

PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Further Education Prospectus 2017/18

Expand Your
Horizons

A scenic landscape featuring a vineyard in the foreground, a large, leafless tree on the right, and rolling hills in the distance under a warm, golden sky. The text "Expand Your Horizons" is overlaid in a white, cursive font.

Welcome from the Principal

These are exciting times for the land-based sector, with skilled entrants in more demand from employers than ever before and a real richness and diversity in the range of job opportunities available. If you've decided that this is the career direction for you, we've got some fantastic courses that will certainly inspire and challenge you! We're delighted to welcome you to our brand new prospectus – bringing you a great selection of choices from entry to level three.

As one of the leading independent providers of land-based education and training in the country, you'll find us a brilliant place to learn and at the same time enjoy yourselves. Location-wise, we've certainly got it all here at Plumpton. At our 800-hectare main college site plus our other excellent out centres, you'll find our practical and demonstration facilities outstanding – as recognised by OFSTED too.

We're committed to success here at Plumpton – combining our first-rate facilities with good teaching and superb support from our dedicated staff to help you achieve your absolute potential in your chosen direction, whatever your passion.

So what are you waiting for? Come and discover the right course for you. Make sure you join us for one of our taster or course information days. We'll be more than happy to help you.

Jeremy Kerswell
Principal

Welcome

HARRY WRIGHT

Plumpton really is the place to be, you don't feel like you're in a classroom all day but at the same time you are learning so much and so many skills that will help you, wherever you want to go in the future. The lecturers here are so supportive and really approachable, it feels like one big happy family here.



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Student Life

Being a student at Plumpton means lots of exciting choices and a great new start for you. We're very proud of our close community here at Plumpton, and our commitment to making your journey to your full potential a successful one. We make sure that you have all you need - both in your learning and being a student here.

Accommodation

We've got fantastic residential facilities that you'll be pleased to hear have been rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted. Our mainly single study bedrooms accommodate 200 students. And as a full-time residential student, you'll enjoy broadband, cleaning, meals and support as part of your stay.

Food

There are lots of different food choices for you to choose from. You'll have access to the canteen and snack bars. As part of our excellent own produce that we grow here, we make sure that you enjoy a range of healthy meals that we produce on our farm, in addition to fresh ingredients from other local businesses.

Transport

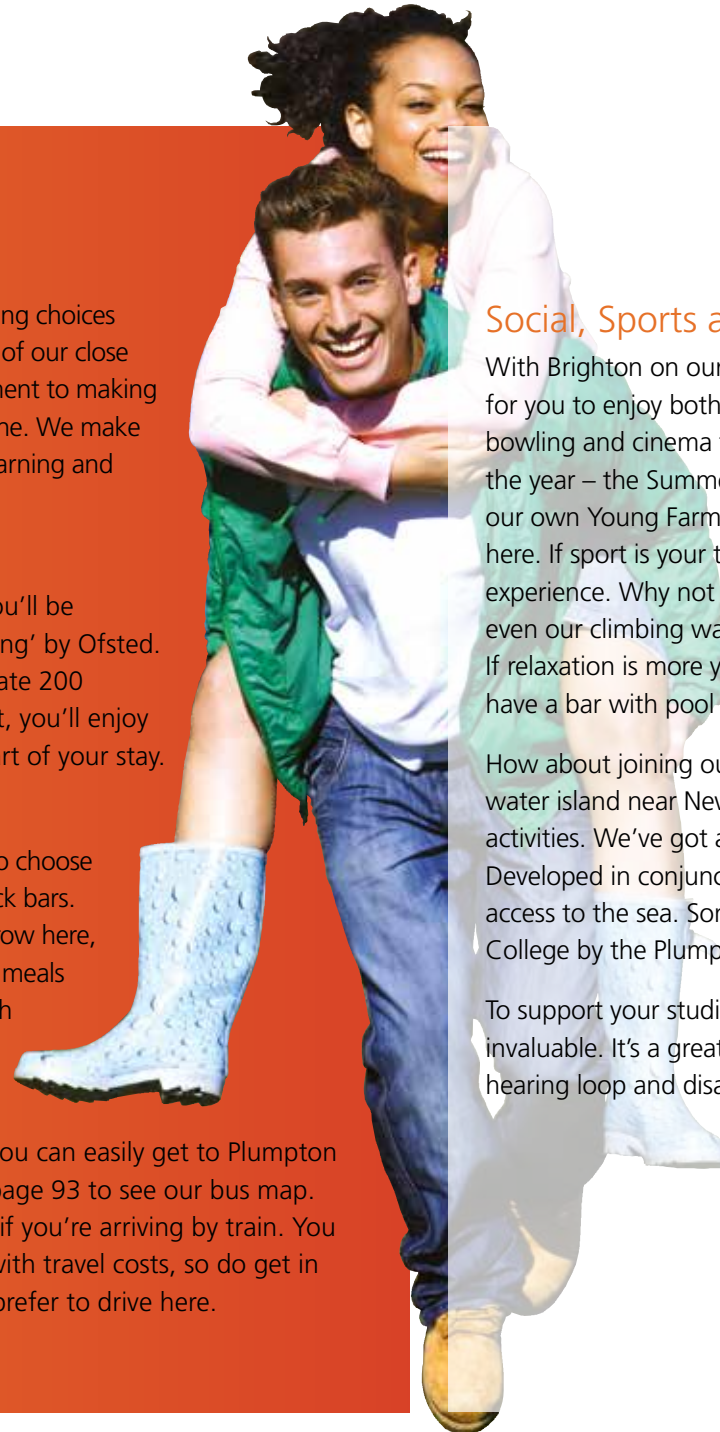
If you're travelling from East or West Sussex, you can easily get to Plumpton via our dedicated bus service. Have a look at page 93 to see our bus map. Local buses also run past the train station too if you're arriving by train. You may be able to receive a bursary to help you with travel costs, so do get in touch. We also have a large car park if you'd prefer to drive here.

Social, Sports and Study

With Brighton on our doorstep, just 12 miles from Plumpton, there's so much for you to enjoy both on-site and locally. Our busy social calendar, filled with bowling and cinema trips, ice skating, and not forgetting our main event of the year – the Summer ball – there's lots for you to choose from. We even have our own Young Farmers Club and many other societies to join during your time here. If sport is your thing, we have loads of opportunities for you to try and experience. Why not try badminton, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rugby or even our climbing wall? Visit our on-site gym or walk in our 800-hectare estate. If relaxation is more your style, come and enjoy our three common rooms. We have a bar with pool table, plus large screen TVs playing music and films.

How about joining our Sailing Academy at Newhaven? Based on a large inland water island near Newhaven, you can try out lots of different watersport activities. We've got a good classroom, kitchen and changing facilities. Developed in conjunction with Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club, there's also access to the sea. Some of our extensive fleet have been kindly donated to the College by the Plumpton College Charitable Foundation.

To support your studies, we also have an excellent library that you'll find invaluable. It's a great place for you to research and study in private. It also has a hearing loop and disabled access.



Plumpton College is just 12 miles from Brighton with a lively social scene and diverse culture. It has a buzzing night life as well as many cultural and historical attractions, notably the Royal Pavilion, Brighton's Palace Pier, the Lanes shopping district and the new Brighton Wheel.

Pastoral Support

Moving from school to college can sometimes seem a bit daunting. Which is why we make sure that we do everything to make the transition as comfortable for you as possible. Don't be afraid to ask us any questions, we'll be more than happy to help.

Pre-application

We hold lots of course information and taster events throughout the year – have a look at page 95. It's a great way for you to meet the tutors and learn all about your preferred subject choices and everyone is welcome. You'll be able to find out about accommodation, bursaries, travel, and how to apply to the College. We also run Taster Days which are a brilliant way for you to experience the subject choices you have in mind.

Application

Our Admissions team are more than happy to help you through your application. Have a look at page 91 for details of how to apply.

Induction

After you've been to the Taster Day, you'll be invited to your Induction to join the college in September. In the first weeks of term, this is the time you'll discover all the details of your course plus we'll make sure it's the right choice for you. You'll be invited to a Starter Day in August which will be a great way to meet your new classmates and tutors and we'll get to learn as much about you as possible so we can ensure your timetable meets your needs when you start. After you've been to the Starter Day, you'll enrol on the best course for you and begin your induction period which helps you learn as much about the college and your course as possible in the first few weeks.

On Programme

We have lots of support set up to help you throughout your time here. This will depend on your individual needs. You'll have tutorials, both group and individual, similar to your time at school. We also think long-term, so you'll have Careers Guidance and we'll help with Work Experience where necessary. If you have specific learning needs such as dyslexia, or help with developing your study skills, we'll make sure that you're fully supported. We've got facilities if you're hearing or visually impaired. We can also help by providing specialist support where necessary such as signers.

If you think you'll have need for support during your time with us, get in touch as soon as possible. Each individual case is assessed separately according to your needs and funds available.

On Completion

Once you've finished your course, we have a great tradition here. All of our students are invited to a Prize Ceremony and you'll be invited to join the Old Plumptonians.



'Students feel settled and secure and have a strong affiliation to the residential provision saying it is like a family'

(Ofsted 2016)

'Individual support for students is exemplary and they settle into residence quickly and feel valued and respected'

(Ofsted 2016)

'Staff have strong relationships with students and know and understand them really well'

(Ofsted 2016)

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raising standards
improving lives

OUTSTANDING

Pastoral Support

Levels & Entry Requirements

We're extremely proud of our inclusivity here at Plumpton and therefore whatever your background, experience or prior qualifications, there is a course that is right for you. Irrespective of the level of the course you start on, we have high expectations that you will continue to progress on to the next level and beyond in the following year.

LEVEL 3

Qualification	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Level 3 Diploma	Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma
Equivalence	3 A Levels	2 A Levels	1 A Level
No. of QCF Credits	180	120	60
Number of Years	2 (3 year sandwich Agric)	2 (3 year sandwich Agric)	1 year
Entry Requirements	4 A* - C GCSE grades, including English, Maths and Science Grade 5 for English, Maths and Science	4 A* - C GCSE grades, including English and Maths Grade 4 for English and Maths	4 A* - C GCSE grades, including English or Maths Grade 4 for English and Maths

LEVEL 2

Qualification	Level 2 Diploma	Level 2 Extended Certificate
Equivalence	4 A* - C grade GCSEs	2 A* - C grade GCSEs
No. of QCF Credits	60	30
Number of Years	1 year	1 year
Entry Requirements	2 A - D GCSE grades Grade 3 for English and Maths	2 A - D GCSE grades Grade 3 for English and Maths

From summer 2017, GCSE grades will be awarded as numbers, from grades 9 - 1. Achieving a grade 4 or above will be equivalent to obtaining a C or higher, with grade 9 being the highest awarded.

Helping you with English and Maths

We know that employers are looking for students with good English and Maths skills and as it is our goal to help you be as employable as possible, we will work with you to improve your skills during your time here. This is why we include English and Mathematics results as part of our entry criteria for our study programmes.

If you haven't gained a grade C or above at GCSE English or Maths and you're under 19 when your course starts, you will need to continue with your English and Maths studies or Functional Skills while you are at College. Equally, if you have a grade D in English and/or Maths, you will need to retake your exam/s until you have achieved a grade C.

LEVEL 1

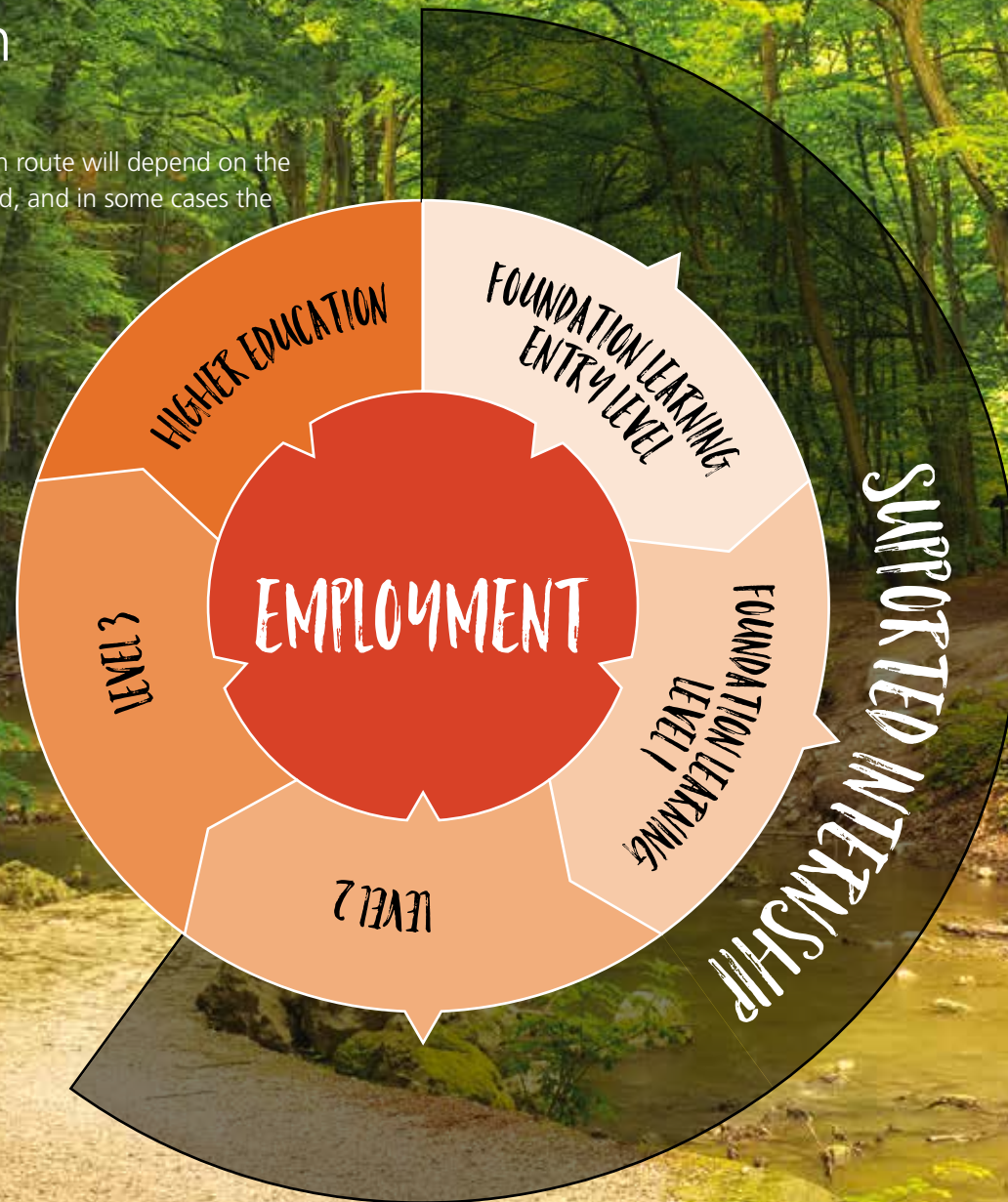
Qualification	Level 1 Diploma
Equivalence	2 E - G grade GCSEs
No. of QCF Credits	N/A
Number of Years	1 year
Entry Requirements	2 E - G GCSE grades
	Grade 2

ENTRY LEVELS 1, 2, 3

Qualification	Rural Pathways and Supported Internship
Equivalence	Entry Level 1,2,3
No. of QCF Credits	N/A
Number of Years	1 year
Entry Requirements	Entry Level qualifications

Course Progression

Your individual starting point and progression route will depend on the previous qualifications that you have achieved, and in some cases the experience that you have gained.



Additional College Sites

Netherfield

Our longest established Out Centre, students have been joining us at Netherfield since 1997. You can easily reach Netherfield from Battle station, it's just under four miles away via our bus service. With fantastic facilities for courses in Agriculture, Animal Care and Horticulture from Entry Level to Level 2 qualifications, Netherfield is set around a small farm. It's a great place for you to study in a practical environment. We call it a 'classroom without walls', which means that you'll really enjoy the smaller class sizes and working setting.

Studying at Netherfield, you'll also get to enjoy the activities such as Netherfield Young Farmers at Plumpton College. Once you've finished your course, you'll choose whether to take on an apprenticeship, employment or go on to study at our main site near Lewes. Find out more about Netherfield in our Netherfield at Plumpton College prospectus.

Stanmer Park

Stanmer Park is our beautiful specialist horticultural centre, just on the outskirts of Brighton in the grounds of Stanmer Estate, which is a great location if you're looking to study in a practical environment. We've got superb outdoor working areas at Stanmer – extensive areas for growing crops and plants all year round, plus a fantastic palmhouse which houses ornamental plants and grows international food crops. Our excellent propagation facilities mean that you can gain hands-on experience of growing rare orchid species, working closely with Kew Gardens and the South Downs National Park.

Getting to Stanmer is easy via our bus service. You can choose to take the number 78 bus that drops you outside. Alternatively, the 25 and 25X buses drop at the entrance to Stanmer Park Estate; a 15-minute walk away. Easy train access from Falmer station makes Stanmer accessible from Brighton and Lewes too.



Let's talk about... Agriculture

One of the most important industries in the land-based sector, Agriculture is vital for the food we eat. And certainly, with the world's population growing as it is, it's vital that we find ways to produce food sustainably. By choosing to study agriculture, you'll have the opportunity to learn all of the necessary skills and knowledge you'll need to help this ever-growing industry.

What facilities are available?

At Plumpton, agriculture is at the centre of everything we do. We have a 780-hectare commercial farming site which includes a large number of livestock and arable operations. Set among the beautiful South Downs, you'll find a variety of soil types here. We're very proud of our modern teaching facilities which will give you great hands-on farming experience backed up with theory-based sessions using farm data. Come and discover our:

- Modern 300 cow dairy unit complete with 36:36 Herringbone milking parlour
- 50 extensively managed cow pedigree herd of Sussex beef cattle
- 550 extensively managed breeding flock of sheep
- 300-hectare arable unit of mixed rotation cropping
- 120 sow pig unit

Can Agriculture be used in other industries?

Agriculture is a great fit with loads of other vocational areas. You'll have the potential to develop lots of transferable skills. These include agricultural machinery, where you'll learn about tractors and modern machinery – how they work and how to service them. Countryside and environment is another area, where being able to identify different plants and animals will help managing environments to benefit agricultural businesses.

How will Agriculture help you to get into work?

There are lots of exciting changes ahead in the farming industry. If you're keen and enthusiastic to succeed in farming, employers will definitely be interested in developing your skills. Gaining an agricultural qualification will help you to continue with your studies and to develop further with the industry and open up lots of opportunities within the land-based sector.



LEVEL 1

Agriculture Level 1

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Vocational Subject	General Agriculture
Course Title	Level 1 in Land-Based Studies (Agriculture)
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a fantastic, varied and exciting one-year introductory course, ideal for those coming straight from school and providing a route into employment or Level 2, you'll learn practical skills and agricultural theory. Lessons are held in small friendly groups and you'll get to complete a work placement. You'll have three options which will develop your practical skills in a really supportive environment.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Farm Animal Movements
- Farm Animal Health & Welfare
- Introduction to Farm Animal Husbandry
- Introduction to Health & Safety
- Introduction to Plant & Soil Science
- Tractor Driving

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 1 or more GCSEs between Grade E-G (new grades 2-1) or another related Entry Level 3 qualification
- Completion of the Rural Pathways programme and a strong interest in agriculture
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course in another area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 2 programme in Agriculture or a traineeship – working towards gaining a full apprenticeship.



LEVEL 2

Agriculture Level 2

Vocational Subject	General Agriculture
Course Title	Level 2 Agriculture
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	4 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

A great way to discover what modern agriculture has to offer, you'll be able to use the College's commercial mixed farming operation to develop your skills and knowledge in a practical environment. You'll get to take part in lots of practical activities and enjoy industry work placements too. Learning exciting innovative theory, you'll be able to back up your learning journey.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Environment and Land-based Business
- Farm Animal Production
- Machinery Operation
- Tractor Driving
- Workshop Skills

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 2 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3) including 2 from English, Maths and Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 course, having studied English and Maths at GCSE Level
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 Agriculture programme or employment in roles such as a General Farm Worker, Machinery Operator or Stockperson.



LEVEL 3

Agriculture Level 3

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Vocational Subject	General Agriculture
Course Title	Level 3 Agriculture
Duration	Up to 3 years
No. of days per week	3½ days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

You've got several different options to choose from during your Level 3 Agriculture course; making it a really flexible course that fits with your individual needs. During your first year, you'll learn all of the fundamental principles; through practical and theory-based sessions at the College farm. As you build on your skills, you'll grow your confidence and abilities in a wide range of agricultural skills and duties.

Year two will give you the opportunity to practise the skills you've learnt by taking part in extended work experience. You can choose to experience an area of employment that you plan to work in – meeting new people and trying out a different way of life. In your final year, you'll get to combine all of the skills you've learnt with your practical experience. By now you'll be able to operate and run a modern farm enterprise; giving you a real broad basis to help you succeed in employment.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Crop Production
- Estate Skills
- Pig Production
- Sheep Production
- Dairy Cow Production
- Machinery Operations
- Plant and Soil Science

During Year 3, you can choose to specialise in a livestock or crops-based pathway:

Core Subjects

- Business Management
- Forage Crop Production
- Investigative Project
- Manage Agriculture Environment

Livestock Option

- Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Livestock Breeding and Nutrition
- Beef Production
- Promote Animal Health

Arable/Machinery Option

- Agricultural Spreaders and Sprayers
- Power Units
- Combinable Crop Production
- Workshop Practice

Additional Qualifications

- LANTRA Rough Terrain Forklift
- NPTC PA1
- NPTC PA2

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to study a Foundation degree or degree programme. It will also give you the skills for employment in roles such as assisting a Herdsman on a dairy herd or pig unit, a Shepherd, Tractor Driver or Trainee Agronomist or Nutritionist.

EMPLOYER PROFILE

Agriculture Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Agricultural Engineering
Employer Name	Haynes Agricultural Ltd
Business Type	Agricultural Machinery Supplier
Location	Birchington, Great Chart, Uckfield, Wrotham

Tell us about your business

We're an agricultural machinery supplier; specialising in providing excellent after-sales support for our customers. Our job is to support the farming community in sales, support and service across the South East of England for some of the biggest names in the agricultural industry. We focus on being the best, not the biggest; making sure that our clients' machines are kept working successfully.

What skills do you need from your employees?

For us, it's absolutely vital that our staff have excellent customer-facing skills as well as a strong understanding of technical machinery. So we need people who are able to operate and repair different types of machinery. A knowledge of computer systems is really important to us too, plus electrics and hydraulics will be helpful. We also need people who are enthusiastic and willing to take on board new technologies and attend manufacturer training events.

What role does training play within your business?

Machines, like technology, change all of the time. So it's essential that we keep up to date with the latest training in the agricultural engineering sector. This way we can make sure that our customers' equipment is working properly – both professionally and quickly.





STUDENT PROFILE

Agriculture Student Profile

Name	Holly Morris
Course	Level 3 in Agriculture

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

Coming from a non-farming background, I was really keen to go into an industry where I'd be able to learn lots and discover a long-term career that would bring me lots of opportunities. While I was at Plumpton, I soon found that I was particularly interested in dairy farming. In my middle year I had the chance to truly 'hone' my skills as part of a farming business which has certainly made me more employable. With the support of my local dairy farmer, I'm now Herd Manager; managing a herd of 200 dairy cows where I first started my work experience. Over the past three years, I've been able to use the skills to help me on my journey into agriculture as part of my dairy career.



Holly



Let's talk about... Agricultural Mechanisation

So much has changed in tractors and farm machinery in recent years. It's for this reason that it's important that you'll need to be fully trained and up to date with the latest technological advances. There are lots of career choices for you to consider within this sector from machinery operators right through to technical specialists. These will give you all of the necessary skills to maintain, operate and repair or sell in this ever-changing industry.

What facilities are available?

You'll get to work on a fleet of tractors, some with GPS, at our modern well-equipped workshops. This makes sure that you're learning on equipment that you'll be using in a current working environment. You'll meet visiting machinery dealers and enjoy specialist guest lectures. You'll also get the opportunity to develop your diagnostic skills as well as hands-on tool use. We've also got an on-site welding shop.

How will Agricultural Mechanisation help you to get into work?

There are lots of work opportunities available to you when you've completed your course. Many of our students go on to be Agricultural Machinery Technicians for some of the most well-known agricultural machinery manufacturers including John Deere and New Holland. Or maybe you'll join many of our other students who go on to set up their own businesses as Agricultural Fitters or Contractors.



LEVEL 2

Agriculture Mechanisation Level 2

AVAILABLE AT
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Vocational Subject	Agricultural Machinery
Course Title	Level 2 in Land-Based Technology
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to gain a basic understanding of agricultural mechanics once you've left school, this is the course for you. You'll discover all the technical skills you'll need to know for today's agricultural machinery maintenance and repair industry. During your course, you'll get to try out lots of different machinery and workshop equipment plus you'll attend a work experience placement for one day per week. This course will be particularly ideal if you're looking to work on a mechanised farm or servicing agricultural machinery.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Applying mechanical principles
- Carrying out servicing and maintenance
- Health and Safety in a land-based engineering work area
- Introduction to land-based machinery operations
- Servicing and repair of engines and components

What Additional Qualifications are Available?

Welding Introduction, Grinding/Abrasive Wheels Certificate.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 course, having studied English and Maths at GCSE Level
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 Agricultural Machinery programme or employment in roles such as an Agricultural Contractor, Apprentice, Machinery Operative on a farm, or Mechanic.



LEVEL 3

Agriculture Mechanisation Level 3

Vocational Subject	Agricultural Machinery
Course Title	Level 3 in Land-Based Technology
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to build on your skills and create a real career opportunity within the agricultural machinery industry, this exciting course is definitely for you. You'll get the chance to spend one day a week on a commercial placement; getting hands-on experience of agricultural engineering and other related working functions while building your contacts. You'll also get to study in our excellent workshops; fully equipped with the latest technology and facilities.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Air-conditioning and refrigerant handling
- Diesel fuel injection systems
- Hydraulic and electrical systems and components
- Understanding and servicing harvesting machinery
- Welding

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 course
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Agricultural Engineering, an apprenticeship or employment in roles such as an Agricultural Contractor, Agricultural Mechanic or Machinery Operative.



STUDENT PROFILE

Agricultural Mechanisation Student Profile

Name	Adam Oliver
Course	Level 3 Sub Diploma in Land-Based Technology

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

Having just completed my Level 3 Sub Diploma in Land-Based Technology course, it's certainly opened lots of doors for me. Not only have I discovered loads of new skills and knowledge, it's also meant that I've managed to achieve a full Level 4 apprenticeship with Rolls Royce. This is a fantastic opportunity that I've worked very hard to achieve.



Adam

Let's talk about... Animal Management

Did you know that there are over 20 million pets and nearly 100 zoos and aquariums in the UK? In fact, animal care plays a massive part within homes and businesses throughout the country. So many job opportunities exist – whether you're interested in animal production, dog grooming, the equine industry or even zoo keeping. From care to feeding, exercise to treatment, all of these roles demand a vast knowledge of care and handling skills for you to discover.

If you're looking to study animal management at Plumpton, you'll find that many of the courses include the chance for you to take part in work experience, giving you the opportunity to build your contacts in the industry as you develop your skills.

What facilities are available?

We've got a fantastic animal care unit here at Plumpton. You'll get to use the latest up-to-date technology and equipment that's used to manage lots of different types of animals. These include amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles. As you spend time in the day to day running of the unit, you'll gain invaluable practical handling and husbandry skills. We've also got a College farm which manages a huge range of livestock including cows, pigs and sheep, plus an extensive equine unit where you'll enjoy spending your time.

How will Animal Management help you to get into work?

There are lots of exciting opportunities for you to consider in the animal care industry. We know that our students benefit from having a great combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. And we also know that you'll gain the ideal skills that employers want too. We'll also make sure you continue with your English and Maths skills; giving you the best chance for success.



LEVEL 1

Animal Care Level 1

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Vocational Subject	Animal Care
Course Title	Level 1 in Land-Based Studies (Animal Care)
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

A great introduction to animal care, you can look forward to loads of practical animal handling experience in our fantastic Animal Care unit. As well as all of the essential study skills that you'll learn, you'll also gain invaluable employment skills. You'll get to cover a wide range of units that include all areas of animal care and you'll also get to develop functional and personal development skills.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Animal accommodation
- Catching and restraining a small animal
- Feedstuffs for small animals
- Movement and handling of small animals
- Small animal health

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 1 or more GCSEs between Grade E-G (new grades 2-1) or another related Entry Level 3 qualification
- Completion of the Rural Pathways programme and a strong interest in animal care
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course in another area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 2 animal care programme or an apprenticeship. You may also choose to take on a role in animal husbandry, exercise or feeding of companion animals.



LEVEL 2

Animal Care Level 2



Vocational Subject	Animal Care
Course Title	Level 2 in Animal Care
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	4 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to work with household pets, exotics and large animals, this is a great introduction. You'll gain a great deal of theoretical knowledge plus loads of practical experience throughout the course. This course is particularly ideal if you're looking to develop your career in a cattery, kennel, pet shop or rescue centre.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Contribute to the care of exotic animals
- Introduction to the principles and practices of animal behaviour and welfare
- Maintain animal accommodation
- Understand practical animal feeding & maintain animal health and welfare
- Understand the basic principles of animal biology

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course in another area, having studied English and Maths at GCSE
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 Diploma in Animal Management or an apprenticeship within the animal care industry. This course will also be ideal if you're looking to work in a cattery, kennel, pet shops, rescue centre or zoo.



LEVEL 3

Animal Management Level 3

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Vocational Subject	Animal Management
Course Title	Level 3 in Animal Management
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	4 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to work with animals in a management or supervisory role, this course is ideal for you. You'll get to develop your technical knowledge and practical skills through a mix of practical demonstrations, lectures and visits. Plus you'll also gain invaluable experience during an industry work placement one day per week.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Advanced animal nutrition
- Animal behaviour
- Animal biology
- Animal breeding and genetics
- Animal health and diseases

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course in a related area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

In completing this course, you may choose to go on to study one of our Foundation Degrees in Animal Science or Animal Welfare and Behaviour. Alternatively this course will be particularly useful if you're looking for a position of responsibility in a cattery, pet shop or zoo or as a Veterinary Nurse.

EMPLOYER PROFILE

Animal Care Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Animal Management
Employer Name	RSPCA
Business Type	Rescue and rehoming centre
Location	Brighton

Tell us about your business

We're a rehoming centre that's self funded. We're widely known for taking care of cats, dogs, small animals and wildlife which are re-habilitated where possible.

What skills do you need from your employees?

For us, it's absolutely vital that our staff members are calm and confident, not to mention not afraid of hard work. We want people who don't mind getting their hands dirty. Ideally you'll have had animal handling skills but it's not essential. You must be able to work well in a team and be able to follow instructions.

What role does training play within your business?

We have many opportunities for our staff to learn and develop at the RSPCA. The majority of our staff have come from Plumpton College. If you're willing to put the training in, you'll certainly gain lots in your knowledge and experience.



STUDENT PROFILE

Animal Care Student Profile

Name	Leah Beal
Course	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I've always wanted to work with animals but I had no idea how to go about it. I went on a Plumpton Taster Day while I was at school and thoroughly enjoyed it. There was such a lovely atmosphere and I knew I wanted to work with animals. My course content was really varied – from husbandry and welfare to exotics and behaviour. All of the staff were very friendly and supportive. I loved working with the wide range of animals and some of the animals became my friends. I'm now much more confident and wiser about every aspect of looking after animals. I've enjoyed my time at Plumpton so much that I'm now looking forward to studying a Foundation Degree in Animal Science.



Leah

Let's talk about... Countryside Management

If you're looking for one of the most rewarding industries to work in, the countryside certainly features incredibly highly. We're fortunate to have the beautiful South Downs as our backdrop here and there are so many opportunities for you to discover. As the countryside becomes even more popular for recreation, this means that there's a great demand for skilled people who can ensure that habitats are protected while making sure that the public still have the chance to enjoy its beauty. We've developed a great range of courses that mean that you'll be well-equipped with the skills to gain employment in countryside management roles.

What facilities are available?

With 800 hectares on-site of fantastic fauna, flora and wildlife for you to discover, you'll get to experience at first hand areas of farmed land, hedgerows and woodland. This means you can put the study you learn in the classroom to good use within our extensive College environment. You'll be able to discover the benefits of our Agri-Environmental Stewardship schemes, plus if it's archaeology that you're looking to study, our Roman Villa site will be of real interest to you. We have an Out Centre at the foot of Mount Snowdon which gives you the chance to experience a very different ecosystem to what's found in Sussex. We also have a dedicated workshop where you'll be able to develop your skills in chainsaw use, woodcraft and other practical estate skills. Our chalk stream also makes an excellent home for spawning trout; perfect for our aquatic students.

How will Countryside Management help you to get into work?

There are lots of exciting opportunities for you to consider in the countryside industry. We know that our students benefit from having a great combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. And we also know that you'll gain the ideal skills that employers want too. We'll also make sure you continue with your English and Maths skills; giving you the best chance for success.

Can Countryside Management be used in other industries?

There's definitely scope for countryside work to be used in both the wildlife and fishery industries. Habitat management is an area for you to discover that has lots of opportunities to help develop the wider environment.



LEVEL 2

Countryside Management Level 2

AVAILABLE AT
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Vocational Subject	Countryside
Course Title	Level 2 in Countryside and Environment
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking for a career working successfully in the countryside, you'll find this course really interesting. With a fantastic combination of practical and theory lessons, you'll have the chance to learn about a wide range of rural industries and habitats. You can also look forward to developing your knowledge in subjects such as countryside management, estate skills and forestry.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Conservation and improvement of British habitats
- Estate maintenance
- Introduction to countryside access and recreation
- Introduction to environmental studies
- Tractor driving

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course, having studied English and Maths at GCSE
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 in Countryside Management, Fish Management or Game Management. It will also be a superb qualification to gain if you're looking for employment within countryside-related industries.



LEVEL 3

Countryside Management Level 3



Vocational Subject	Countryside
Course Title	Level 3 in Countryside and Environment
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

In order for countryside management to be successful, you'll need to have a good understanding of scientific principles that are faced within the industry. This means that you'll be able to handle complex issues that happen in rural areas due to tourism and development of the countryside. Through a mix of coursework and practical industry experience, you'll learn about the necessary principles and legislation you'll need to succeed.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Estate construction & repair
- Environmental interpretation
- Principles of wildlife populations, ecology & conservation
- Tree planting & aftercare
- Woodland habitat management

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain related qualifications such as ATV Quad Bike and Chainsaw Operations.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Countryside Management or work in a countryside related organisation. It also opens many opportunities in roles such as an Estates Officer or Ranger within a wildlife charity such as the National Trust, RSPB or the Wildlife Trust. Alternatively, you may be looking to become a self-employed Gardener or Craftsman or to complete a short-term contract in habitat conservation.



STUDENT PROFILE

Countryside Management Student Profile

Name	Charles Jennings
Course	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Countryside Management

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I've always been interested in wildlife conservation and spending time at Plumpton has meant that I've been able to take part in work experience with Natural England on a nearby nature reserve. During my first year, I had the chance to produce a project about dormouse conservation which won the Top Level 3 Project at the South of England show. Thanks to this, I've now been offered a scholarship to study Ecology which I'm incredibly excited about.



Charles

Let's talk about... Equine

If you're interested in anything horse-related, there are so many opportunities for you to discover in the equine industry. Not only in the UK but across the globe too. There are lots of different areas to consider – horse management is a popular part of the UK economy where you'll be able to enjoy a varied career. You might choose a hands-on role within a yard, teaching or even stud work. We deliver a wide variety of courses that run from leaving school right up until Degree level – so you're bound to find a course that suits you and will give you the skills and knowledge to succeed.

What facilities are available?

We're certainly very lucky with our equine facilities here at Plumpton. You'll find our two large indoor schools with galleries an excellent place for training. We also have a 30m x 60m outdoor menage and stabling for 50 horses. We make sure that you have a range of horses to experience – including Shire horses. You'll also experience grazing and fieldwork. Technology plays a big part in the equine industry, which is why you'll have the chance to experience a cross-country course, horse walker, stocks, treadmill and weigh bridge. Other facilities also include a horse simulator.

How will Equine help you to get into work?

There are lots of exciting opportunities for you to consider in the equine industry. You can choose whether to continue your studies or to go into employment. Some of the opportunities could include Events Co-ordinator, Groom/Competition Groom, Livery Yard Manager, Research Assistant or work in rehabilitation or behaviour.



LEVEL 2

Equine Level 2



Vocational Subject	Horse Care
Course Title	Level 2 in Horse Care
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	5 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

The course is ideal if you're looking for a great introduction to working with horses. You'll be able to discover all the knowledge and skills you'll need to succeed, including routine duties on a rota basis. A mix of classroom teaching, guided practicals and work experience, your course will also give you the chance to improve your riding skills. Plus you'll learn how to exercise and school horses on the flat and on the road.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Horse care
- Horse handling and exercise
- Horse nutrition
- Industry experience
- Introduction to biology

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for the Plumpton College Certificate in Horse Care, Riding and Road Safety plus additional support towards gaining British Horse Society exams.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course, having studied English and Maths at GCSE
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 in Horse Management. It will also be a superb qualification to gain if you're looking for employment within the equine industry or a work-based Diploma Level 2/3.



LEVEL 3

Equine Level 3



Vocational Subject	Horse Management
Course Title	Level 3 in Horse Management
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	5 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This course opens up a wide range of opportunities if you're looking to work in the equine industry. Your second year will involve taking on a supervisory work experience role with responsibility for your fellow students as well as the horses in the equine yard. You'll also be encouraged to continue to your BHS qualifications. Plus you'll get to take part in a wide range of routine duties on a rota basis that are assessed; ensuring you develop all the skills you need to succeed in the industry.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Anatomy & physiology
- Equine nutrition
- Horse behaviour & welfare
- Rehabilitation & therapy
- Riding

If you don't have enough riding experience, you may be able to study through a non-riding route.

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for the Plumpton College Certificate in Horse Management, Riding and Road Safety plus working towards UKCC qualifications

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English and Maths
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a BSc (Hons) Equine Sports Performance or Foundation Degree in Equine Studies. It will also be a superb qualification to gain if you're looking to take on roles such as Behaviourist, Teaching or Yard Management.



EMPLOYER PROFILE

Equine Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Equine
Employer Name	Penny Sangster
Business Type	Competition and training yard
Location	Herstmonceux, East Sussex

Tell us about your business

Our role is in producing horses that are able to compete at a high level in all equine functions. We make sure that we provide a really supportive environment for our staff so that they can have all of the help they need to progress in teaching and training within the equine industry.

What skills do you need from your employees?

We need our staff to be good communicators and have excellent time management skills. It's also important that they're committed to hard work and have a willingness to learn. We also need our staff to be competent riders.

What role does training play within your business?

We know how important training is for our staff, so we make sure that our staff are trained with the necessary skills to find a job in the industry. We also have strong links with various trainers and competition yards which will be particularly useful for you as you look to progress.



STUDENT PROFILE

Equine Student Profile

Name	Lucy Skitt
Course	Level 2 Diploma in Horse Care

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I chose my course as I felt it would be the best course to suit my needs – both from a learning point of view and practically. The practical skills I've gained at Plumpton have really boosted my confidence around horses. I've really enjoyed being able to ride and compete with the horses plus developing my knowledge of everything to do with horses. During my course I was really pleased to achieve a Distinction and I'm now going on to my Level 3 Extended Diploma in Horse Management. Over the Summer I worked in the equine department at Plumpton which has built up my experience of working in a yard. I've also enjoyed working at Coakham Hunt Kennels and I was delighted to be asked to be a personal groom for Lord Gauge.



Lucy

Let's talk about... Fisheries Management

As one of the most popular sports in the UK, angling has so many opportunities for you to choose from. Whether you're interested in the ever-growing tackle trade through to water bailiffs, you'll find that the fishery industry has a very important role to play in protecting the environment as well as providing a recreational area for anglers to enjoy. Fishery management is strongly linked with aquaculture – or fish farming – and is a very exciting industry for you to discover.

What facilities are available?

You'll find our new one-acre lake stocked with coarse fish a brilliant practical facility for you to work within. We have two stock ponds for a new recirculating fish farm which is currently being redeveloped. You'll also have access to our stretch of chalk stream which is home to spawning trout. Studying with us also means that you'll get to benefit from our close working relationships with fish farmers and fisheries across the county for electrofishing, habitat management and seine netting.

How will Fisheries Management help you to get into work?

There are lots of exciting opportunities for you to consider in the fisheries industry. We know that our students benefit from having a great combination of theoretical knowledge and practical skills. And we also know that you'll gain the ideal skills that employers want too. We'll make sure you continue with your English and Maths skills, giving you the best chance for success.

Can Fisheries Management be used in other industries?

Absolutely. As the work in fisheries management involves improving the habitat and environment, this crosses over with countryside management and the duties of Environmental Rangers. Plus lakes, ponds, rivers and streams are found on agricultural land which means that as a Fishery Manager, you'll need to work closely with Farmers too.



LEVEL 2

Fish Husbandry Level 2

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Fishery Management
Course Title	Level 2 in Fish Husbandry
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to start a successful career in the fishery sector, this is the ideal course for you. An interesting mix of theory and practical sessions, you'll be able to build on your skills. This will include coarse, sea and game handling, habitat management and business management. Lots of practical experience is definitely to be had – particularly in our College chalk stream, our new on-site lake and dedicated practical fishery facility.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Environment and land-based business
- Introduction to fish biology
- Introduction to fish health
- Introduction to game and coarse angling
- Undertake freshwater sport

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for the Plumpton College Certificate in Seine Netting and Plumpton Certificate in Safe Use of Hand Tools.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course, having studied English and Maths at GCSE
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 in Fish Management. It will also be a superb qualification to gain if you're looking for employment as a Fishery Manager, building or designing ornamental fish ponds or working on a fish farm.



LEVEL 3

Fish Husbandry Level 3

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Fishery Management
Course Title	Level 3 in Fishery Management
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

On the Level 3 programme, you can expect to be involved in a wide range of practical experiences in different environments, combined with lots of theory in our classroom sessions. You'll be able to enjoy our fantastic facilities here, as you become involved in managing different types of lakes, rivers and ponds for coarse and game anglers for a variety of species. You'll also learn about how lakes and rivers are managed and created plus the importance of plant life to aquatic ecosystems and how businesses are run. This course is a brilliant opportunity for you to practice and perfect your angling techniques.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Estate skills
- Fishery management
- Freshwater fish population surveying and management
- Stillwater fishery creation
- Water quality

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for the Plumpton College Certificate in Seine Netting and Plumpton Certificate in Safe Use of Hand Tools.

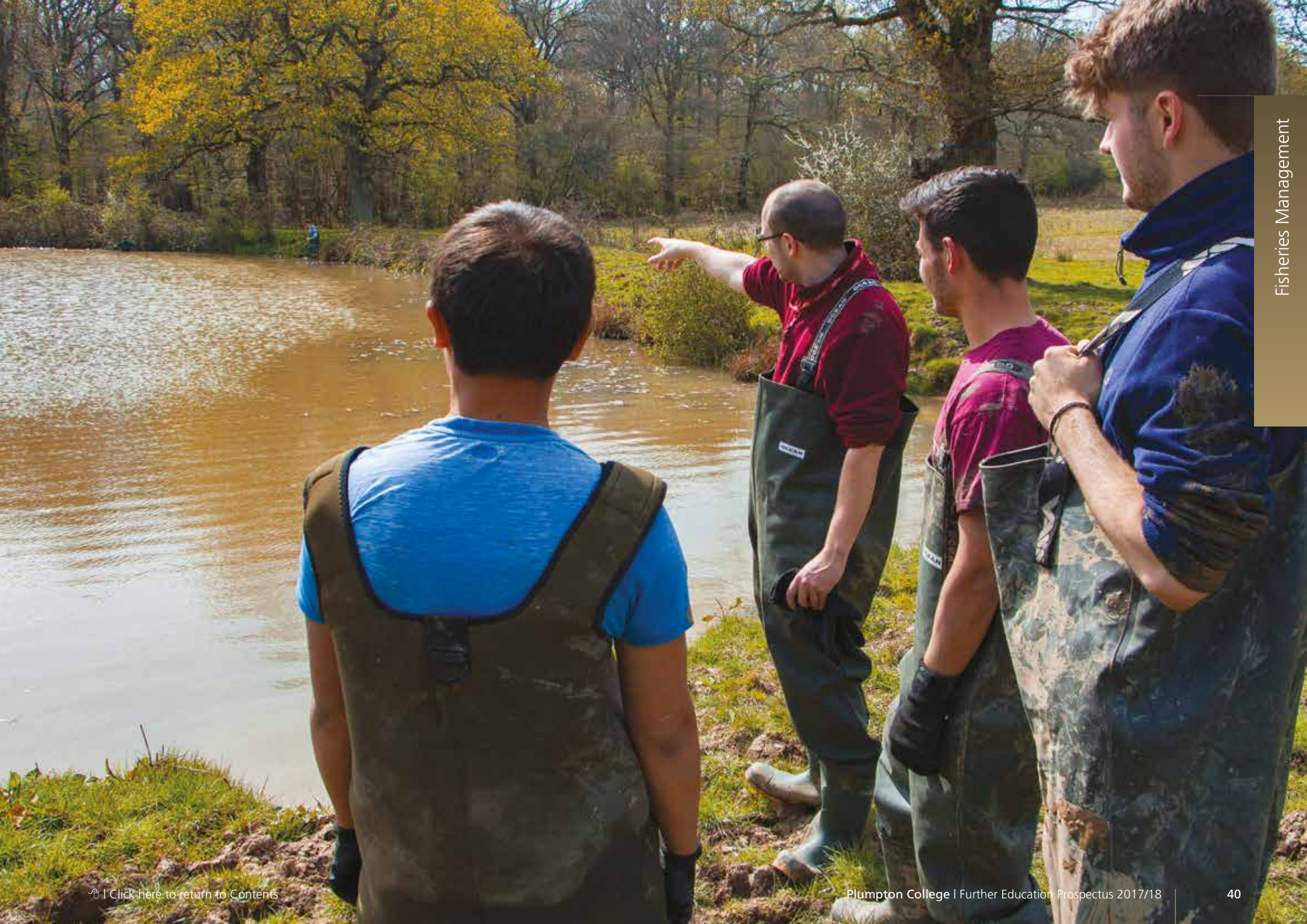
Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

Level 3 is a superb qualification to gain if you're looking for employment as a Fishery Manager or Bailiff or even within the Environment Agency. Alternatively, it will give you the sound skills you'll need to succeed in the fishing tackle industry or working on a fish farm.



EMPLOYER PROFILE

Fish Management Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Fishery Management
Employer Name	Mayfly Aquacare
Business Type	Fish farming and fishery management
Location	Laughton, Lewes, East Sussex

Tell us about your business

Our focus is on making sure that ponds and lakes are managed successfully. This includes looking after the aquatic plant supply, managing fish stocks and enhancing habitats. We're also responsible for supplying coarse fish for our customers.

What skills do you need from your employees?

We need staff that are physically fit, incredibly reliable and particularly keen to use their own initiative. You'll also need to have a real interest in the countryside and fisheries. Thanks to the work that we carry out, it's vital that you don't mind working in any weathers and you're happy to follow directions. If you've got training in the operation of power tools and landscaping equipment that will also be particularly helpful in your role.

What role does training play within your business?

We work in such a hands-on industry so it's important that you have all of the necessary practical skills to carry out your role. So we'll make sure you're trained in the practical skills to ensure you succeed.



STUDENT PROFILE

Fish Management Student Profile

Name	Tahnee Staplehurst
Course	Level 3 Extended Diploma in Fishery Management

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

Having been a fisherman since I was 6 years old, I chose this course as I was curious about what it would include from both the training that I would learn and the career prospects that I would gain from completing it. I've really enjoyed all of the practical activities that we get to do like habitat management, reed pulling and seine netting plus I've also had the chance to go on lots of fishing trips. Once I've finished at Plumpton, I'm looking to become a Bailiff or go into fish farming. I'm also really looking forward to my work placement in Thailand at Gillams fishery which may open lots of doors for me.



Let's talk about... Floristry

If we're talking about creativity, floristry is at the top of the list for the land-based sector. Whether it's wedding or funeral flowers, birthdays or other special occasions, florists are responsible for beautiful creations from different flowers and natural foliage. If you're thinking of a career in floristry, there's no shortage of florists. In fact, there are over 10,400 florists in the UK alone – of which 94% employ less than 10 people. With over 17,000 people employed in the floristry industry, 23% are under the age of 25, which makes it an ideal career direction after College.

What facilities are available?

Our wonderful College grounds, in the beautiful surroundings of the South Downs, make a perfect environment for you to bring your creativity. We're really lucky to have beautiful estate grounds and horticulture greenhouses that provide you with an extensive range of indoor and outdoor plants to help you create your displays. Our qualified experts will make sure that you get the most from your learning – making it both enjoyable and interesting. You'll also get to go on lots of visits, including to New Covent Garden, local wholesalers, local gardens, nurseries and to the bulb fields of Holland if possible. We also encourage you to take part in competitions throughout the year which help to build your experience.

How will Floristry help you to get into work?

By completing your Level 2 Diploma, you'll develop all the skills you'll need for a junior florist role. Plus if you go on to take your Level 3 Diploma you can look forward to applying for a supervisory role within the floristry industry.

Can Floristry be used in other industries?

Floristry matches really well with lots of creative roles. So you could also consider art and design units in garden or interior design or working in the industry units in customer services or retail services.



LEVEL 1

Floristry Level 1

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Floristry
Course Title	Level 1 in Floristry
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a fantastic hands-on introduction to this beautiful skill. Ideal if you're interested in design, crafts and flowers, you'll get to discover a wide range of practical floristry skills. In addition to your creative skills, you'll learn about the importance of teamwork and life skills, while continuing your English and Maths. Lessons are taught in small groups in a supportive environment to make sure you get the most from your course.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Assemble basic floral designs
- Basic floristry tasks
- Identify flowers, foliage and plants
- Produce planted designs
- Working as part of a team

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for your NCFE Employability Skills.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 1 or more GCSEs between Grade E-G (new grades 2-1)
- Successful completion of the Rural Pathways programme and a strong interest in floristry
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course from another area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 2 in Floristry or become a Floristry Assistant.



LEVEL 2

Floristry Level 2

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Floristry
Course Title	Level 2 in Floristry
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a fantastic professional and commercial floristry introduction – ideal if you’re a beginner. You can look forward to an enjoyable foundation programme that will get you on the first steps to an exciting and worthwhile career that can take you all over the world.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You’ll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Construct floral arrangements
- Construct funeral and sympathy designs
- Construct hand-tied and presentation designs
- Introduction to art and design for florists
- Introduction to function decoration using floral designs

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain a qualification in First Aid.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You’ll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification and having studied GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you’ll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 in Floristry or an advanced apprenticeship. Alternatively, you may choose to go on to take your NCFE Creative Craft in Advanced Wedding & Specialist Function Flowers.



LEVEL 3

Floristry Level 3

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Floristry
Course Title	Level 3 in Floristry
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

Building on your existing knowledge, this advanced floristry course is ideal if you're looking to discover exciting techniques from around the globe. You'll get to concentrate on the creative design process and how to produce stunning creations for a wide variety of occasions such as weddings, funerals and other formal occasions.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Assemble diverse floral arrangements
- Creative design processes
- Diverse tied floral designs
- Process, cost and evaluate sales
- Working in the floristry industry

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain a qualification in First Aid.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 4 Higher Diploma in Floristry or Level 5 Master Florist. Alternatively, you may choose to go on to employment in a floristry shop or business with a view to taking on a supervisory role.





STUDENT PROFILE

Floristry Student Profile

Name	Charlie De Lucia
Course	City and Guilds Level 2 Diploma Floristry

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I had been thinking of becoming a florist for a long time and when I saw the course was available to people without experience of the industry I was really interested. Looking through the prospectus and seeing the creations encouraged me to waste no time and start my career. What I've really enjoyed at Plumpton is the freedom you gain. There's so much creativity and originality incorporated here. More than just learning about the designs, you learn how to make them yours and gain enough knowledge to start your career straight away. I'm looking forward to going on to my Level 3 Diploma. After that I hope to create floral arrangements for offices and hotels and maybe to travel the world to experience the differences in the industry.



Charlie

Let's talk about... Forestry and Arboriculture

If you've got a passion for forestry and arboriculture, you've definitely come to the right place. The forestry and arboriculture sector brings you so many different opportunities to discover. In order for you to be successful in your career, it's vital that you have all of the necessary theory and practical training to become more employable. For this reason, we run a variety of courses that really do meet the needs of this incredibly rewarding industry.

What facilities are available?

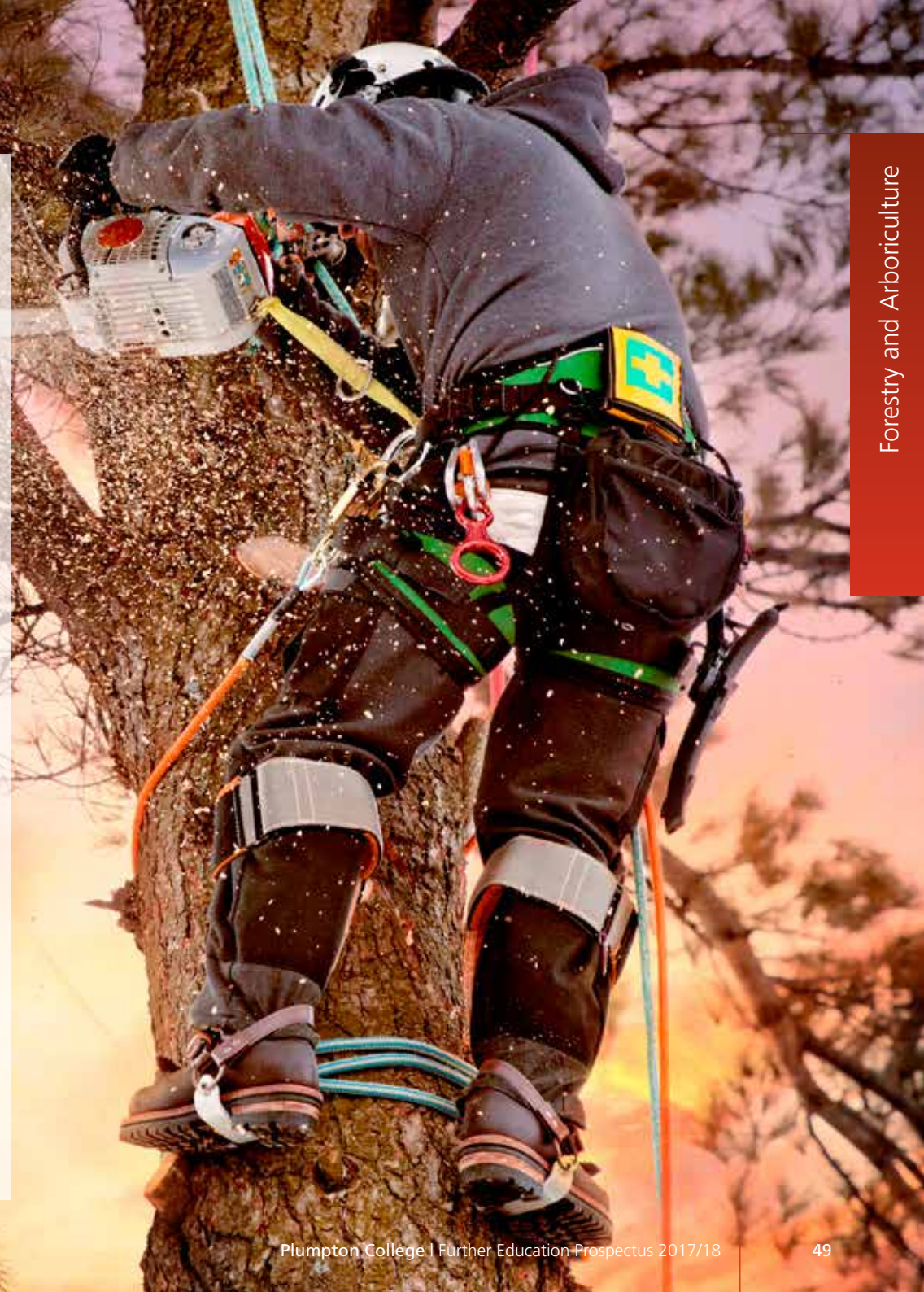
With over 800 hectares of land on-site, you'll certainly be in the right environment to develop your skills. The department has the latest equipment for you to use on your courses. You'll be able to work with a range of tractors, a wood miser saw mill, a range of wood chippers, a mobile elevated work platform and tree climbing equipment. We've got areas of farmed land, hedgerows, ponds, streams and woodland for you to explore. You'll also be able to visit our working commercial woodland at Flimwell with its up-to-date modern workshop. We have fantastic links with land owners and estates in the local area which means you'll be able to gain full practical experience and knowledge of the tree-based sector.

How will Forestry and Arboriculture help you to get into work?

You'll be able to develop lots of relevant skills that will make you more employable in the forestry and arboriculture industry. And certainly with our strong contacts within the industry and work experience, you'll have all the foundations you need to succeed in the workplace.

Can Forestry and Arboriculture be used in other industries?

You've got lots of variety within the forestry and arboriculture industry. This means that you can look to go on to other courses in countryside management, horticulture, supported internship with foundation learning or work-based learning.





LEVEL 1

Forestry and Arboriculture Level 1



Vocational Subject	Forestry
Course Title	Level 1 Diploma in Woodland and Countryside Skills
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to gain a thorough understanding of all the practical and academic skills, as well as an understanding of woodlands and countryside, this is the course for you. You'll learn all of the necessary skills to help make you more employable and be successful in the workplace. A mixture of practical and classroom sessions will help to give you a sound understanding and create an evidence-based portfolio.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Basic tractor driving
- Machine operation
- Tree and shrub maintenance, planting and aftercare
- Tree pruning

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 1 or more GCSEs between Grade E-G (new grades 2-1)
- Successful completion of the Rural Pathways programme and a strong interest in forestry and arboriculture
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course from another area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 2 in Forestry and Arboriculture or into employment as an Estate Worker or Grounds Maintenance Assistant.



LEVEL 2

Forestry and Arboriculture Intensive Course

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Forestry and Arboriculture
Course Title	Level 2 Intensive Tree Surgery Course
Duration	8 weeks
No. of days per week	5 days
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This is the perfect fast track entry course which will make you immediately employable as a tree surgeon in the arboriculture industry.

Course Content

You'll get to cover all aspects of tree surgery on this highly practical course. You'll get to cover areas such as chainsaw use, common pests and diseases, groundwork, health and safety, identification and selection, remedial and preventative tree surgery, tree climbing and tree felling.

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study for a Level 2 Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture, Level 1 Award in Horticulture Skills and NPTC/City and Guilds Certificate of Competence: Level 2 Award in Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting (201/202), Level 2 Award in Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm (203), Level 2 Award in Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue (206/306), Level 3 Award in Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw using Free Fall Techniques (308), Level 2 Award in Safe Use of Manually Fed Woodchippers, and Emergency First Aid at Work.

Entry Requirements

Although you won't necessarily need forestry or arboriculture experience, you'll need to be over 19 years old, physically fit, and have a good head for heights.

Where will the Course lead you?

If you're looking to get into the tree work industry, this course will provide you with the invaluable skills you need. You can choose whether to go into either the private or public sectors; many of our students have set up their own businesses once they've completed their course. You can also choose to continue your studies by taking your Foundation Degree in Forestry/Arboriculture or other short courses.



LEVEL 2

Forestry and Arboriculture Level 2



Vocational Subject	Forestry
Course Title	Level 2 in Forestry
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	4 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to start a career in forestry and arboriculture, you've come to the right place. You'll enjoy a mix of classroom-based theory and practical sessions where you'll get to develop your practical skills. With topics such as estate skills, timber harvesting and tree planting, you'll learn all the skills to get ahead.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Ecology of trees, woodland and forests
- Environmental and land-based business
- Land-based machinery operations
- Practical estate skills
- Practical forestry skills

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a BTEC Level 3 in Forestry and Arboriculture or into employment such as conservation, countryside or estate work, forestry and arboriculture or woodland management.



LEVEL 3

Forestry and Arboriculture Level 3

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Forestry and Arboriculture
Course Title	Level 3 in Forestry and Arboriculture
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	4 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

Building on the skills you've been learning at Level 2 in forestry or your basic industry knowledge, you'll get to increase both your practical and theoretical skills in this interesting sector. You'll get to underpin your knowledge and gain a sound understanding of tree and woodland care.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Arboriculture skills
- Forest and woodland skills
- Plant and soil science
- Principles of tree science
- Tree felling and chainsaw use

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study for the NPTC Certificates of Competence: Level 2 – 201/202 (Chainsaw Maintenance and Cross Cutting), Level 2 – 203 (Felling and Processing Trees up to 380mm), Level 2 – 206/306 (Tree Climbing and Aerial Rescue). Plus in the second year of study you can study for your Level 3 – 308 (Aerial Cutting of Trees with a Chainsaw using Free Fall Techniques).

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Forestry and Arboriculture or into employment such as a skilled Arborist or Forester either in a local authority post, National Trust or in the private sector.



STUDENT PROFILE

Forestry and Arboriculture Student Profile

Name	Noah Tremaine
Course	Level 3 Diploma Forestry

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

When I was at school I did my work experience with a Tree Surgeon and I knew that was the job I wanted. I've always loved climbing and do rock climbing as a hobby so this was the perfect next step. During my course I really enjoyed all the climbing and learning new techniques to access the canopy. The classroom side of the course was really good too; I gained a great deal of knowledge to support my practical skills. During my course I was lucky enough to compete at the 3ATC Student Tree Climbing Competition – and we won. Once I leave Plumpton, I have a full-time job as a Climber with the company where I did my work experience. In the future I plan to come back to Plumpton to study for my Foundation Degree.



Noah

Let's talk about... Foundation Learning

We're very keen on ensuring all our students have the best possible start to their career. So we make sure that we work with you to find out which business sector and job suits you best. Through our courses, you'll get to learn about what work is really like and how to develop your independence; preparing you for the career that will make the most out of your skills and what you've studied.

What facilities are available?

You'll be able to enjoy all of our extensive facilities here at Plumpton. Working in a practical environment, you'll be able to make the most of our practical and demonstration facilities that will be a brilliant base for your studies. With our beautiful 800 hectares of space here, from our countryside to our farms, fisheries to horticulture, you'll find it a perfect location to enjoy.

How will Foundation Learning help you to get into work?

If you want to work and feel you are ready to start, our dedicated team will make sure you have all of the support you need to succeed.

Can Foundation Learning be used in other industries?

Through our Foundation Learning, we'll make sure that you have all of the skills that you need. As you discover the different topics, you'll be able to see which subjects that you may choose to follow as a career.



ENTRY LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3 Rural Pathways

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Rural Pathways
Course Title	Rural Pathways
Duration	1 - 3 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're interested in practical and outdoor activities, with lots of different subjects to discover, this is a flexible entry level programme ideal for you. You'll get to develop your social and communication skills, as well as continuing your English and Maths skills. You can choose to study between one to three years to suit your needs.

Course Content

You'll get to discover loads of different subjects on this course including agriculture, animal care, art and craft, equine, game-keeping and fisheries, floristry, horticulture, outdoor adventure activities, personal and social development and woodland/forestry skills. Plus you'll get to go on visits and outings. Work experience is also a big part of your course – helping you to build on your experience and confidence.

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain an entry level vocational qualification, other options also include a College Award, Stepping Stones or GCSEs in English and Maths.

Entry Requirements

You won't need a formal qualification to start the programme, however you will need to show that you have a keen interest in working outside with plants and animals. The course will also give you the option of flexible learning across other study areas within the College.

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to a 2nd or 3rd year – as you build on the three levels within Rural Pathways. You can also choose to join a Level 1 programme if you meet the minimum entry requirements including English and Maths. Another option will be to join our Step into Work programme on Supported Internship.





STUDENT PROFILE

Rural Pathways Student Profile

Name	Harry Gladdish
Course	Rural Pathways

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I've really enjoyed my time at Plumpton. It's helped me to get a better idea of moving forward in my career and improved my English and Maths too. It's been great to go out to different places and learn different things all of the time. My fondest memories have been working in horticulture in the greenhouses with John and the overnight camping. I spent three years developing my skills in Rural before I went on to study my Level 1 in Horticulture. I've now been accepted onto the Step into Work supported internship programme and I hope to get a job in gardening or a nursery.



Harry

Let's talk about... Game Management

When it comes to game keeping and wildlife management, there's certainly lots to learn. They've both got lots in common and both have a need for sensitive management of their woodland and countryside habitat. At Plumpton we have a great range of courses that will provide you with all the skills you need to become a modern gamekeeper. You'll be able to take part in a wide variety of practical activities in addition to visits to various local estates – all to expand your skills in running the College shoot.

What facilities are available?

You've got over 800 hectares of land at your disposal here; giving you the chance to make the most of your skills and developing your understanding of estate management. We've got several blocks of woodland used to rear game birds and for the on-site commercial shoot. There are six drives which you'll manage during the game season. Our estate is managed under the environmental stewardship scheme and you'll have the opportunity to measure the benefits in order to provide habitats that will support game and other species. You'll get to experience areas of game crops which help feed the birds during Winter months. You'll also get to use our dedicated workshop and classrooms with incubators and hatchery equipment. We also give you the opportunity to work with gun dogs and enter a variety of shows and inter college clay days.

How will Game Management help you to get into work?

Skills from our game management courses will help you take on a variety of different roles within the industry. These include Countryside Ranger, Deer Stalker, Gun Dog Trainer and Pest Controller. You'll also have the opportunity to complete other short courses that will help you develop your skills.

Can Game Management be used in other industries?

There's certainly an overlap with countryside work and game management. You'll be learning how to improve and keep the habitat at the right environment. You'll be helping to monitor wildlife both in the estate and within our network of streams on-site.





LEVEL 2

Game Management Level 2



Vocational Subject	Game Management
Course Title	Level 2 in Game Management
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a great course to choose if you're looking to have a successful career in game management. Through a mixture of interesting theory lessons and fantastic practical sessions, you'll get to learn lots about the wide range of rural industries and habitats. You'll also be able to build on your knowledge as you discover all about countryside management, estate skills and game keeping.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Game management
- Deer management
- Environmental and land-based business
- Land-based machinery operation
- Providing estate maintenance

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain additional work-related qualifications including Deer Stalking Certificates (DSC Level 1).

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 in Game Management or Fisheries Management or into employment in game and countryside-related industries including Estate Worker, Park Ranger or Under Keeper.



LEVEL 3

Game Management Level 3



Vocational Subject	Game Management
Course Title	Level 3 in Game Management
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking for a career as a Head Keeper or Wider Estate Manager, this is the ideal course for you. You'll get a great background in all areas of estate management from habitat creation to hatching and rearing game birds as well as how to run a professional shoot day. As you develop your skills, you'll also learn how to control pests and predators along with designing cover crop areas to attract and hold birds.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Commercial deer stalking
- Game bird production
- Estate skills
- Woodland management
- Use of firearms

Additional Qualifications

You can also gain additional work-related qualifications including Deer Stalking Certificates (DSC Level 1) and a Loaders qualification.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Countryside Management or choose to go into employment.



Let's talk about... Horticulture

Did you know that horticulture is the only profession that mixes the UK's climate with art, practical craft skills, nature and science? All to develop our society, produce nutritious food for us to eat and create beautiful landscapes for us to live in and enjoy. Horticulture is a massive industry. In fact it employs 300,000 people in the UK and contributes £9billion to the UK's economy. There are lots of different career options to choose including domestic gardening services, glasshouse technology management and production of fruit and salad crops.

What facilities are available?

If you're thinking of horticulture, Plumpton is one of the finest locations for you to enjoy developing your creativity. We've got the amazing backdrop of the South Downs just waiting for you to discover. Our extensively planted areas make sure that you get the chance to gain a broad experience in plant identification and plant maintenance. You'll be able to experience our endangered plant collections of Black Poplars and National Collection of Hebes, plus our connection with Kew Gardens and the endangered plant network. You'll be able to use our large area under glass which means that you'll be able to grow plants all year round to a commercial level. We also have a large landscaping centre where you'll be able to develop your brickwork skills and paving.

How will Horticulture help you to get into work?

You'll find our horticulture courses especially useful as a stepping stone to your career. All of our courses have been specially designed to give you the skills you need to succeed in a variety of different fields. Through great teaching you'll learn high quality vocational skills that are widely known for making you more employable. And with a 30% skills shortage in the industry, there are excellent employment opportunities for you to discover too.

Can Horticulture be used in other industries?

There are lots of links between horticulture and other land-based industries. You'll certainly gain transferable skills that will enable you to progress outside the horticulture sector. Other areas that complement horticulture include working within the forestry and arboriculture sector plus plant conservation in conjunction with countryside management employers.



LEVEL 2

Horticulture Level 2

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Vocational Subject	Horticulture
Course Title	Level 2 in Horticulture/Sustainable Horticulture
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	2 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're thinking of starting a career in horticulture, this course will be a brilliant start for you. It's also ideal if you're thinking of a change of career or just looking to add more skills. There are loads of different choices when it comes to horticulture. Perhaps you'll choose to work in conservation, landscaping, or in the decorative sector. A fantastic industry that makes the most of nature, your course will help you to discover the amazing flora that exist and how they can help you on your journey to a successful career.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Plant and soil science
- Plant use and maintenance
- Plant propagation

Once you've completed the first stage of your course, you'll have the choice of two options:

- Landscaping and machinery horticulture including constructing landscape surfaces and land-based machinery
- Sustainability and organic horticulture including principles of sustainable horticulture and organic horticulture

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study your Level 1 Certificate in Practical Horticulture Skills.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete one of three Level 3 Horticulture programmes or into employment as an Estate Gardener, Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Groundsman, Landscaper or Nursery Worker.



LEVEL 2

Horticulture Level 2 Landscaping

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Hard Landscaping
Course Title	Level 2 Practical Horticulture Skills (Hard Landscaping)
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If landscaping is for you, this course will give you all of the practical skills you'll need. You'll be able to discover a variety of techniques that will enable you to carry out both grounds maintenance and practical landscaping. At the same time, you'll also learn basic design concepts and how best to use materials. You'll be able to choose whether to use your skills in employment or to build on your knowledge through further training.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Close board, panel and post and rail fencing
- Laying and repairing of ornamental turf
- Machinery use and maintenance
- Planting and setting out to a plan
- Site surveying and setting out measurements to a plan

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study for the NPTC Abrasive Wheels.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete one of three Level 3 Horticulture programmes or into employment in the hard landscaping industry, an apprenticeship scheme or work as a Garden Maintenance Contractor, Garden Maintenance Technician or Landscaping Technician.



LEVEL 3

Horticulture Level 3

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON &
STANMER

Vocational Subject	Horticulture
Course Title	Level 3 Horticulture
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

Building on the knowledge you've gained on your Level 2 course, this subject will help you to develop your training and education in a wide range of horticulture skills. The aim of the course is to provide you with all of the skills you need to progress in work. It's ideal if you're looking to go on to Higher Education or if you want to go to into a supervisory role. You'll be able to choose from a range of units to meet the particular area of horticulture that you plan to work in.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Amenity turf care
- Care, management and propagation of plants
- Garden design and business practices
- Nursery stock and heritage garden management
- Tree and shrub pruning and maintenance

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study for the NPTC Pesticide Applications (PA1 and PA6).

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to study a Foundation Degree or into a supervisory role in the workplace. Some of the areas you may choose to follow could include amenity maintenance, garden design, garden maintenance, hard landscaping or nursery production.

EMPLOYER PROFILE

Horticulture Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Retail Horticulture
Employer Name	Sussex County Gardener
Business Type	High quality plant sales and gardening sundries to the general public
Location	Marks Cross, East Sussex

Tell us about your business

We supply amateur gardeners with high quality plants to grow in their own gardens and allotments. As a key link between commercial growers and the general public, our focus is on providing a high quality service.

What skills do you need from your employees?

We need our staff to have lots of different skills to help our customers. It's vital that they have a strong knowledge of plant identification and plant maintenance. Our clients will need to know how best to look after their plants, so you'll need to be able to give advice confidently. You'll need to have good communication skills and be able to talk to customers of all ages.

What role does training play within your business?

We believe that College training is really important. We know that past students who've worked for us have used their training to handle different situations and talk our customers through their queries. So it's for this reason we know that training helps our staff to be more confident in their knowledge of horticulture.



STUDENT PROFILE

Horticulture Student Profile

Name	Zaidee Penhaligon
Course	Level 3 Diploma

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I was really keen to take this course at Plumpton as it covered so many areas of horticulture and I wasn't sure which area I wanted to follow as a profession. It was a very flexible course that allowed me to follow interesting subjects. One of the investigative projects that I really enjoyed was managing the application, design and construction of a show garden at RHS Hampton Court Flower Show. And thanks to my work experience as part of the requirement of my course, I've now been offered my dream job as a Garden Designer at Jack Dunkley Ltd.



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Let's talk about... Metalsmithing

Metalsmithing is an area that's become really popular recently. This creative industry is very much in demand, so if it's a creative skill that you're looking to learn and develop, there are lots of opportunities for you to discover. Involving the traditional skill of forging and fabrication to create metalwork and silver jewellery, metalsmithing can also be used in heavy forge work too. We've got a great variety of courses for you to enjoy; giving you the start of your career journey in blacksmithing, fine jewellery and small scale metal work.

What facilities are available?

We've invested heavily in our excellent facilities to make sure you're able to make the most of your skills and understanding of metalsmithing. Our excellent tutors will work with you; developing your skills in design, drawing, metalworking and silver jewellery. You'll learn how to weld and use a range of tools. Over time, you'll be able to produce small and large scale creations and enjoy the opportunity to enter competitions both within the College and locally.

How will Metalsmithing help you to get into work?

By completing your studies you'll certainly be able to develop your skills; helping you to choose a variety of career options to follow. Through the College, you'll be introduced to shows and exhibitions where you'll be able to sell your work. This will help lead you to being successfully self-employed. Alternatively you may choose to work for a commercial blacksmith or go on to study our Foundation Degree in Creative Metalwork.



LEVEL 2

Metalsmithing Level 2



Vocational Subject	Metalsmithing
Course Title	Level 2 Blacksmithing and Metalworking
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This course is all focused on the forge. You'll get the opportunity to develop your practical skills and build your knowledge while becoming more competent at other metalworking activities. You can expect to learn all about working in a busy forge safely while being able to use a variety of equipment.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Application of welding processes
- Introduction to forgework preparation, process techniques and safe working
- Introduction to forgework construction tools, techniques and safe working
- Working with 3D design craft briefs
- 2D visual communications

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 Metalsmithing or Jewellery course or into employment in the blacksmithing, fabrication or welding industry.



LEVEL 3

Metalsmithing Level 3

Vocational Subject	Blacksmithing and Metalwork
Course Title	Level 3 Blacksmithing and Metalwork
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a comprehensive advanced level course in blacksmithing that will build on your practical skills and knowledge. Ideal if you're looking to continue to Higher Education or if you're at a Blacksmith Journeyman level, this course has an excellent reputation. It's widely known in the industry for the awards regularly won by our students in national exhibitions. You're likely to have already completed your Level 2 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalwork or have had relevant metalworking experience.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Developing and realising design craft ideas
- Drawing practice for blacksmithing and metalworking
- Fabrication techniques
- Extending specialist metal and jewellery techniques
- Welding practice

Additional Qualifications

You can also study for your Abrasive Wheels Certificate and First Aid Training.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English and Maths
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Creative Metalworking or into employment in the blacksmithing, fabrication or jewellery-making industry.



LEVEL 3

Jewellery Level 3



Vocational Subject	Jewellery
Course Title	Level 3 Diploma in Jewellery Manufacture
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking to boost your career in the jewellery industry, this is definitely the course for you. You'll have lots of opportunities to learn and develop your fine jewellery bench skills. This is a technical course, packed with units where you'll discover how to draw and gain skills in jig making, metallurgy, and joining methods. A fantastic opportunity for you to build on your basic skills, you'll continue to improve on your piercing and soldering. You'll also learn how to create more complex pieces and how to set gemstones by hand.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Gemstone setting
- Explore joining techniques
- Metallurgy
- Produce objects from drawings
- Produce tools and jigs

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and Science
- Successful completion of a related Level 2 qualification
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree in Creative Metalworking or you can choose whether to develop your career within the jewellery industry or whether you'd like to have your own self-employed jewellery business.





STUDENT PROFILE

Metalsmithing Student Profile

Name	Izaak Reed
Course	Level 3 Extended Diploma Blacksmithing and Metalwork

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I came to Plumpton for an Open Day and then a Taster Day, so I was sure it would be something that I would enjoy. I've now completed my Level 2 course and I'm in my final year of the Level 3 Extended Diploma. I particularly enjoy drawing and designing and making useful things. I've learnt a lot more than I thought I would and it doesn't feel like school. My favourite part of Level 3 has been experimenting at the forge with new connection techniques. I'm looking forward to starting an Artist Blacksmithing Degree course in September and after that I hope to travel as a Journeyman Blacksmith. I'd also like to experiment with other crafts such as wood and glass and I hope to work as an Artist Blacksmith in the future.



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Let's talk about... Motor Vehicles

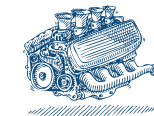
The automotive design and engineering industry has seen lots of changes in recent years. Technology is always advancing, so it's vital that if you're considering a career in the motor vehicle industry, you have the most up-to-date training. We have a large range of courses for you to choose from, ensuring you have all the skills for the wide variety of career directions that you choose to take. You might choose repair and maintenance or engine diagnostics and electronics for example.

What facilities are available?

We've got modern workshops here, fully equipped with three ramps and a range of modern vehicles for you to work on. All of the latest equipment is here for you to use, and you can complete your studies around the IMI Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair syllabus. You'll also have the opportunity to visit local garages and enjoy specialist guest lectures; making sure you're on top of all of the latest developments. During your course, you'll get to develop your diagnostic skills plus have hands-on tool use and mechanical training. We also have a fully-equipped welding shop for you to develop your skills.

How will Motor Vehicle training help you to get into work?

Many of our students go on to be Car Mechanics or apprentices; continuing their training to develop their knowledge further. By taking our courses, you'll be able to gain skills that will help you to be more employable and successful within the industry.



LEVEL 1

Motor Vehicle Level 1



Vocational Subject	Motor Vehicle
Course Title	IMIAL Level 1 in Vehicle Maintenance
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're looking for a sound basis to start your motor vehicle studies, this is the course for you. It's also a great choice if you're looking to continue your GCSEs or you're looking to start an apprenticeship or employment.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Spark ignition system maintenance
- Tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance
- Vehicle driveline maintenance
- Vehicle electrical foundation skills
- Vehicle lighting system maintenance

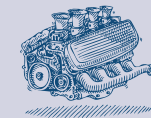
Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 1 or more GCSEs between Grade E-G (new grades 2-1)
- Completion of the Rural Pathways programme and a strong interest in motor vehicles
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course in another area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle, Service and Repair Principles.



LEVEL 2

Motor Vehicle Level 2

Vocational Subject	Motor Vehicle
Course Title	IMI Level 2 in Light Vehicle Service and Repair
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

If you're a school leaver or looking for a sound understanding of car mechanics, this is the course for you. You'll discover all the latest technical needs that you'll need for the motor vehicle repair industry including diagnosis of non-complex system faults. This course is particularly ideal if you're a Service Technician working on cars or vans in all types of car dealerships and maintenance depots.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. In addition, you'll gain a broad understanding of Health and Safety in the workplace and all the skills you'll need to work in a garage. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level.

Modules include:

- Carrying out routine vehicle maintenance
- Chassis units and components
- Electrical auxiliary units and components
- Removing and replacing engine units and components

Additional Qualifications

You'll be able to study for your Welding Introduction and Grinding/Abrasive Wheels Certificate (which is essential).

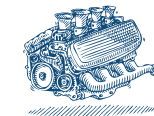
Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a Level 1 course in another area and having studied GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 course in Motor Vehicle or Agriculture Mechanisation. Alternatively, it's a great base for you to go into employment within vehicle servicing and maintenance.



LEVEL 3

Motor Vehicle Level 3

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Vocational Subject	Motor Vehicle
Course Title	Level 3 in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

Now that you're at an advanced level, you need a practical course that will give you all of the advanced techniques used in the motor vehicle industry. Covering substantial units in diagnostic fault paths and complex vehicle electronic systems, this course will give you an independent approach to learning that you'll find really useful. Throughout your course, you'll get to extend your knowledge of all the theory you need to succeed.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. In addition, you'll gain a broad understanding of Health and Safety in the workplace and all the skills you'll need to work in a garage. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level.

Modules include:

- Advanced chassis technology
- Advanced electrical and electronic technology
- Advanced engine technology
- Advanced transmission technology

Entry Requirements

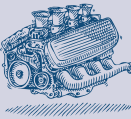
Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 or more GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course in a related area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 Land-Based Technology course or go on to take an apprenticeship.





STUDENT PROFILE

Motor Vehicle Student Profile


Name	Sam Ouston
Course	Level 1 Motor Vehicle Certificate

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I chose to study the Level 1 Certificate at Plumpton as I wanted to become a mechanic. I knew this course would help me to learn the skills I'd need. I really enjoyed stripping down engine blocks. It helped me to gain a better understanding of how an engine works. It was really interesting to find out how all the components fit together to make the engine work too. In the future, I hope to become a mechanic working on rally cars, or drag racing.



Sam



Let's talk about... Outdoor Adventurous Activities

If the outdoors is your favourite environment, you'll be pleased to hear that the sport and adventure education industry is rapidly becoming a larger and more popular career path. There are so many opportunities for you to consider as a career. You'll also find that there are strong links with the health and fitness sector, mainstream sports coaching and the leisure and tourism industry.

What facilities are available?

With 800 hectares of land to discover, we've got the perfect environment for you to enjoy our extensive range of outdoor activities. Our fleets of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes, plus climbing, navigating and sailing equipment ensure that you have all the best facilities. We also have a large on-site sports hall where you'll find our very own indoor climbing wall.

You'll be able to play cricket, football and rugby on our large sports field plus tennis on our two outdoor hard-surface courts. You'll be able to take part in sailing and watersports at our excellent academy at Piddinghoe Lake and our other inland and coastal locations. Here you'll have the opportunity to continue your training in the marine and river environment. We've also got our own centre at the foot of Mount Snowdon in North Wales, where you'll be able to experience a huge range of exciting activities including mountaineering, mountain biking, multi-pitch climbing and white water paddlesport.

How will Outdoor Adventurous Activities training help you to get into work?

We've got fantastic rates when it comes to our students getting into employment. We make sure you're on the right work placement for your skills; helping you to progress into full-time work with sports and adventure companies across the globe.



LEVEL 2

Outdoor Adventurous Activities Level 2

Vocational Subject	Sport & Adventure Education
Course Title	Level 2 in Sport (Adventure Education)
Duration	1 year
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

On this course, you'll get to focus on being work ready in the sports and adventure industry. You'll have the opportunity to complete projects and assignments that will develop your practical skills and extend your knowledge – making sure you're prepared for employment or to go on to study Level 3. You'll get to use all of our excellent facilities on-site, our outdoor activity locations and not forgetting our adventure centre in Snowdonia. We'll provide all of your specialist equipment for climbing, mountain sports and watersports, and you'll be encouraged to take part in lots of sports outside of your studies.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Expedition experience
- Fitness for sports and exercise
- Injury and the sports performer
- Leading sports activities
- Practical land and water-based skills

Although you don't necessarily need a high level of fitness, you will need to be able to carry out a range of physical activities to meet the needs of your course.

Additional Qualifications

You'll be able to study for First Aid, and performance qualifications in adventure education and sports coaching in a range of disciplines.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 3 or more GCSEs between Grade A-D (new grades 9-3)
- Successful completion of a related Level 1 course in another area, having studied GCSE English and Maths
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Level 3 programme in Sports and Education or you can choose to go onto employment at an operative level at outdoor activity providers, outdoor education centres and sports and leisure centres.



LEVEL 3

Outdoor Adventurous Activities Level 3



Vocational Subject	Sport & Adventure Education
Course Title	Level 3 in Adventure Education
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

During this inspirational course, you'll get to build your knowledge and confidence both practically and academically. You'll get to cover a wide range of specialist adventure education subject areas as you develop your organisational and leadership skills in a range of land and water-based activities. It's the perfect course if you're looking to become a leader or instructor in the adventure sports sector.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that also includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. Modules include:

- Assessing risk
- Expedition skills
- Fitness training and programming
- Land and water-based outdoor and adventurous activities
- Sports coaching

Although you don't necessarily need a high level of fitness, you will need to be able to carry out a range of physical activities to meet the needs of your course.

Additional Qualifications

You'll be able to study for related courses including BCU (British Canoe Union), NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme), NNAS (National Navigation Award Scheme) and RYA (Royal Yachting Association).

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course in a related area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete a Foundation Degree or BA (Hons) in Adventure Education Management or follow a career in the sports and adventure education industry. If you're looking to continue with your National Governing Body awards, you can do these directly at Plumpton through our short courses; helping you to become more attractive to your future employers.



LEVEL 3

Sport Development Level 3



Vocational Subject	Sport
Course Title	Level 3 in Sport Development, Coaching and Fitness
Duration	2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

During this fantastic new course, you'll get to cover the organisation and administration of sport, while at the same time learning how to plan and undertake a variety of sporting and adventurous activities. Ideal if you're looking to go on to a career in sport, coaching or health and fitness, you'll get to develop your practical skills and build the knowledge you'll need for success in your future role. You'll be able to enjoy our excellent sporting facilities including our outdoor and indoor pitches, multi-gym and extensive grounds. Plus you'll also be able to extend your skills and contacts on your work placement.

Course Content

You can look forward to a varied programme of modules that includes a work placement. You'll also continue your English and Maths up to GCSE level. You'll enjoy a mixture of lectures, field trips, residential visits, practical sports and coaching activities. Modules include:

- Exercise, health and lifestyle
- Leadership in sport
- Psychology for sports
- Sports injuries
- The principles of anatomy and physiology in sport

You'll also be encouraged to take part in the College sports teams and recreational sporting activities within our College programme.

Entry Requirements

Either:

- You'll need to have achieved 4 GCSEs between Grade A-C (new grades 9-4) including English, Maths and a Science
- Successful completion of a Level 2 course in a related area
- Mature students without the above requirements will be considered

Where will the Course lead you?

By completing this course, you'll be able to go on to complete one of our varied Higher Education courses or follow a career in the sports industry.

EMPLOYER PROFILE

Outdoor Adventurous Activities Employer Profile

Vocational Subject Area	Adventure Education
Employer Name	PGL
Business Type	Outdoor Activity and Educational Provider
Location	UK, France, Spain

Tell us about your business

We're the UK's largest provider of outdoor activity and educational courses for schoolchildren aged 7-17. We have 15 multi-activity centres across the UK and others across Europe.

What skills do you need from your employees?

We're keen to find students that are aged 18 or over. You'll need to have good grades from your GCSEs plus a level 3 diploma in Sports (Adventure Education). You'll also need to have personal experience of outdoor sports. If you have any voluntary experience with groups of younger children that will certainly help your application.

What role does training play within your business?

For us, training is absolutely vital in helping our staff to be successful in their roles. So you'll be able to take part in our aspirant management programme which is in conjunction with the Institute of Leadership Management. This will help you as a junior staff member move up to become a successful Team Leader or take on a management position.



STUDENT PROFILE

Outdoor Adventurous Activities Student Profile

Name	Katy Wilfort
Course	Level 3 Diploma in Sport (Outdoor Adventure)

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I've always been an active person so I wanted to incorporate this enthusiasm and love of the outdoors into my career. So when I saw the Adventure Education course at Plumpton, I jumped at the chance. My favourite part of the course was all the watersports that I got to enjoy. Having the chance to try different activities led to my passion for sailing, and enabled me to complete my Dinghy Instructor qualification and a great job at the end of my course. This season I plan to get my Safety Boat qualification and boost my windsurfing up to a standard so that I can take my RYA Start Windsurfing course. One of my biggest goals is to push forward my skills as a Race Coach thanks to my interest in racing and coaching the junior members at my current centre – Buzz Active in Eastbourne.



Katy



LEVEL 1/2

Supported Internship



Vocational Subject	Supported Internship
Course Title	Supported Internship
Duration	1 or 2 years
No. of days per week	3 days
Type	Full-time

Course Information

This is a real hands-on course where you'll spend at least one day a week in a working business. A brilliant opportunity for you to develop practical skills, you'll get to develop your existing skills and transfer them from the College environment to the workplace. You'll be encouraged to look at the barriers that are preventing you from working independently, all with an end goal of finding a job to suit your aspirations.

Course Content

Your first year will be spent looking at lots of different types of jobs and careers and meeting different employers and businesses. This will be a fantastic opportunity for you to see what work is really like and what suits you. You'll also spend time building your confidence of being independent; so things like learning how to get to work and problem solve on your own. In your second year you'll get to carry out six months' work experience at a business of your choice. You'll have loads of support and regular reviews to make sure you get the most of your experience.

Additional Qualifications

You'll be able to study for your Emergency First Aid at Work qualification plus English and Maths where necessary.

Entry Requirements

- You'll need to be 18-24 with an Education, Health and Care plan
- If you've got Entry Level or Level 1, 2 or 3 vocational qualifications this will be a suitable course
- You'll need to want to work and feel ready to take the steps to start working
- This is an ideal course if you have learning disabilities or difficulties getting into paid work.

Where will the Course lead you?

A high number of our Supported Internship students gain full or part time employment as a result of completing the course. Alternatively you may be able to progress onto another course at college.



STUDENT PROFILE

Supported Internship Student Profile

Name	Jack Smethem
Course	Supported Internship

Tell us about your time at Plumpton

I chose a Supported Internship at Plumpton as I felt it met my needs – it meant I was able to go into the Waste Profession industry which is an area that I'm passionate about. I also like the fact that the course helps you with other skills to prepare you for adulthood such as getting the bus, building confidence and making friends. I've enjoyed the varied work placements such as Lewes Bonfire Night and working at the Coffee Snack Bar. I've discovered things that have even surprised me and I'm more determined to challenge myself in the workplace and make sure I'm happy with my employment pathway. Since school, I've always had an interest in recycling, and my course gave me the opportunity to get in touch with Veolia. Having a Supported Internship has definitely got me closer to my goal which is to be a happy Recycling Operative there.



Jack

Fees and Finance

If you're an EU student aged 16-19 on the 31st of August on the year that you start your full-time course, there are no course fees to be paid. If you're a resident, you'll be charged a £200 facilities fee, whereas non-residents pay £120. A contribution for course materials will be needed if you're studying a Floristry course.

Alternatively, if you're 19 and over on your course starting date, studying Level 1 & 2 or first Level 3, please see the summary of fees on the page opposite. We can talk you through Tuition Fee Remission – where the government pays for your tuition and assessment, please call our Admissions team on 01273 892080 or email: admissions@plumpton.ac.uk

Advanced Learner Loan

We offer a loan system similar to that of the Students Loan Company. Loans aren't means tested. You'll need to have been a resident of the UK for three years. Repayments won't start until you're earning over £21,000pa. In order for you to receive the loan, you must be 19 years or older at the start of your course and studying a full-time course between Level 3-6. For more info, have a look at <https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans> or get in touch with our Student Loans Officer on 01273 892102 or email paul.duffin@plumpton.ac.uk

Bursary

We have bursary funds within the College that are available to students who without support, wouldn't be able to access learning. All are made on a discretionary basis, and most payments are made 'in kind'. This may include protective clothing and/or transport. If you are eligible, you will also be supported by the Free Meals in FE initiative. Priority is given to vulnerable students (as confirmed by the Government) and if you have an annual household income of less than £20,000. We also have residential bursaries available.

Childcare

If you're 20 years or over on the start of your course, you may be entitled to a Childcare Bursary. If you're under 20 with parental responsibility, we administer the Government's Care to Learn scheme which means that you may receive financial support.

Ex-British Armed Forces

If this applies to you, do get in touch. We may have fee remissions available. We're also accredited for the Ministry of Defence Enhanced Learning Credits scheme.

Payment Plan

If your fees are over £1000, you can choose to spread your fees via our monthly payment plan. At enrolment, we'll take the first payment, with the six remaining payments paid by direct debit.

Professional & Career Development Loan

We're included on the approved learning provider list. Find out more information by visiting: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/courses/funding/pages/loans.aspx>

COURSE FEES

Programme	Facilities Residential Fee	Facilities Non-Residential Fee	Assessment Fee	Tuition Fee
Full-time courses at Entry/Level 1 (19-23 year olds)	£200.00	£120.00	£140.00	FREE
Full-time courses at Entry/Level 1 (24+ years)	£200.00	£120.00	£140.00	£1,200.00
Full-time courses at Level 2 (19+ years)	£200.00	£120.00	£140.00	£1,200.00
Full-time courses at Level 3 (19-23 year olds who haven't previously studied Level 3)	£200.00	£120.00	£140.00	£1,200.00
Full-time courses at Level 3 (19-23 year olds who have previously studied at Level 3 and 24+ years)	£200.00	£NIL	£NIL	Up to £6,000.00 per year
International Students	£200.00	£NIL	£NIL	£10,000.00 per year

How to Apply

Now that you've discovered all about Plumpton, we're delighted that you're looking forward to joining us in September. Moving from school to college is a big step and our Admissions team are more than happy to help you with any questions that you may have.

3 easy steps to applying...

1

Fill in an application form

Simply fill in the application form at the back of this prospectus. Alternatively you can choose to apply online by visiting www.plumpton.ac.uk. We can also send you a form by post if you let us know by telephone or email. It's vital that we find out your contact details and which course you are interested in as soon as possible.

2

Keep in touch

Keep in touch with us. If you've got any problems regarding your application, do let us know. Equally, make sure you reply to any letters or emails that you receive from us quickly.

3

Attend your interview

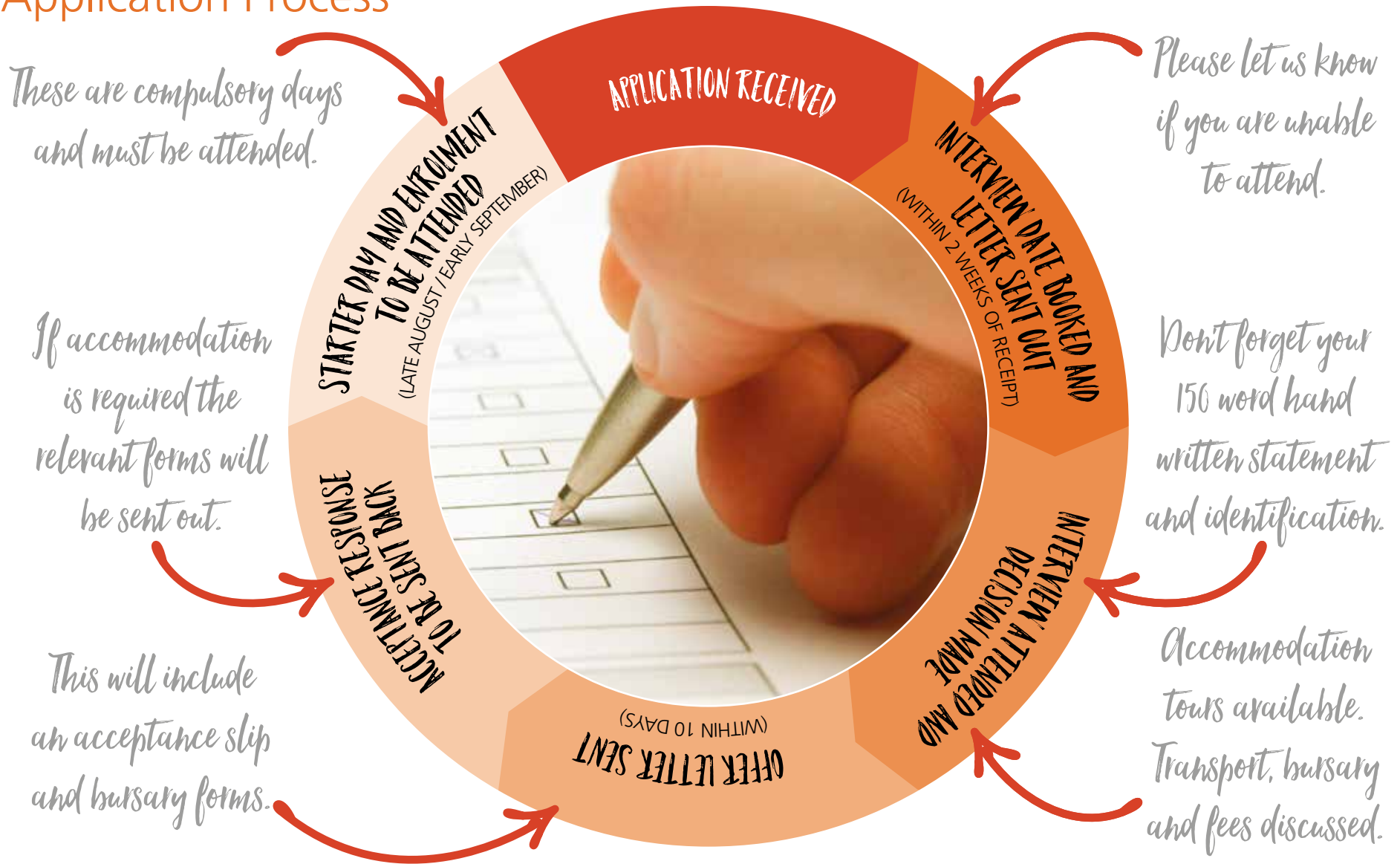
Make sure you attend your interview. If you can't make the date you've been given, do let us know. We'll rearrange an alternative date for you and it means another student will be able to attend instead.

Equal opportunities

We welcome applications from all members of the community who meet the required standard for each course. There are no barriers or restrictions and our focus is on access and progression. We're very proud of our mixed and vibrant community here at Plumpton and are committed to encouraging all of our students in their choice of land-based studies and careers.

APPLICATIONS

Application Process



Transport To College

Most of our students travel to college on a daily basis, for which there are a number of ways you can reach us:

By Bus

The College bus network covers most of East Sussex and parts of West Sussex, as outlined in the diagram over the page. There is also a regular bus service between the college and local towns. Our bursaries (see page 89) provide financial support to a lot of students getting buses to college.

By Car

There is parking on campus at Plumpton, Netherfield and Stanmer for student cars. Students will just need to register their cars when they enrol.

By Train

The college can be accessed from several local train stations such as Lewes, Hassocks and Plumpton, with connecting buses from each to the College.

Bus Routes



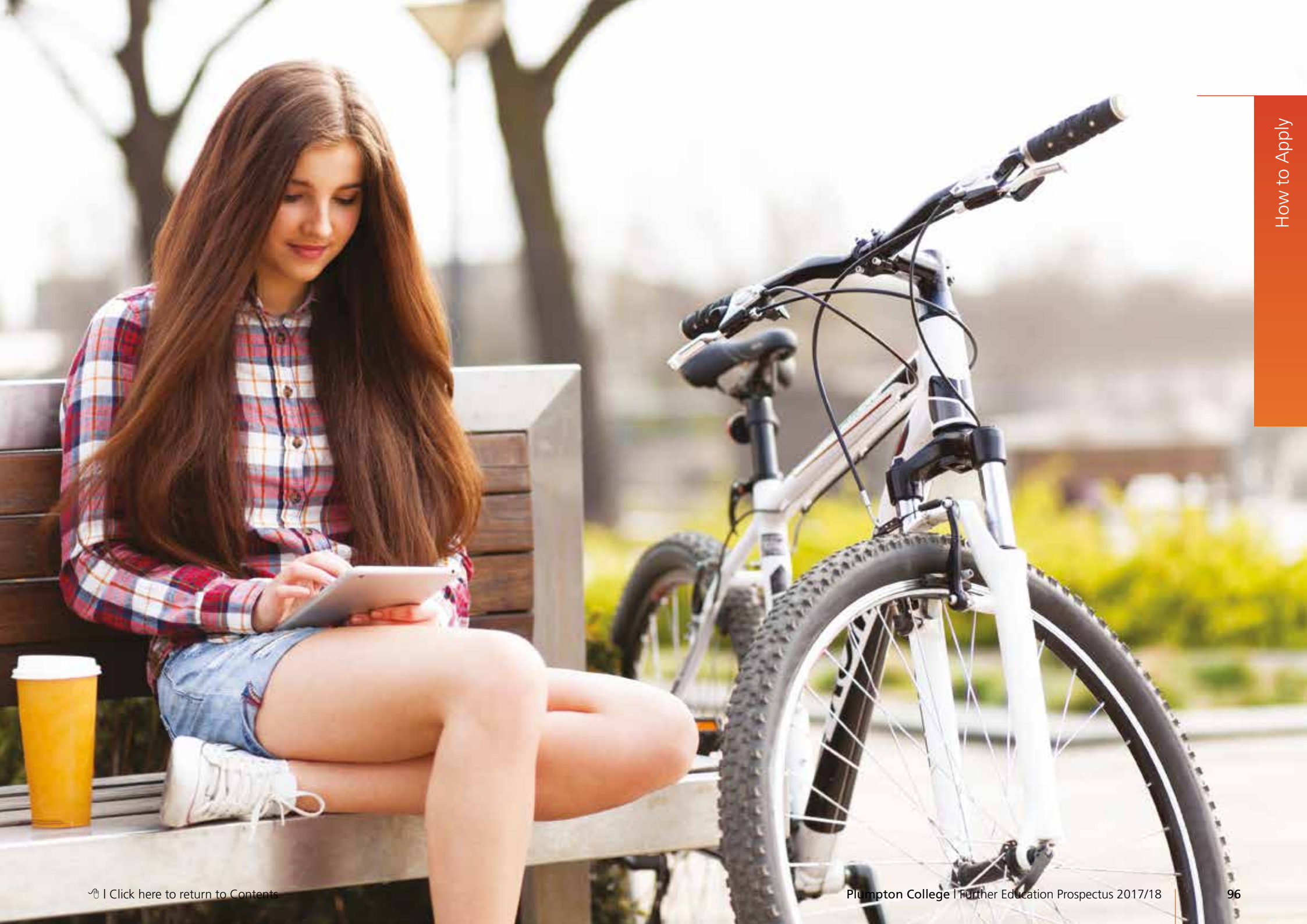
Course Information and Open Days

We'd love to welcome you to one of our events – come and discover what we have to offer!

Saturday 8th October 2016	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 5th November 2016	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 7th January 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 11th February 2017	Information Morning	9am – 1pm	Netherfield Centre, TN33 9QB
Saturday 4th March 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 13th May 2017	Open Day	10am – 5pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 20th May 2017	Horse Show	10am – 5pm	Plumpton College site
Thursday 29th June 2017	Information Evening	3pm – 7pm	Plumpton College site
Saturday 26th August 2017	Information Morning	9am – 12.30pm	Plumpton College site

Taster Days

A brilliant way for you to find out exactly what it's like to study your chosen course at Plumpton. You'll get to spend a day at the College; discovering new experiences and trying out new activities. Come and check out all of our facilities and ask lots of questions! Our team will be here to help you with any queries you may have about your course and career choices. You can also talk to our Admissions team on 01273 892082/892080 for more information and a copy of our Taster Day booklet.



Full Time Course Application Form 17/18

Please complete this form in full and in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, incomplete forms will be returned.

For office use only

Student No. _____ Interview Date _____

Notes _____

Course Details

Course Level and Title _____

Are you a current student at Plumpton College? Y N

If yes, what course are you studying? _____

Are you a current 14-16 school release student at Plumpton College? Y N

If yes, what is the name of your course? _____

What is the name of your school? _____

Personal Details

Surname _____

Forename(s) _____

Legal Surname _____ Known As _____

Title: (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Other) _____ Gender M F

Date of Birth _____ Age on 1/9/2017 _____

National Insurance Number _____

Unique Learner Number (if known) _____

Address Details

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

Town _____

County _____

Post code _____

Contact Details

Home Tel _____

Mobile Tel _____

Email _____

Nationality

Please state your Nationality _____

Have you been legally residing in the UK/EU for the past 3 years? Y N

If No, what is your Country of normal residence? _____

Nationality

English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

Caribbean

White & Black Caribbean

Arab

Pakistani

Any other Ethnic group

Any Other White Background

Any other Asian Background

Bangladeshi

Traveller

Chinese

Any other Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Background

White & Asian

Irish

Indian

White & Black African

African

Any other Black/African Caribbean Background

Parent/Guardian/Next of Kin (1)

Name _____

Relationship to You _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

Town _____ County _____

Post code _____ Home Tel _____

Mobile Tel _____ Work Tel _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian/Next of Kin (2)

Name _____

Relationship to You _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

Town _____ County _____

Post code _____ Home Tel _____

Mobile Tel _____ Work Tel _____

Email _____

Education

Please complete full details of the last School or College that you attended

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____ Post code _____

Date From _____ Date To _____

Qualifications

Level of Qualification (eg GCSE)	Subject

Year Taken (To Be Taken)	Predicted Grade	Actual Grade

References (1)

Educational Contact (if still in School/College)

Name _____

Relationship to You _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

_____ Post code _____

Tel _____

Email _____

References (2)

Employer/ Personal contact (no relation accepted)

Name _____

Relationship to You _____

Address Line 1 _____

Address Line 2 _____

_____ Post code _____

Tel _____

Email _____

Other information

Are you, or have you ever been in care, or being looked after by a carer? Y N

Do you currently get free school meals? Y N

Do you currently get transport assistance? Y N

Additional Support

Do you have any disabilities and/or Learning Support requirements?

 Y N

Please provide details and how this affects you

Condition (eg Dyslexia) _____

Support Requirements (eg extra time) _____

Do you have an Education, Health Care Plan?

 Y N

If yes, please supply a copy as this will be required within the application process.

Additional Information

Please be advised that If you do not complete Yes or No we will not be able to process your application. This even applies even if you do not have any criminal convictions, or Youth Offending Orders.

Do you have any relevant Criminal Convictions or Youth Offending Orders?

 Y N

Having a criminal conviction will not necessarily prevent you taking up a place at Plumpton College. We are keen to support students with criminal convictions to help them succeed within their own learning journey. Please tick YES if you have any of the following convictions:

- offences against the person, whether of a violent or sexual nature,
- arson,
- any offences related to extremism and
- convictions for the offences involving the unlawful supply or use of controlled drugs or substances where the conviction concerns commercial drug dealing or trafficking.

You do not have to declare relevant spent convictions (under the rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974) except when you are applying for a course in teaching, health, social work, sport, childcare or involving work with children or vulnerable adults, as this may affect your ability to attend work placements and possibly achieve your course.

If you have ticked YES to the above the College will contact you for more information which will be considered by the Principal. Should you not respond to this information request, we will not be able to progress your application further.

How did you hear about Plumpton College? _____

Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge that the information I have given is a true and correct record

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

By signing this form you agree to the processing of your data for any purpose connected with your application, or for any other legitimate reason. As part of our admissions process we will send you information and communications relating to your application and admission to the college. Information provided on this form is held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and is used for the purpose of student administration and marketing.

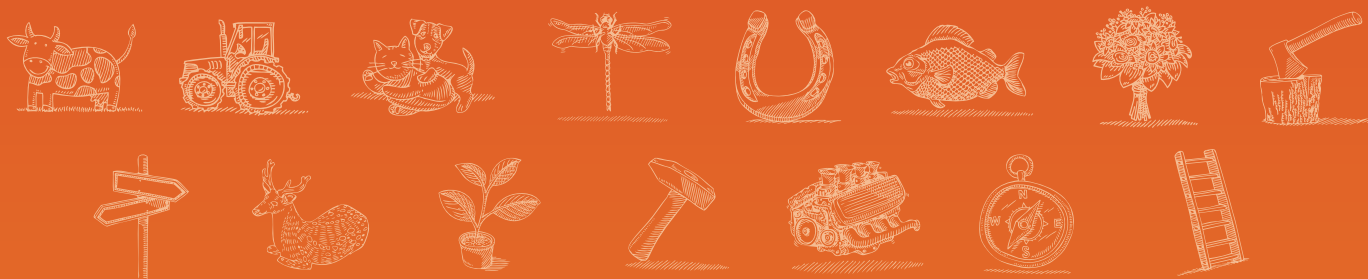
Get in touch

If you have any questions about studying here at Plumpton College do get in touch. We're here to help! Either pop in and see us or call us on 01273 892 035.

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