



Adult Literacy and Numeracy – Level 2 (ALAN)

SCHOOL: Multiple Schools and Whiston and Prescott

PHASE: Secondary **Venue:** Knowsley CLCs – Huyton, Kirkby

KEY STAGE & YEAR: KS4, Year 11 **CURRICULUM AREA:** English and Maths

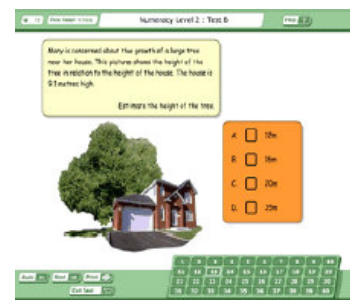
LINKS TO PLANS/NC: CLC aims: 2, 3, 8 Obj: 9, 12, 14, EiC/CLC: SO2, 4/FA1
May – June 05

DURATION:

ICT Strategy: CLA 1, 4, 6, EL 1, 2, ED 1, 5, 6, FS 1, 3
EDP2 1a, b, c, d, 4, 6, 7

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- to support schools in raising attainment at Key Stage 4
- to provide support for an online literacy and numeracy qualification to improve individual GCSE point scores
- to raise the aspirations of students who are currently predicted to achieve 4 A* - C;



BRIEF

ALAN is provided as part of the Plus One Challenge Xtra programme to support students in gaining a level 2 qualification (GCSE grade B equivalent). The Plus One Challenge Xtra (C/D borderline) cohort all receive the opportunity to sit this examination either in the CLCs or schools.

DESCRIPTION

This qualification is part of the Plus One Challenge initiative developed in partnership with schools to enhance and extend current school good practice. All Year 11 Xtra students were identified by schools to sit this online test. A number of schools offered this facility in house, however, many opted to work in partnership with the CLCs, who supported the qualification technically and were able to offer a 1:1 ratio and conducive online examination environment.

The CLCs offered two Borough wide training sessions for ALAN with all schools being given places for Heads of ICT, Maths, English, Exam officers and technicians. In addition the CLC technical team provided support for those schools who were delivering the exam in their own schools. A series of technical notes have now been compiled and have been distributed to all schools.

OUTCOMES/EVALUATION

To date a total of 182 students have passed both literacy and numeracy tests, thus gaining a level 2 qualification (Grade B GCSE equivalent). Several schools used the facilities and support available across the CLCs to offer this qualification and 132 students passed both tests using the CLCs with 118 receiving partial passes ie a pass in either literacy or numeracy.



This qualification added 2.2% points to the final LEA GCSE score. Figures show that 45 students would have gained only 4 A*-C grades without this qualification, but as a result of it, achieved 5 A*-C grades.

There are already plans to provide support for this and many other elements of the Plus One Challenge initiative next year, beginning September 2005.