**Free resources and sources of ideas for teaching Functional Skills/Skills for Life**

**BBC Skillswise:** A well established site with many ideas for teaching maths and English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise>

**Skillsworkshop:** Another well-established site with many ideas for teaching Maths and English <http://www.skillsworkshop.org>

**BBC GCSE Bitesize:** Revision and games for Maths and English up to Level 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize>

**Maths starter of the day:** Huge selection of starter activities and games to suit a range of themes and levels <http://www.transum.org/Software/>

**Maths is fun:** Mainly aimed at schools, but much will be useful for FS maths

<http://www.mathsisfun.com/>

**PlusMaths:** Very engaging online magazine – articles, posters and puzzles all about maths

<http://plus.maths.org/content/>

**NRICH:** A source of maths resources, puzzles and problems for all levels from Primary through to Level 3 (A level) <http://nrich.maths.org/public/index.php>

**Functional Skills 4U:** A site with practice tests for students, who will need to register to use it. There is a useful link for teachers to all the Functional Skills exam boards, some of whom have free resources <http://www.functionalskills4u.com/>

**Breaking news English:** Provides up to date news and topical articles accompanied by instant, ready to use lesson resources <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com>

**Lesson Writer:** a free web based tool that takes a piece of text and turns it into a complete lesson. It can be used for any topic/subject and is a great starting place for creating DARTs (directed activities relating to text) <http://www.lessonwriter.com/default.aspx>

**TES Teaching Resources:** The TES often has new resources added relevant to FS. It’s worth registering and seeing what’s there <http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resources/>

**Guardian Teacher network:** Similar to the TES – you need to register, but it’s worth a look <http://teachers.guardian.co.uk>

**Learningandteaching:** A trio of sites (teaching, learning, reflection) for developing approaches to teaching and learning across subject areas

<http://www.learningandteaching.info/index.htm>

**NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in Mathematics):** A DfE funded site aimed at enhancing professional development in Maths teachers across all sectors and levels

<http://www.ncetm.org.uk>