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Course Information 2015-16: LEVEL 1 AWARD IN BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE (QCF 9 Credits)

About the Course

This qualification is designed to give you basic skills to communicate with Deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL) on a range of everyday topics, e.g., meeting people, numbers, weather, transport, directions, describing people/animals/objects, hobbies, food/drink and giving/asking for information.

The Level 1 Award comprises of 90 guided learning hours over 32 weeks during term time (including assessments and self-study). There are three units: Introduction to BSL (301), Conversation (302) and Everyday Life (103), each of which have a short end of unit assessment. You must pass all 3 units to achieve the qualification.

Entry Requirements

No prior knowledge of BSL is required. BSL competence standards require candidates to have sufficient sight, manual dexterity, facial and body movement to produce and receive BSL.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of all 3 units, you will be able to:

- understand and use a limited range of simple words and sentences in BSL
- take part in simple, everyday conversations in BSL
- give and follow simple directions or instructions in BSL
- give and follow simple familiar statements or descriptions in BSL.

See Course Schedule overleaf

Fees

- Cost £450, includes 3 assessments. Additional charges will apply for resits.
- Discounts may apply – please see below.
- Our Fees, Charges and Refunds Policy is available on request.

Discounts

- 10% to individuals who work with Deaf people OR who are Deaf/Hearing Impaired themselves OR who are a relative of a Deaf person who uses BSL
- 50% to parents/carers of children, young people and adults who are placed with the Trust

Course Schedule

Session	Start date	Venue
September 15 to July 16 (closing date Friday 11 September 15):		
L1 Mons 09.30-11.30	Mon 21 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Mons 17.00-19.00	Mon 21 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Tues 16.30-18.30	Tue 22 September 2015	Monkshill Farm @ ME13 9EH
L1 Weds 09.15-11.15	Wed 23 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Weds 13.30-15.30	Wed 23 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Weds 18.00-20.00	Wed 23 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Thurs 13.00-15.00	Thu 24 September 2015	BSL Class/New Centre
January 16 to December 16 (closing date Friday 18 December 15):		
L1 Tues 09.30-11.30	Tue 05 January 2016	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Tues 14.00-16.00	Tue 05 January 2016	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Thurs 09.30-11.30	Thu 07 January 2016	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Fris 09.30-11.30	Fri 08 January 2016	BSL Class/New Centre
April 16 to March 17 (closing date Friday 01 April 16):		
L1 Tues 16.15-18.15	Tue 12 April 2016	BSL Class/New Centre
L1 Fris 09.15-11.15	Fri 15 April 2016	BSL Class/New Centre

Unless specified otherwise, all classes take place at our address in Margate. Onsite parking is available at all venues but may be limited during office hours.

Paying for your Course

- Payment is due in full by cash, cheque or bank transfer. Payment by instalment can be arranged on an individual basis (a minimum deposit of £50 is required).
- We are happy to accept payment using a combination of methods.
- It is important that you consider your own circumstances and look into all options. You can access free independent financial advice from The Money Advice Service at www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk

Progression

On completion of this qualification, you would be able to progress on to our Level 2 Certificate in BSL. For further information, please visit <http://www.signature.org.uk/your-future>.

Equality and Diversity

The Trust is committed to equality of opportunity and inclusive learning to all. If you have a difficulty which may affect your learning and success, please let us know as early as possible in the booking process.

Booking Details

To reserve your place, contact the Business Development Manager on 01843 222434 or skills@johntownsendtrust.org.uk.

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