/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 1.2	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	03/11/26	01/12/26	£70	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners 3	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 1	Tue	16:00 - 18:00	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers 3	Mon	18:30 - 20:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 1	Tue	13:00 - 15:00	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 1	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Improvers Plus 3	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.1	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 1.3	Tue	18:30 - 20:30	22/09/26	01/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Lower Intermediate 2.2	Wed	18:30 - 20:30	23/09/26	02/12/26	£140	FREE	Brasshouse
Intermediate 1.2	Thu	18:30 - 20:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse
Advanced Conversation & Culture	Thu	10:30 - 12:30	24/09/26	03/12/26	£180	£180	Brasshouse

History

Parliamentary Power in Britain	Mon	10:00 - 11:30	21/09/26	30/11/26	£135	£135	Erdington
Parliamentary Power in Britain	Thu	12:30 - 14:00	24/09/26	03/12/26	£135	£135	Yardley Wood

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I enjoy my 1:1 lessons very much. The teacher is qualified, very experienced and very well organised. The lessons are tailor-made exactly to my needs and my level. There is also a great degree of flexibility and lessons can be arranged at mutually convenient times and days. I feel very well supported and I would definitely recommend Brasshouse bespoke courses to other people.

– Jane
BLS User

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Explore your creativity and discover a new you

Unleash your imagination with our wide range of arts and crafts courses. Whether you're picking up a new hobby or expanding a long-held passion, there's something here for everyone.

Relax, unwind, and reconnect with your creative side

Explore how creativity can positively impact your mental wellbeing. Many learners find that developing a new skill brings a sense of achievement and boosts confidence – some even take the first step toward a creative career.

No matter your goal, you will be amazed at what you can create, and so will your friends and family.

Take your skills further

Many of our learners go on to explore advanced techniques, build a portfolio, or even start selling their work. Some courses provide progression to Level 2 qualifications or can support your first steps into a creative career.

What to expect from an Arts & Crafts course?

Learn in small, friendly groups led by expert tutors in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Our courses are a great way to meet new people who share your interests, all while having fun and developing your skills.

How you'll learn

We begin by talking about your experience and goals. Then there will a computer-based task. It might be using a programme like Word or Excel. The task that you are given will be appropriate for you. Don't worry if you find some of the tasks too challenging. It is only to see where you are right now. We can then find a course that fits your current skills and lifestyle.

I've always liked drawing and doodling so I joined an art class to find out if I was any good. I've learned a lot so far and coming to class helps to keep me motivated.

Colin

Drawing & Painting Learner

Ready to get started

Enrolment opens on Tuesday 01 September 2026.

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Arts, Crafts & Digital Media

Drawing & Painting

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Course Costs Discount	Centre
Creative Clay - Beginners	Mon	09:30 - 12:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse
Creative Art & Painting - Beginners	Tue	09:30 - 12:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse
Creative Art & Painting - Beginners	Fri	09:30 - 12:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Arts & Nature Crafts for Wellbeing	Mon	12:30 - 15:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse

Media & Performance

Creative Writing

Creative Writing for Wellbeing	Tue	12:30 - 15:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse

Digital Media

Photography - Beginners	Mon	16:00 - 18:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£108	FREE	Brasshouse
Photography - Intermediate	Thu	18:00 - 20:30	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse
Image Editing using Photoshop and Lightroom - Intermediate	Mon	18:15 - 20:45	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse
Video Editing - Beginners	Fri	10:00 - 12:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£108	FREE	Erdington

Performing Arts for Wellbeing

Beginners	Tue	10:00 - 12:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£108	FREE	Brasshouse

Crafts

Cookery

Baking for Beginners	Mon	10:00 - 12:30	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Cake Baking - Beginners	Mon	13:00 - 15:30	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington

Floristry

Beginners	Tue	12:30 - 15:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Wed	18:00 - 20:30	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Fri	09:30 - 12:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Intermediate	Tue	10:00 - 12:15	15/09/26	08/12/26	£122	FREE	Erdington
Intermediate	Wed	12:30 - 15:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Advanced	Wed	09:30 - 12:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington

Please Note: Learners are entitled to **one free Arts and Crafts course per term,** provided they meet the current eligibility criteria. Learners will need to provide their own materials, as teachers/centres do not supply them.

Furthermore, if you wish to enrol on an **Intermediate** or **Advanced** course, you will be required to complete an assessment before enrolment.

Hair & Beauty

Course Title	Day	Times	Start	Finish	Course Costs Full	Discount	Centre
Beginners	Wed	09:30 - 12:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Beginners	Thu	12:15 - 14:45	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Intermediate	Wed	12:30 - 15:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Intermediate	Thu	09:30 - 12:00	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley

Jewellery Making

Beginners	Tue	12:30 - 15:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse
Beginners	Fri	12:30 - 15:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Resin	Thu	18:00 - 20:30	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Brasshouse

Woodwork

Furniture Upcycling	Mon	18:00 - 20:30	14/09/26	09/12/26	£11	FREE	Erdington
Build it together	Wed	18:00 - 20:30	16/09/26	16/09/26	£11	FREE	Erdington

Textiles

Asian Fashion

Beginners	Thu	09:30 - 12:00	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Intermediate	Thu	12:30 - 15:00	17/09/26	10/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill

Sewing Skills

Beginners	Mon	09:30 - 12:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Beginners	Mon	09:30 - 12:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Beginners	Tue	09:30 - 12:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Beginners	Tue	09:30 - 12:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Beginners	Wed	09:30 - 12:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Aston
Beginners	Fri	12:30 - 15:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Intermediate	Mon	12:30 - 15:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Intermediate	Mon	12:30 - 15:00	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Intermediate	Tue	12:30 - 15:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Saltley
Intermediate	Tue	12:30 - 15:00	15/09/26	08/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Intermediate	Wed	12:30 - 15:00	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Aston
Intermediate	Wed	18:00 - 20:30	16/09/26	09/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Intermediate	Fri	09:30 - 12:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington
Advanced	Fri	09:30 - 12:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill
Advanced	Fri	12:30 - 15:00	18/09/26	11/12/26	£135	FREE	Sparkhill

Tailoring

Tailoring for Menswear	Mon	18:00 - 20:30	14/09/26	07/12/26	£135	FREE	Erdington

Quiet Strength

It gives me something positive to look forward to

New beginnings

Returning to education after nearly ten years away takes courage, and for Koly, it meant stepping forward despite fear and self-doubt. She joined her course hoping to try something new, sharing, “I wanted to learn something new, but sometimes you just don’t have the confidence to start.”

As a single parent raising five children, two with special educational needs and three with ADHD, Koly’s life is incredibly demanding. Her days are filled with managing school challenges, emotional needs and the complexities of family life.

Strength through learning

Despite the demands at home, Koly has shown remarkable determination, attending every session. Even when family commitments mean she arrives late, her dedication never wavers.
As she says, “Even if I only have ten minutes spare, I still want to come because it gives me something positive to look forward to.”

Through cake decorating, Koly has discovered far more than a new skill. She has found confidence, pride and belief in herself. Her children have seen this transformation too, celebrating her achievements and affectionately calling her their *“superwoman”.*

Inspiring others

Koly’s positivity extends beyond her own learning. In the classroom, she encourages those around her, helping others find the confidence to speak up, keep trying and believe in themselves. Her journey is one of resilience, love and quiet strength. By investing in herself, Koly is inspiring not only her family but everyone around her – a powerful example of the life-changing impact of community learning.

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> **– Anthony**
> *BAES Volunteer*

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