

WHAT IS FETAC ENGLISH PREPARATION?

WHO OR WHAT IS FETAC?

FETAC (Further Education and Training Awards Council) is an Irish organisation set up by the Department of Education. FETAC award courses in many subjects (for more information see website www.fetac.ie)

WHO STUDIES FETAC ENGLISH COURSES?

PRE-INTERMEDIATE students study FETAC LEVEL 3

INTERMEDIATE students study FETAC LEVEL 4

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE students study FETAC level 5

WHAT IS FETAC ENGLISH?

In class you study General English using your textbook Total English and other materials that your teacher gives you. You will also be prepared for FETAC English.

FETAC English is an assessment of your

- (a) speaking
- (b) listening
- (c) writing
- (d) reading skills.

Your teacher will give you assignments to complete. Speaking and Listening exams will take place at specific times. Students must be present for these exams.

DO I HAVE TO DO ALL THE ASSIGNMENTS?

Yes, in order for your coursework to be submitted to the FETAC examiners, you must complete all assignments.

WHAT IF I AM ABSENT FROM CLASS WHEN MY TEACHER GIVES AN ASSIGNMENT?

This is your responsibility to ask your teacher for the assignment and you can do it at home.

For Speaking and Listening exams, you must be present in class and cannot do this at home.

WHO MARKS THE COURSEWORK?

Your coursework is internally graded in the college. Then external FETAC examiners assess your coursework. The grading system is PASS / MERIT/ DISTINCTION.

DO I HAVE TO REGISTER FOR THE EXAM?

Yes, before coursework is submitted, you will be asked for your name, address, date of birth, PPS number and phone number.

WHY DO I NEED TO GIVE MY PPS NUMBER?

This is very important because FETAC need this so they can enter your exam details through your PPS number.

This is confidential information and will not be shared with anyone else.

WHAT IF I DON'T GIVE MY PPS NUMBER?

Your coursework cannot be submitted without ALL information. If your PPS number is wrong, this will also mean that you will not get a certificate.

WHAT DO I GET IF I PASS?

You will be awarded a recognised certificate by FETAC stating your grades.

WHEN IS THE NEXT PREPARATION?

The next FETAC English preparation starts on **February 23rd -10th April 2009**. External examiners will assess the coursework in May 2009. Certificates will be issued at an award ceremony after this date.

WHAT IF MY COURSE ENDS BEFORE THIS OR I HAVE STARTED MY COURSE AFTER THESE DATES?

You can arrange to get the assignments from your teacher and complete them at home. The next preparation time will be starting in August.

For more information: www.fetac.ie or come to see the Úna/Annette in Gardiner Place (small office on 2nd floor)