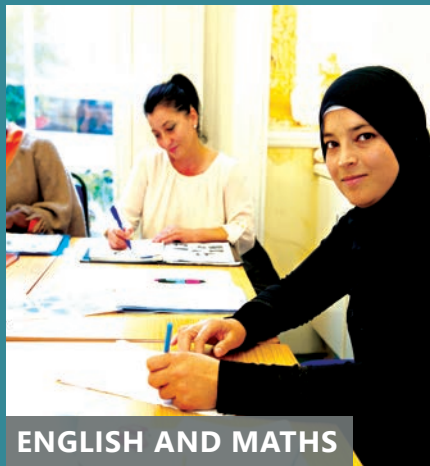


# Brent Start

Start a new future



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# INTRODUCTION

**Brent Start is here to help you fulfil your goals, whether you are looking for work, wanting to progress in your career or learn new skills.** We have a wide range of courses such as short courses to help you find work or courses in Maths, English, Languages, Childcare and a variety of arts, crafts and wellbeing courses.

This prospectus gives you an introduction to the types of courses Brent Start offers, how to enrol and where to find our learning centres. You will also hear from past students sharing their experience of studying with us.

We hope to see you in the classroom soon.

## **Cllr Amer Agha**

Cabinet lead for Schools, Employment & Skills



**Welcome to the 2020/21 academic year at Brent Start.** We help provide more opportunities for local people to develop skills, confidence and careers by running our adult education courses in community areas across Brent.

Those studying with us have gone onto a variety of careers including Project Managers, Teachers, Florist, Accountants, Secretaries and Nursery Nurses. Others have gone to further education, found employment or started apprenticeships. Some have even started their own business.

You can hear from some of our students in this prospectus and I look forward to hearing your success stories this year.

## **Matthew Dibben**

Head of Employment, Skills and Enterprise Brent Council



**Brent Start is a great place to learn, gain skills and build knowledge and confidence to progress further.**

We are very proud of our learners' success, some have gone on to run their own businesses and others have gone onto new employment or progressed to further or higher education. Brent Start is ambitious and we want to help you realise your goals and aspirations.

Whether you are in a classroom or on-line join us and we will help and support you throughout your time at Brent Start.

## **Ala Uddin**

Brent Start Senior Manager.



Brent start welcomes applications from anyone wanting to improve their skills, irrespective of gender, disability, social class, family circumstances, marital status, sexual orientation, race, ethnic or national origin, or religion. We are an LGBT- friendly organisation and at Brent Start you can be free to learn in an open and supportive environment

## TERM DATES

**Term 1:** Monday 14 September-Sat 20 December

Half term: 26-30 October

**Term 2:** Tuesday 5 Jan 2021-Wed 31 March

Half Term: 15 February-19 February

**Term 3:** Monday 19 April-Sat 17 July

Half Term: 31 May-Friday 4 June

### Stonebridge Centre

1 Morland Gardens, Stonebridge,  
London NW10 8DY

### Willesden Green Library

95 High Road, London NW10 2SF

### Harlesden Library

Craven Park Road, Harlesden,  
London NW10 8SE

### Brent Indian Association

Ealing Road London HA0 4TH



Stonebridge Centre



Library at Willesden Green



Harlesden Library



Brent Indian Association

## HOW TO ENROL

Please visit our website for a full list of courses. There are three ways to enrol on a Brent Start course:

### Online

Some courses have online enrolment. Visit our website to see the course details and enrol online.

### On the phone

Please call us on **020 8937 3950** to enrol, and have your card ready if your course has a fee.

### In person

You can enrol in person for any of our courses by visiting a Brent Start centre; a list of the locations is on the back of this booklet.

Most courses begin in September, but we also have classes starting throughout the year. Please call the team on the number above for more information.

To get your free or discounted course you will need to provide proof of certain

benefits and proof of identity such as a passport during enrolment.

If you have any questions, you can call Brent Start on: **020 8937 3950**

or email: **brent.start@brent.gov.uk**

# BRENT START COURSES 2020/21

## SKILLS FOR LIFE

### ESOL

English for Speaker for Other Languages. From complete beginners up to Level 2 to Upper- intermediate. Usually 4 to 6 hours a week.

### English

From Entry 2 to Level 2 courses, leading to functional skills and also GCSE English language. Courses are usually 6 hours a week.

### Mathematics

From Entry level to GCSE and AS level. Our Entry level and level 1 and level 2 lead to

Maths award or functional skills. Usually 4 to 6 hours a week. Our GCSE and AS Maths courses are 4 hours a week.

### Basic IT Skills

Courses for people with English language or literacy needs to help you use computers for everyday life and brush up your literary skills too.

### Digital Skills

We offer a range of short and longer courses, both non-accredited and accredited, to help you improve your digital skills. Courses are 2 to 4 hours per week.

## SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

### Childcare and Early Years

We have a range of courses leading to industry recognised qualifications;

We offer:

- » Level 1 Award in Working with Young Children

- » Level 1 Certificate in Caring for Children
- » Level 1 Diploma in Caring for Children
- » Level 2 Diploma for early year Practitioner
- » Level 3 Diploma for Early Years Workforce
- » Level 1, 2 and 3 Health and Social Care (Adults)
- » Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning Level 2 (online)

### Sector Skill Training

We offer short training courses to prepare you for work or to help you advance in your existing career;

- » Customer Services
- » Hospitality
- » Health and Social Care
- » First Aid for the Workplace
- » Paediatric First Aid
- » Online Food Safety
- » Online Care Certificate
- » British Sign Language Level 1 and 2

See page 16 Employability for further details.





## Courses for Adults with Learning Disabilities

We have a range of courses for adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities and help them develop skills for work and provide opportunities for work experience through external partners.

We also offer courses to support and develop everyday life skills to help them live independently in the community, which we run onsite in our Living Flat.

Courses are usually 1-2 days a week and run from 10am-3pm every day.

See page xxx for further details.

## COMMUNITY LEARNING

### Leisure and Wellbeing

We have a variety of courses in arts and crafts, practical skills, health and wellbeing. These courses can be a step towards employment, starting a business, or for your enjoyment and building confidence. These are mostly non-accredited and usually 10 weeks between 2 and 3 hours per week, we offer courses in:

- » Arts and Crafts
- » Floristry
- » Fashion
- » Hairdressing
- » Italian
- » Sugarcraft
- » ... and more, see pages 17-19

### Family Learning

Courses for parents or carers to develop language, English or Maths skills and help you support your children's learning. These courses are usually for 5 to 10 weeks and take place in children's centre, primary schools or libraries.



# SKILLS FOR LIFE COURSE LISTING

## ESOL – English for speakers of other languages

Brent Start ESOL classes – your friendly, local English language class for adults. Improve your English for everyday life or employment in a friendly and caring environment. Get better at speaking, listening, reading and writing in English (with extra help in reading and writing if you need it), take an exam and get an English qualification.

You can also join our Study Programme and improve your digital and Maths skills.

### Brief explanation of the entry criteria

If you are interested in an ESOL course, you will take a short test to check your current level of English. We can then advise you on the best course and put you in the correct level.

### List of courses and length

Brent Start has English courses for adults (19+) at all levels from beginners (Pre-Entry) to Upper Intermediate (Level 1) in the morning, afternoon and evening. Most of our courses are six hours a week and you can join throughout the year.

In **Pre Entry** you learn basic English to help you read and write simple sentences as well as ask and answer questions.

In **Entry Levels 1 to 3**, you can improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening or concentrate just on reading and writing OR speaking and listening. You can learn how to take part in conversations, improve your pronunciation and talk about everyday topics. You can learn how to read different texts and how to write letters, emails and notes in English as well as get better at spelling, grammar and punctuation. In all our courses, you will learn about English grammar and improve your vocabulary. You can also join our study programme and enrol on a Maths course or an IT course.

If you are ready, you can take an exam at the end of the course and get a certificate. When you have a certificate in all four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) at Entry Level 3, you can apply for vocational courses such as Childcare or Health and Social Care.

In **Level 1**, you can continue to improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening. Getting a certificate in ESOL Level 1 is the first step towards English Level 1 and then GCSE English

### Venues where the courses will run

- » **Stonebridge Centre**
- » **Willesden Green Library**
- » **Harlesden Library**
- » **Brent Indian Association, Wembley**

### ESOL: Path to employability

Complete beginners in ESOL can start at pre- entry level. When ready, they can progress to a full Entry 1 class. This means that learners will follow the red boxes.

At the end of the academic year, they will take qualifications in speaking and listening, reading and writing.

### LEARNER'S STATEMENT

She is a very good teacher, she is helpful, makes sure students understand, she give us more lessons, more exercises and homework. It is better to learn with this kind of programme ESOL Entry 1

She is fantastic teacher and she has modern methods in the delivery of information. I am really very happy that I studied this year ESOL Entry 1

The best teacher because she made it easier to learn English ESOL Entry 2

Because she made a big effort to explain and make everything clear to us ESOL Entry 3

She was teaching us a lot of grammar and always gave us extra material to help us study better. She is a really good teacher and I love the way she is teaching. ESOL Level 1

# ESOL

Pre-entry class start here

## Entry 1

Speaking and listening for 18 weeks  
Reading and writing for 18 weeks

## Bridge to Entry 1

Speaking and listening focus  
Entry 1 Reading and writing

## Entry 2

Speaking and listening for 18 weeks  
Reading and writing for 18 weeks

## Bridge to Entry 2

Entry 2  
Reading and writing

## Entry 3

Speaking and listening for 18 weeks  
Reading and writing for 18 weeks

## Bridge to Entry 3

Entry 3  
Reading and writing

## Level 1

Speaking and listening for 18 weeks  
Reading and writing for 18 weeks

## Bridge to level 1

Speaking and listening focus  
Level 1 Reading and writing

Vocational Courses

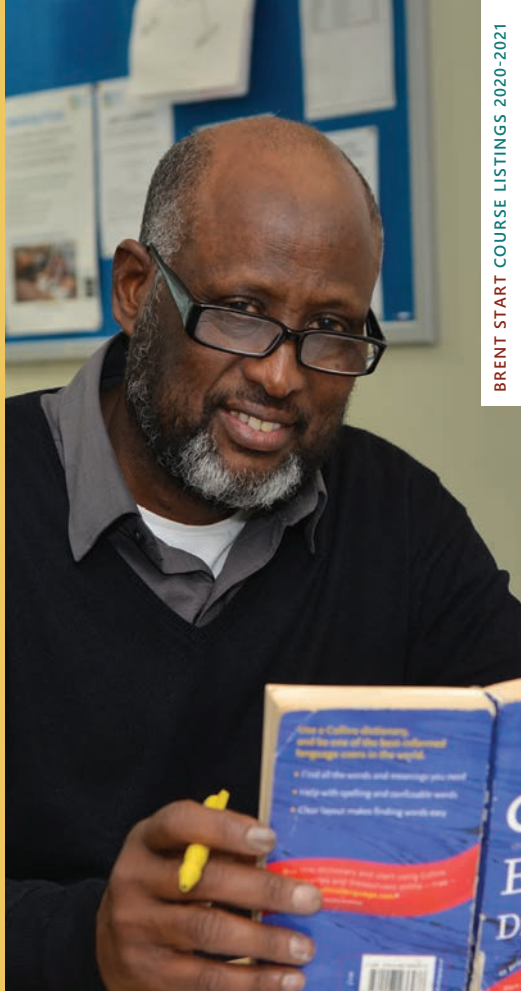
Learners not ready for a full entry 1, will follow the blue boxes and for one year focus on improving their speaking and listening skills followed by a year concentrating on improving their reading and writing skills.

Some learners will study in classes in the red boxes, others will study in classes in the blue boxes – and some learners will attend a mixture of classes on the red and blue line throughout their studies.

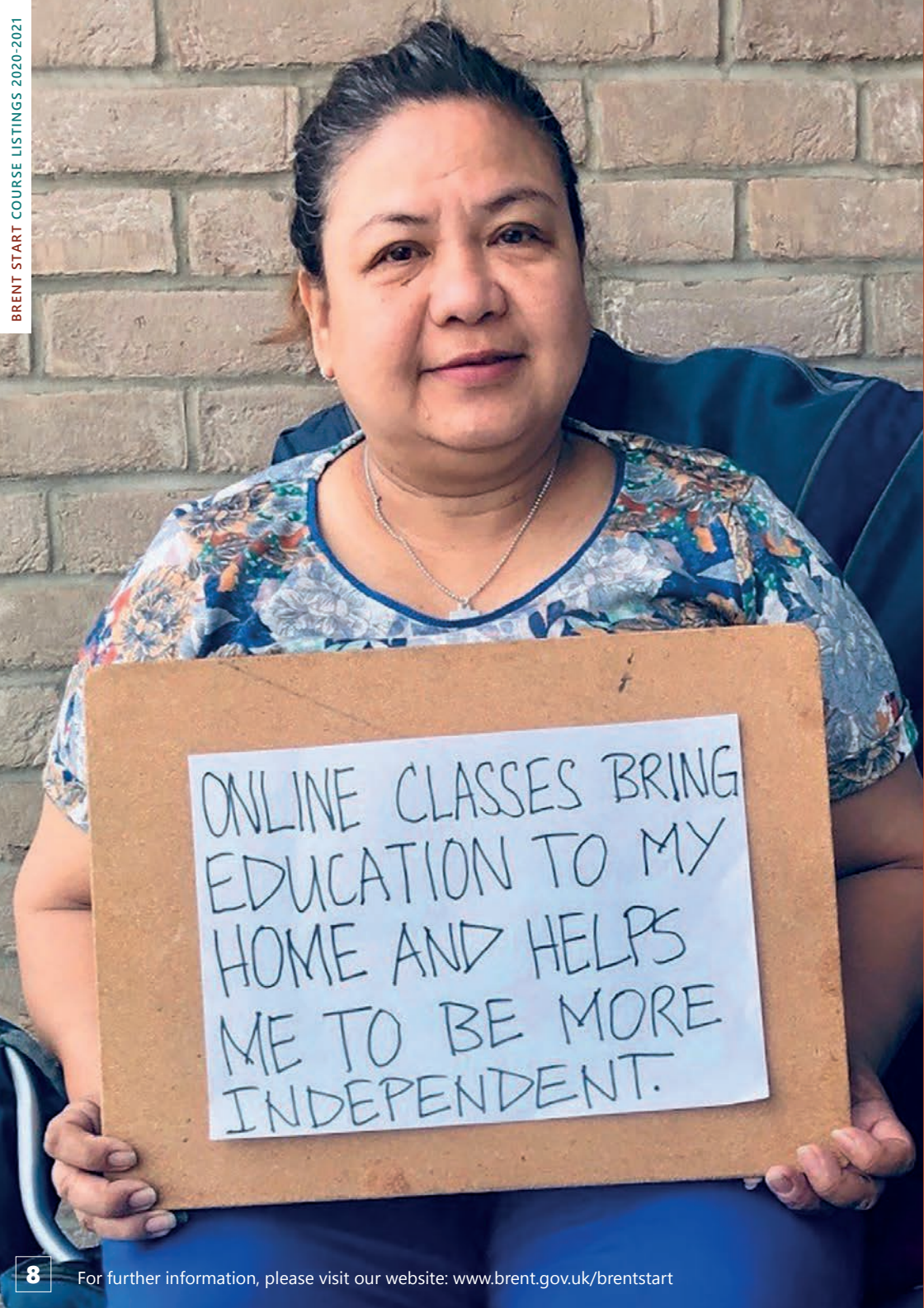
Learners who are at Entry 1 and above can also take Maths and IT classes, as well as their ESOL class.

Learners who are at Entry 3 and above can then apply for vocational courses.

At Brent Start we currently have vocational classes in Childcare, Health and Social Care.









## ENGLISH

If you want to develop your skills in English for further study, improve your employment prospects or learn just for your wellbeing, we offer a wide range of English courses at different levels to suit your needs.

You can develop your skills in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling on our Workshop or Stepping Stone courses. There is also a Writing course to help you to develop skills in writing a range of texts with accurate grammar, punctuation and spelling. On all these courses, you will develop your study skills, gain more confidence and progress to take a Functional Skills course.

You can work towards a nationally recognised qualification on a Functional Skills course by developing your skills in Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing.

English courses are usually free and are offered weekdays - throughout the day, weekends and in the evening (Stonebridge only) at three of our learning centres.

- » Workshops - Entry level/Level 1
- » Stepping Stone – Level 1
- » Focus on Writing – Entry 3+
- » Functional Skills – Entry 2 to Level 2

Before you can enrol on a course, we will need to meet with you to do an assessment and discuss which course is right for you.

- » **Workshops** - Entry 2 to Level 1
  - » with 3 distinct courses. Each course is for 12 weeks at 3 hours per week plus 1 hour online independent learning. Parts 1 and 2 are portfolio based with no exams. In Part 3 you will take a reading exam.
- » Stepping Stone – Level 1 only
  - » with 3-part course. Each course is for 12 weeks at 3 hours per week plus 1 hour online independent learning. Part 1 is portfolio based with no exam; in Part 2 you will sit a Grammar & Punctuation exam and in Part 3 you will sit a Reading exam.

- » Functional Skills - Entry 2 to Level 2
- » Courses at each level are in 3 continuous parts at 4 hours per week plus 2 hours online independent learning. Part 1 is portfolio based for 6 weeks; Part 2 is for 12 weeks and you sit a Reading exam and Part 3 is for 18 weeks and you sit the Functional Skills exams in Communication, Reading and Writing

### Venues

- » **Stonebridge Centre** - Entry 3 to Level 2 Functional Skills, Level 1 Workshop, Level 1 Stepping Stone
- » **Willesden Green Library** - Focus on Writing E3+; Functional Skills Entry 3; Level 1 Stepping Stone
- » **Harlesden Library** – Entry 2 Functional Skills, Entry 2 Workshop

# MATHEMATICS

Never Too Late To Build a Better Future. We offer a good range of maths courses suitable for all levels from beginners to level 3 AS Maths. These courses will help you enhance your maths skills, improve your ability to budget, build confidence and gain qualifications that will give you access to employment or higher education. Brent Start expects every individual to achieve a level of numeracy, which will allow them to get access to higher education, better employment, higher pay and potential to live a better life.

Maths courses are in the main FREE and are offered during weekdays, weekends and evenings. All learners will complete an

assessment before enrolling on any courses. Our wide range of courses are open to everyone (adults +19) which will allow you to assess your own level and aid you to work at higher level.

## Brief explanation of the entry criteria Entry 1 & 2

No prior knowledge or qualification is required. You need to complete an initial assessment so we can enrol you on to suitable maths course.

## Entry 3, Level 1 & 2, GCSE

Qualification require you to complete a formal initial assessment, which identifies your current level of maths and subject knowledge.





## MATHEMATICS PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

**Entry 1**  
Functional skills

**Entry 2**  
Functional skills

**Entry 3**  
Functional skills

**Level 1**  
Functional skills

**Level 2**  
Functional skills

**GCSE**  
Functional skills

**AS Maths**

### List of courses and length

- » Functional Skills Entry 1 – 3
- » Functional Skills Level 1 & 2
- » GCSE stepping Stone – Preparation towards GCSE
- » GCSE Foundation and Higher
- » AS Level

All courses are planned for 1 year. Maths award or functional skills are 3 hours week. GCSE and AS Maths courses are 4 hours a week.

Venues where the courses will run:

- » Stonebridge Centre
- » Willesden Green Library

We also offer maths Adult courses at various primary schools and children centres.

- » Stepping stones to GCSE
- » Awards and Certificate in Maths
- » Functional Skills Maths up to and including Level 2
- » GCSE
- » AS Maths
- » Maths with Lego – part of Family Learning

### LEARNER'S STATEMENT

Last September I enrolled in GCSE Maths, intending to help my teenage kids with their homework. I have really enjoyed the course, making lots of new friends along the way. My confidence has grown, and I'm a hero to my children. My teacher is fantastic, she spends a lot of time explaining each topic and even talks about maths history.

Brent Start supports the students by arranging extra tutorials. We were also given online tutoring during the lockdown, and our teacher has been supportive throughout. I am constantly recommending Brent Start to my friends.

**Maryam Bourbour**





## DIGITAL SKILLS

Digital skills are essential for work and life. If you have little or no experience of using digital devices to access online content, our non-accredited Essential Digital Skills Foundation course is the ideal place to start. Learn how to turn on devices and use the controls available to input data and connect to the internet safely and securely.

Alternatively if you have a little more experience our accredited Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life Entry 3 course, is the place to start before progressing to Level 1. During these qualifications five skills areas (using devices and handling information, creating and editing, communicating, transactions and being

and responsible online) will be covered.

Digital Skills for Work at Level 2 will further develop use of digital skills to communicate, create and edit work related content safely and responsibility as well as develop approaches to solving technical problems.

### Brief explanation of the entry criteria

An initial assessment will be required.

### List of courses and length

- » Essential Digital Skills Foundation; 12 weeks. Starting in Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021
- » Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life Entry Level 3; 12 weeks. Starting in Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021
- » Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life Level 1; 12 weeks. Starting in Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021
- » Digital Skills for Work Level 2; 12 weeks Starting in Jan 2021; Apr 2021

### STUDENT STATEMENT

What I've learnt at Brent Start is that if I focus and work hard then I can achieve. My studying will never end – I'm really thankful for Brent Start'.

**Antonette,**  
**Digital Skills student**



## ADULTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

We offer accredited and non-accredited courses for adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities. We provide support in developing skills for life and work that will help adults live independently in their communities.

Our offer includes courses for health and wellbeing, to develop creativity, English and maths courses and an entry level qualification in Skills for Independence and Employability, which includes digital skills.

### Brief explanation of the entry criteria

To enrol on our courses for adults with learning disabilities and or difficulties, make an appointment to meet with members of the team. Students will need to be able to listen, understand and follow instructions, and be able to take part in both independent and group work. Regular and punctual attendance is expected.

### List of courses and length

#### Arts and Crafts, 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021

**Building Confidence and Self Esteem;** 12 weeks. Starting Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021

#### Enterprise Project; 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021

#### Container Gardening 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021

#### Healthy Eating and Cooking 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020; Jan 2021; Apr 2021

#### Living in the Community, 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021

#### Skills for Life and Work, Entry 3, 33 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020

#### Support with Literacy

Starting Sept 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021

#### Support with Literacy

Starting Sept 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021

#### Yoga, 12 weeks.

Starting Sept 2020, Jan 2021, Apr 2021

All courses are at Stonebridge Centre



# SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

## CHILDCARE AND EARLY YEARS

Whether you are a parent looking to understand how your children learn and develop, or interested in a career in Childcare or working and looking to upskill to a higher qualification, Brent Start offers a range of courses in Childcare to support you through your journey.

We have built strong links and partnerships with Cache, local schools and nurseries, children's centres and Local Authority and continue to work in partnership with other organisation across the borough.

Our Early Years team are highly qualified and have gained years of sector experience as early years' co-ordinators, teaching and learning assistants, room leaders, supervisors, nursery and crèche managers, and deputy managers.

Our courses will prepare you with the fundamentals of caring for young children, and how to organise play and learning activities through practical activities in class. You will further consolidate your practical skills through a placement at a local nursery, children's centre, or private and statutory schools to develop your sector experience, which is compulsory on Level 2 and 3 courses.

We will also support you with finding a placement and looking for paid employment in this sector through our in-house employability programme, embedded in our Early Years courses. We will support you in applying for vacancies across the borough through our employment partner Brent Works.

Depending on your qualification, you can work in a range of settings and roles such as:

- » Childcare Practitioners, Supervisors, Managers in crèches and nurseries
- » Teaching Assistants, SENCO in Primary Schools
- » Nanny or Childminder as self-employed (you may require an additional qualification)

### Brief explanation of the entry criteria

All Level 1 courses

- » English Entry 3 Essential
- » All Level 2 courses
- » English Level 1 Essential

All Level 3 courses

- » English Level 2 Essential
- » Level 2 Childcare Qualification Essential
- » Maths and ICT are desirable at Level 1







Venues where the courses will run

- » Stonebridge Centre
- » Willesden Green Library
- » Brent Indian Association
- » Stonebridge Park School
- » Lyons Park School

Our pass rate has been above 97%, which is above the national average. Many of our students have gained employment on completion of our courses, continued to study with us, and progressed to the next level and some have taken to higher studies at Universities.

Course	Length	Start Date
Entry 3 Award in Caring for Children	23 weeks	Sept 2020
Level 1 Diploma Caring for Children	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 1 Certificate Caring for Children	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 1 Certificate in Health & Social Care, Children's and Young Peoples Settings	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 2 Supporting Teaching & Learning in Schools	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 3 Diploma Early Years Educator	1 Year	Sept 2020
Level 3 Award Special Educational Needs Coordinator	8 weeks	Jan 2021

## SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT

If you are looking for work, want to upskill for better work opportunities or change your career then we offer a range of training and support through our employment and skills programme in partnership with Brent Works.

Route to Work

Sector Based Work Academies

- » Care
- » Retail
- » Hospitality



### EMPLOYER STATEMENT

I was approached by Brent Start in mid-2017 in regard to my employment requirements at Ibis. I had some current vacancies and was interested in what potential candidates were available from Brent. When I was introduced to the Sector Based Work Academy (SBWA), I was open to taking part as a local employer. I had been involved in other similar schemes and although I felt it was important, as a local employer, to assist candidates in their goals to get back into work, I never successfully filled vacancies." The collaboration between Ibis and Brent, led by Zarqa Sethi, continues strongly and this year I am very happy we have been able to upskill our team with English lessons for those that need it. All the training has been on-site, which is really convenient for the team and they have gained confidence not only in the work environment, but in their lives outside of work. We are now looking to further develop another aspect, by providing work experience opportunities for adults with learning difficulties. I am sure that other businesses can also benefit from the SWBA programmes and other training for staff that they can provide.

Darren Philips General Manager  
Ibis Hotel, Wembley LDO

### Our programmes offer various support elements such as

- » Initial Advice and Guidance for training, work and career goals
- » Referrals to other organisations
- » CV Writing
- » Employer Engagement/Visits
- » Work Experience
- » Interview preparation
- » Guaranteed Interviews

### We also run courses in

- » Digital Skills for Work
- » Food Safety
- » Care Standards
- » Health and Social Care Level 1
- » British Sign Language Levels 1 and 2
- » Childcare (see page 14)
- » Supporting Teaching and Learning
- » Senco training

Many courses available online.

If you would like to discuss your employment path please contact the person below for an initial appointment.

**Zarqa Sethi**  
Programme Leader - Employment Pathways  
[Zarqa.sethi@brent.gov.uk](mailto:Zarqa.sethi@brent.gov.uk)

For further information, please visit our website: [www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart](http://www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart)

## COMMUNITY LEARNING

### Leisure and Wellbeing

We offer a variety of courses in arts and crafts, practical skills, health and wellbeing. These courses can be a step towards volunteering, employment, starting a business or for your own enjoyment.

Courses are available for beginners and more experienced students, with day and evening classes. These are mostly non-accredited courses with progression to qualification vocational courses, further training or employment such as:

- » Level 1 Certificate in Occupational Studies for the Workplace Level 1 Certificate in Sugarcraft
- » Level 1 Award in Sugarcraft
- » Level 1 Award in Developing Enterprise Skills Level 1 Award in Employability Skills

Entry requirements vary. You may need to take an initial assessment to test your English and numeracy level for relevant courses. For some courses, you will be assessed at the first session by a tutor to establish starting points and a level of subject- knowledge experience in a field of study.

We offer one day, Saturday and short master classes, tasters, workshops and courses at varying lengths between 1 and 10 weeks.

### Starting in Sep/Oct 2020, Jan 2021, April 2021 and include:

- » Drawing and Painting
- » Fashion Design and Enterprise
- » Introduction to Enterprise skills
- » Event Planning
- » Floristry
- » Hairdressing
- » Manicure and Nail Art
- » Sugarcraft and Cake Decorating
- » Languages
- » Mindfulness with Yoga
- » Healthy Eating and Nutrition

### Venues

- » Stonebridge Centre
- » Harlesden Library Plus
- » The Library at Willesden Green
- » College of North West College
- » Chalk Hill Community Centre
- » Other community venues including schools, children centres, places of worship





## Community Learning Outreach Programmes

We offer a wide selection of courses in the community. Courses delivered by fully qualified tutors with extensive experience of teaching in a variety of community settings. Our courses run in familiar, safe and friendly spaces, where we ensure learners make friends, have positive experience and get ready for their next step.

Our aim is to help raise your confidence and feel less isolated so that you feel able to progress onto further learning or employment.

- » Courses will need to recruit a minimum number of learners
- » Run at a venue near you (subject to health and safety requirements)
- » In a variety of subjects such as returning to work skills, sewing, craft, confidence building, IT skills and keep fit and many others.

## What our Community Partners say about us

'Brent Adult Education is a fantastic community resource which allows local people to learn life changing skills, resulting in new careers, personal development, teamwork & complete achievement. The course are tailored to meet the needs of learners, meaning that course and classes are truly focused and geared towards the needs of the learners. The trainers are amazing, they all have so much experience and are great at teaching and teaching large groups. Brent adult education has provided our users with new skills through teaching and have boosted our learners' confidence in a friendly, safe and educational setting.'

**The Unity Centre, Catalyst Housing**



For further information, please visit our website: [www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart](http://www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart)

## LEARNER STATEMENT

### TOLU'S STORY

Tolu attended Sugarcraft Beginner Cake Decoration and Special Occasions Cake Decoration classes with Brent Start. Since then, she has established her own business - Tea Room and Cake Shop in the local area of Harlesden. She is delighted of the progress she has made and thankful to Brent Start for encouraging and supporting her in achieving this.

"I've always wanted to start my own business. The course at Brent Start helped me to boost my confidence and I gained skills I needed to move on and do what I want."

Tolu's confidence and professionalism has advanced since and she continues growing her business by having opened an online shop. In December 2018, Tolu won a Brent Start Student Award in Enterprise category and made her family, friends and the community proud.

### QUEENCY'S STORY

I find myself lucky to come across Brent Start that offer the best Floristry courses at affordable price. Our teacher, Joanna is the best. As a florist, she shares her experience providing the students with practical knowledge of the profession. The courses were very informative and helped me learn to create floral designs such as floral installation, car deco and a wedding arrangement. All thanks to the Brent Start."

As a recognition of Queency's achievement, she was awarded an 'Outstanding Student Success' prize in December 2019.


Starting as and when required throughout the year and may include:

- » Basic IT
- » English for Speakers of Other Languages ( ESOL)
- » Employability
- » Money Management
- » Hairdressing
- » Sewing for Beginners
- » Floristry and Flower Arranging
- » Drawing and Painting
- » Sugarcraft & Cake Decorating
- » Baking
- » Nail Art and Express Manicure
- » Kinesiology
- » Drawing and Painting
- » Yoga/ Zumba/ Keep Fit
- » Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyle
- » Using Your Smartphone
- » Using Computers for Self Development

\*Subject to eligibility

Brent Start venues and a range of community venues including schools, children centres, libraries and places of worship.





Online lessons for my  
childcare course were  
organised, clear and  
easy to understand.  
I also gained ICT skills  
and now feel more  
confident to progress  
to the next level.

Neelam Batool

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## FAMILY LEARNING

Family Learning, in Brent Start, offers free classes to parents to support the wellbeing of parents by reducing isolation and prepare them for progression to other subject areas of Brent Start.

Courses embed language, literacy, numeracy and IT where possible across a range of areas including creative learning.

In collaboration with our partners, parents are encouraged to participate in purposeful activities with/without their children.

### Entry criteria

The entry criteria range from Pre Entry through to Entry 3 depending on the course requirements.

For some of our courses you will be given an assessment to be sure that you can cope with the work. In certain courses, you may only need to be able to follow simple instructions and be creative.

### List of courses and length.

Our courses are listed below

- » Family Language:
- » Introduction to English & Your Children's Centre/School
- » Good Foundations
- » Family Literacy
- » Magic Numbers
- » Family Numeracy
- » Maths to the Rescue
- » We Love sharing stories
- » Families Love Books
- » We Love Rhymes and Songs
- » Make a Treasure Book
- » New Looks for Books
- » Play and Learn With Books
- » (for under 5s)
- » Move On With Confidence
- » REuse, REcycle, RE-Create
- » Making Story Sacks /with Knitting
- » Play and Learn with Phonics

- » Using IT with the Family
- » Move On With Confidence
- » We Are Safe With Computers
- » Out & About with Your Children\*
- » Fun With Cooking
- » Learning through Cooking
- » Parenting Classes
- » Creative Puppetry For Story telling
- » 3D Decorative Frames

All our courses are delivered subject to the requests made by your children's centre or library managers. Many of our courses are 5/10 weeks long. Starting in Sept 2020, Jan 2021, April 2021.

We also run taster courses in the libraries during the half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Our courses run off site with childcare provisions in the Children's Centres, Primary schools and other libraries.

\*subject to availability third party venues

## COURSE COST OPTIONS

### Skills for Life and Employment courses

These courses are free for many learners depending on your circumstances.

### Leisure and Wellbeing courses

Discounts are available for those on certain benefits or earning under a certain amount.

### Full-cost courses

These courses are full price and no discounts apply.

### Advanced Learning Loan courses

If you want to study one of our level 3 courses you can apply for a loan to cover the cost of the course, or if you are aged 19-23 you may get this course for free.

For more information talk to our customer services staff or visit our website.

For a full breakdown of the costs for specific courses, please visit the Brent Start website: [www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart](http://www.brent.gov.uk/brentstart)

To receive discount fees or free courses, you will need to bring proof of your financial circumstances and identification with you when you enrol on the course.

### Are you worried about paying for childcare while doing your course?

You may be entitled to support for childcare costs. Please ask about this when visiting any of our centres.

Courses may be subject to change.







# Learning Centres



## Key

- 1** Stonebridge Centre
- 2** Harlesden Library Plus
- 3** Willesden Green Library
- 4** Brent Indian Association

-  Underground
-  Overground

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