

JTL Remote Learning Weekly News
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Hi <<First Name>>,

It's Mental Health Awareness Week so this week's newsletter includes guidance and links to further support to help you if you are experiencing anxiety, stress or depression. We've also developed a 'Learner Evaluation Form' which we encourage you to complete to help us to understand how we can improve your learning experience. If you haven't already completed your Functional Skills tests we've included links to useful resources to enable you to progress with them. In addition, if you are a parent, please take a look at our digital safety guidance document which provides lots of useful information on protecting your loved ones while they are online.

This week's updates

Tell us about your online learning experience so far!



We value your feedback because it helps us to continually improve the quality of our delivery and your learning experience. For this reason we have put together a '[Learner Evaluation Form](#)' which we expect you to complete. We want to hear about your learning experience and the new skills and knowledge you are developing as a JTL apprentice.

The form has been set up as a Google form which can be easily completed on any device (including your phone). It comprises 9 short questions which should only take you a few minutes to complete.

The link to the form is also available in Google Classroom for those of you with a login.

Looking after your mental health



For [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) (18-24 May 2020), JTL has been considering the impact that Covid-19 is having on people working in trade roles who may be under increased pressure, both in and outside of work.

We are working closely with the [Electrical Industries Charity \(EIC\)](#) to offer a range of welfare support services to our learners and employers. The EIC offers free confidential support services, recognising that mental health issues such as stress, anxiety and depression affect an estimated one in six workers in the construction sector.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, JTL is encouraging everyone to be open and honest with how they are feeling and to seek help where necessary, including utilising the resources available on our [website](#).

Please speak to your Training Officer if you have any issues, concerns or if you just need to speak to somebody.

[Read more on our blog page](#)

Update on Functional Skills

If you still have your Functional Skills tests to do, it is vital that by now you should be actively working through your learning on bksb. After completing the initial and diagnostic assessments, you would have been sign-posted to relevant resources from your own individual learning plan. At the end of a module, you then complete a short Progress Check of about 6-8 questions. The Progress Checks are fully interactive and self-marking, giving you immediate feedback on how you have done. Try your best and aim to achieve a level 2 or above.

if your Training Officer speaks to you about this next time they get in touch if this is you.

As you were informed in last week's newsletter, if you were due to take your Functional Skills test this summer, you will not be expected to take your test but you will receive an 'estimated grade'. This will be based on the work you have completed towards preparing for the test. You will need to have completed enough work to prove that if you were to take your Functional Skills test, you would pass.

If you do not complete your bksb learning it will be very difficult to make a judgment and give you an estimated grade for your Functional Skills which means that you will have to do your test at a later date.

Practice your skills

To practice your maths and English skills click on the green button below to access the bksb system. If you have any issues with your bksb account, please email ExternalSupportTeam@Jtltraining.com or call 0800 085 2308.

[Practice your maths and English skills](#)

Functional Skills Sample Assessment

To access the Functional Skills sample assessment click on the pink button below.

[Functional Skills Sample Assessment](#)

If you need support on how to work through the sample assessment please refer to our [guide](#) below.

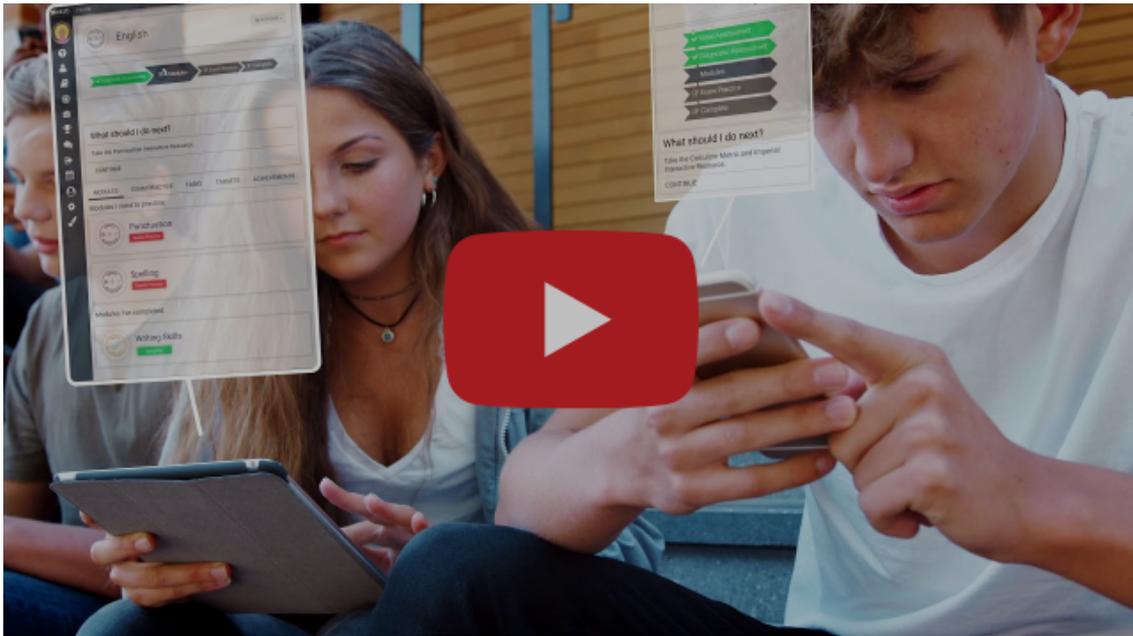
The screenshot shows a webpage titled "Accessing Functional Skills Sample Tests" with the JTL Training People logo. Below the title, it says "Working through the sample tests, will better prepare you for your Functional Skills test. Any questions please contact your Training Officer or Functional Skills Trainer." A blue box contains the text: "Click on the link below to access Functional Skills level 2 sample tests on the City and Guilds website: <https://www.cityandguilds.com/qualifications-and-apprenticeships/skills-for-work-and-life/english-mathematics-and-ict-skills/4748-functional-skills-sub-information@acc-level2>". Below this is a screenshot of the City and Guilds website showing the "Functional Skills (4748)" page with a "Functional Skills (4748)" section and a "Functional Skills (4748)" button.

Essential Skills Wales sample assessments

If you are a learner in Wales, continue to work through the WEST system. For further guidance on this, please contact your Training Officer. You can also view Essential Skills Wales sample assessments by clicking on the orange button below:

[Essential Skills Wales sample assessments](#)

The use of maths and English is all around us. You are using maths and English everyday, most of the time without realising it. The video below gives just a few examples of how maths and English skills are relevant to the industry.



Improve your English and maths skills; improve your education and career prospects

If you have any concerns or further questions about Functional Skills, please contact your Training Officer.

Digital safety during Covid-19



If you are a parent with children at home who are using the internet to access their school work and to stay connected with friends and family, having an understanding of digital safety is very important. It will help you to safeguard your loved ones from a range of potential harmful online influences, which in recent months due to Covid-19 have become particularly prevalent.

[Read our guide on digital safety](#)

Updates to learner advice & guidance web page

[Advice for JTL learners](#)

Do you need additional support?

If you have an additional learning need and feel that you need further support with your learning, please email learnersupport@jtltraining.com or speak to your Training Officer.

We hope the resources and guidance above are helping you with your learning from home. As always, if you have any general questions or concerns about your learning please contact your Training Officer or call JTL's customer services team on **0800 085 2308**. You can also email info@jtltraining.com

Before we go, please do remember to fill in the JTL [Learner Evaluation Form](#) as we really want to hear from you.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we'll be back with Issue 9 next Friday!

With best wishes,
From the JTL Team



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