



ESOL

For Year 11s

What are ESOL Threshold courses?

This ESOL Threshold course is for Year 11 students who speak English as a second language. Their ability to use or understand English might be causing them difficulties with the school curriculum and they would prefer to focus on improving their core skills and gain relevant qualifications to continue their education at West Thames College or progress onto the relevant next step such as further or higher education or into employment.

The programme includes a week-long induction for new students to help them become familiar with the college environment.

What do we offer?

The course offers a variety of qualification and non-qualification options, which include:

- English qualification (ESOL)*
- Maths qualification (Award, Functional Skills Maths or GCSE)*
- Science
- ICT (Essential Digital Skills*)
- PSHE programme, including relationships and sexual education and citizenship
- Physical Education and Healthy Living
- Employability programme including CIAG, vocational and academic tasters
- Religious Education (RE)

*Appropriate qualification and level to be decided following a robust initial assessment period

Our very experienced and understanding staff have worked with a variety of young people to support them in enjoying college and gaining qualifications. Personal Tutors offer pastoral support and work closely with local authorities to ensure all students, including looked after children, receive the support they need.

We also offer an enrichment programme which

- academic intervention and support programmes
- student activities programme
- student of the year awards
- individual agencies working with young people projects
- outside speakers
- curriculum enrichment trips and end of year tript to a theme park
- volunteering opportunities

A highlight of the year is our fantastic presentation evening where parents, careers, students and staff come together to celebrate students' success.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal entry requirements but students will complete an initial assessment and attend an interview.

Facilities

As a member of the college students will enjoy first class facilities including a dedicated zone for KS 4, the state-of-the-art gym and sports hall, as well as the student common room and the extensive library and IT suites. Students have access to the college canteen and café. The college offers free meals for eligible students.

Students will have access to a dedicated careers adviser at the college who can help them find part time work and develop their CV. Financial support is also available to eligible students.

All the staff on the ESOL Threshold team are on hand to help students with any difficulties or issues they may experience and will endeavour to make their experience at college a safe and enjoyable one.

Next Steps

The qualifications you gain will enable students to progress on to a vocational or academic course at the college, an apprenticeship, or in some cases into employment.

Dates

At West Thames College, we offer direct entry provision between September - October and provision funded by schools or local authority for students starting after 1 November, 2025.

Contact Details

If you have any questions about the programme or if you wish to apply, please contact :

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