

PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Schools and 14+ Education Prospectus

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Welcome

Welcome from the Principal

We're delighted to welcome you to Plumpton. Given the demand for our students from employers across the agricultural and rural sector, we see this as the start of a very exciting adventure. It's an opportunity for your students to discover new talents and learn lots of new skills. We have a range of services to help your school; providing invaluable advice and careers guidance on the changing demands for students from the land-based sector. Whether you're interested in animal management, floristry or even metalcrafts, we've got many different experiences to be enjoyed in a truly inspirational natural environment.

We're very proud of our award-winning facilities here. You're most welcome to come and join us at our excellent Forest School which offers superb learning opportunities for both children and adults. You'll find a variety of full or part-time courses to study here for one day a week alongside your time at school or if you're home educated, plus day visits too.

Come and discover our wide variety of land-based courses run by our enthusiastic team who are committed to helping your students on their journey. Do visit us soon at one of our Open Days.

Jeremy Kerswell
Principal

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LEVEL 1

Agriculture Level 1

Vocational Subject	Agriculture
Course Title	Level 1 Agriculture
Duration	2 Years
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

If you've got an interest in farming, this is a great introductory course to a career in agriculture. Varied and exciting, you'll get to spend time learning practical skills backed up by agricultural theory. Working on our college farm, you'll also have the chance to visit other farms so that you experience a wide variety of farming methods.

Course Content

During this varied programme of modules, you'll gain all the necessary skills you'll need to start your agricultural career journey. You'll learn about farm animal movement, tractor operations, as well as farm animal health and welfare. Other units include an introduction to farm animal husbandry and health & safety.

Progression and Careers

After you've completed your Level 1, you could choose to go on to Level 2 or 3 Agriculture, either on a full-time basis or as a traineeship. Alternatively, you may choose to take your Level 2 or 3 Land-based Technology (Agricultural Machinery). It also opens up opportunities for you to work as an agricultural contractor, general farm worker, shepherd, stockperson or a variety of other land-based roles.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

Most students love having the opportunity to visit different farms and experience the diversity of farming life.





STUDENT PROFILE

Agriculture Student Profile

Name	Anna Nye
Course	Level 1 Land-Based Studies Agriculture



Why was this course chosen?

I'm from a non-farming background, however I've worked with horses for many years. I had the opportunity to work at a local farm during lambing season. I found it so interesting and exciting that I wanted to learn more and broaden my knowledge of agriculture.

What do you enjoy most about the course?

I love how practical our lessons are. We're able to be involved in a wide variety of different activities, ranging from driving tractors to herding sheep in the South Downs. Our tutors are very encouraging and always help us to achieve our full potential. We have small class sizes that enable us to have lots of fun and learn at the same time!

Future career plans

For years 12 and 13, I aim to carry on at Plumpton studying Level 3 Agriculture full-time. At the moment, I'm interested in going to University and sheep farming, but one of the amazing things about agriculture is how many different career options there are. So my plans could change. One thing is for certain - coming to Plumpton College has made me 100% sure that I want a career in agriculture.





LEVEL 1

Animal Care Level 1

Vocational Subject	Animal Care
Course Title	Level 1 Animal Care
Duration	1 Year – Certificate or 2 Years – Diploma
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

Are you passionate about animals? This course could be for you. Designed to give you a broad education in animal care, you'll get to learn about a variety of animals including exotics, fish, reptiles and small mammals. It's an ideal start if you're looking to go on to a Further Education course or work in this area. You'll get to develop practical skills and learn about different aspects of animal husbandry and natural history. At the same time, you'll also continue with your literacy, numeracy and IT skills which you'll need to move on to other courses or in the animal care industry.

Course Content

This is a varied and interesting course where you'll look forward to a wide programme of modules. These will include developing your performance in land-based industries, plus safe and effective working practices. You'll also study specialist units such as assisting with the health and well-being of animals.

Progression and Careers

Depending on your GCSE results at school, you'll either go on to take a Level 2 or 3 Animal Management course at college level. Career-wise, you might choose to take a role in animal husbandry, companion animals, exercise or feeding.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

Working with small animals is a great way for students to gain confidence.



LEVEL 2

Animal Care Level 2

Vocational Subject	Animal Care
Course Title	Level 2 Animal Care
Duration	2 Years
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

If you're looking for a broad education in animal care with a view to going on to a Further Education course at college or working in the animal industry, this course is for you. You'll aim to develop your practical and theoretical skills as you learn about the many different aspects of animal husbandry and natural history. At the same time, you'll also continue your literacy, numeracy and IT skills which will help you to progress to other courses or within the industry. You'll be required to complete assignments to set deadlines.

Course Content

During this varied course, you'll look forward to studying a range of modules. You'll learn about animal behaviour and handling, animal health and welfare, plus you'll also study the principles and practices of animal establishments.

Progression and Careers

Once you've completed Level 2, you could choose to go on to Level 3 Animal Management. Alternatively, you might go on to take an apprenticeship or find employment in the industry. Many students have gone on to work in a cattery, kennel, pet shop, rescue centre or zoo.

Animal Management

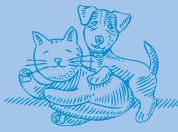
Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

The sheer variety of animals which students will work with on a daily basis.



STUDENT PROFILE

Animal Care Student Profile

Name	Kane Ross
Course	Level 1 Land-Based Studies Animal Care



Kane

Why was this course chosen?

Being able to practice my literacy and numeracy skills while learning about caring for animals and the different environments that they live in was a plus for me. I enjoy practical tasks and this course has lots of hands-on learning.

What do you enjoy most about the course?

The best part of the course is caring for the animals and the practical handling sessions – especially the guinea pigs.

Future career plans

In the future, I would like to enrol on the Rural Pathways course at Plumpton College as I'm planning on working in agriculture.





LEVEL 1

Countryside and Woodland Skills Level 1

Vocational Subject	Countryside
Course Title	Level 1 Countryside and Woodland Skills
Duration	2 Years
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This course gives you a great introduction to the basic skills of woodland and countryside management. As you broaden your practical skills, you'll increase your knowledge and develop a sound understanding of countryside tasks. Through a mixture of practical and classroom sessions, you'll create an evidence-based portfolio.

Course Content

You'll look forward to a really varied programme of modules, delivered across a number of departments. These will include countryside, forestry and horticulture. Modules will include coppicing, estate skills, habitat management, tree and shrub maintenance, planting and aftercare plus tree pruning.

Progression and Careers

Once you've completed this course to a high level, you'll be able to progress to a Level 2 course in a related land-based industry. You could consider careers in countryside management, fish management, game management or forestry and arboriculture.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

The diversity of tasks undertaken on a day-to-day basis is exciting and challenging.





LEVEL 1

Floristry Level 1



Vocational Subject	Floristry
Course Title	Level 1 Floristry
Duration	1 Year – Certificate or 2 Years – Diploma
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

If art and design is your first love, this is a fantastic course for you. You'll spend time discovering practical skills you'll need for a great career in the floral industry. During these exciting practical lessons, you'll have the opportunity to develop your creative flair; discovering how to design beautiful flower displays. You'll also get the chance to work in teams in order to create seasonal shop displays.

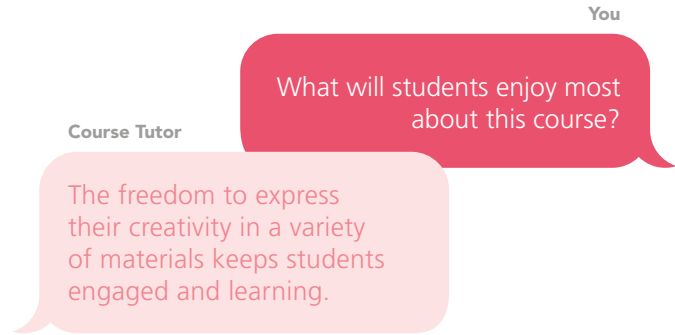
Course Content

This is a highly practical course that will give you all of the necessary skills you'll need before you start working in the floral industry. You'll discover how to assemble simple floral designs and how to complete basic floristry tasks. Other units on the course include producing and maintaining shop displays plus safe working practices.

Progression and Careers

Once you've successfully completed your Certificate, you can choose to continue with further units towards your full Level 1 Diploma. There are also opportunities for you to progress to your Level 2 Certificate or Diploma. Alternatively, you can apply for an apprenticeship which will make sure you're fully prepared for working in a floristry business.

Tutor texts...







STUDENT PROFILE

Floristry Student Profile

Name	Rebecca Rowe
Course	Level 1 Land-Based Studies in Floristry



Rebecca

Why was this course chosen?

I wanted to do something artistic, practical and creative, while also learning skills that I could use in the future. I really loved doing the practical work, especially making hand-tied bouquets. By the end of the course I was able to make bouquets to give to my friends and family.

What do you enjoy most about the course?

I remember making a punk-styled hat for a College Open Day exhibition. I liked doing that because it was different and we could create our own designs.

Future career plans

The skills I've learnt in floristry will help me in any creative industry so I'll have a wide range of careers to choose from.





LEVEL 1

Horse Care Level 1



Vocational Subject	Horse Care
Course Title	Level 1 Horse Care
Duration	1 year – Certificate 2nd year – progress to Level 2 Certificate
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This course is a fantastic introduction if you're looking to work with horses. Through a great combination of academic study and practical activities, you'll boost your knowledge and understanding of the care of horses. You'll learn invaluable practical skills including feeding and watering horses, maintaining clean stables and yard, plus tacking up horses and tack maintenance. A real emphasis is placed on developing your core transferable skills and a good practice of safe working.

Course Content

This is a great practical course with units that include handling of horses and accommodation, health & safety, horse health and portfolio building.

Progression and Careers

Once you've completed your Level 1, you'll be able to continue to Level 2 in Horse Care.

Tutor texts...

Course Tutor

Students will enjoy working in the classroom alongside a good deal of time with the horses in the stables.

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?



LEVEL 2

Horse Care Level 2



Vocational Subject	Horse Care
Course Title	Level 2 Horse Care
Duration	2 Years
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

The ideal course if you're looking to build your knowledge of working with horses. You'll get to develop your practical skills and learn essential theory – all to make sure you have a thorough understanding of the care of horses.

Course Content

You can choose to study Level 2 from Certificate through to Extended Certificate and Diploma levels. It's a varied course where you'll get to study a variety of subjects including an introduction to lungeing horses, care for competition horses, fitting and maintaining horse tack and clothing, undertaking horse grooming, trimming and plaiting, plus undertaking routine stable duties and horse handling.

Progression and Careers

After you've completed your Level 2 course, you can choose to go on to complete a Level 3 Horse Management course or a work-based Diploma. Careers-wise, you might consider a career in dressage, a groom within competition, or a livery or yard manager.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

Students enjoy the deeper aspects of caring for horses and running a stable.



STUDENT PROFILE

Horse Care Student Profile

Name	Grace Day
Course	Level 2 Extended Certificate in Horse Care



Grace

Why was this course chosen?

I have a real passion for horses and I've always had horses of my own. I'm looking to have a career with horses and I wanted to have a good understanding of stable management. I also wanted to be able to explore different career options.

What do you enjoy most about the course?

I enjoy the variety of practical and theory work throughout the day. This includes learning about the yard routine and taking care of the horses. Both the theory and practical elements of the course are just as fun and interesting as well as interactive. Not only that but I really enjoy working with the other students and we've now formed a great friendship group too.

Future career plans

I'm planning on progressing to the Level 3 programme in Equine Management. I'd like to go into behaviour and training of young horses. I'm also considering being a racing or polo groom.





LEVEL 1

Horticulture Level 1



Vocational Subject	Horticulture
Course Title	Level 1 Horticulture
Duration	1 year – Certificate or 2 years – Diploma
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

Are you happiest being outside and working with plants? This course will be great for you. It's a practical course that gives you the opportunity to gain knowledge in order to carry out a variety of horticultural tasks ranging from plant identification and propagation to soil cultivation. You'll come away with all the skills necessary to move on in education or to start your working career.

Course Content

This is a really varied course where you'll study a mixture of modules. These include lawn preparation, maintaining plants, plant identification, propagate and establish plants and soil cultivation.

Progression and Careers

Once you've completed Level 1, you can choose whether to go on to study Level 2 Horticulture or Level 2 Landscaping. There's lots of scope for you to go onto exciting careers in horticulture. These could include countryside management, estate gardener, grounds maintenance contractor, groundsman, landscaper or nursery worker.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

Developing a good base knowledge of horticulture and deploying it the wonderful college gardens and grounds.





LEVEL 1

Creative Metalcrafts Level 1



Vocational Subject	Metalcrafts
Course Title	Level 1 Creative Metalcrafts
Duration	1 Year – Award or 2 Years – Certificate
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

If you're passionate about blacksmithing and metalwork, this is the course for you. You'll gain an introduction to the basic and fundamental skills you'll need for working with metal. Covering a broad range of skills and processes, you'll gain an interesting insight into the different metalworking trades and the subjects you can cover in the higher level courses.

Course Content

During the first year, you'll learn basic and fundamental blacksmithing and metalworking techniques; working towards the production of a selection of small and larger items: dice, fire poker, key fobs, spoon and tongs. In your second year, you'll follow units in self-assessment and career progression. Here you'll learn the skills and techniques for manipulating copper and silver. Working on several short and creative projects, you'll research, design, experiment and fabricate your own designs for a clock face, keyring, pendant and a silver ring.

Where will the Course lead you?

After you've successfully completed this course, you can go on to study your Level 2 and 3 Blacksmithing and Metalworking. This opens up opportunities to a career as an artist, blacksmith, designer or fabricator.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

The creative aspect of this course is what inspires the students the most - they love making useful items.





STUDENT PROFILE

Metalcrafts Student Profile

Name	Jesse Richards
Course	Level 1 Creative Metalcrafts Certificate



Why was this course chosen?

I really enjoy practical subjects and have experience in woodwork and associated crafts. I'm fascinated by rural and traditional crafts and thought that metalsmithing would be an interesting skill to learn.

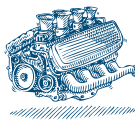
What do you enjoy most about the course?

As I enjoy working with my hands, the course is perfect as it's very practical.

Future career plans

In the future, I would love to be a traditional craftsman working in wood and metal.





LEVEL 1

Motor Vehicle Level 1



Vocational Subject	Motor Vehicle
Course Title	Level 1 Motor Vehicle
Duration	2 Years
No. of days per week	1 day per week
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This course is a great start to your motor vehicle career. With a sound understanding of the practical skills and theory you'll need to work in a safe working environment, you'll also get to continue your own GCSE studies.

Course Content

Over the two years, you'll spend time completing a variety of modules including spark ignition system maintenance, tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance, vehicle driveline maintenance, vehicle electrical foundation skills and vehicle lighting system maintenance.

Progression and Careers

After you've successfully completed this course, you'll be able to progress to a Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle, Service and Repair Principles. It also gives you the opportunity to choose to go on to an apprenticeship or employment.

Tutor texts...

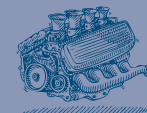
You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

The course covers all aspects of vehicle maintenance which is a great opportunity to refine a career path.





STUDENT PROFILE

Motor Vehicle Student Profile

Name	Ben Moorey
Course	Level 1 Motor Vehicle Maintenance



Why was this course chosen?

I wanted to learn more about cars as it's something I'm interested in and would like to pursue.

What do you enjoy most about the course?

I particularly like the practical side of the course and I learn something different each week.

Future career plans

I'm going to stay at Plumpton College to study Level 2 Vehicle Maintenance. For the future, I'd like to get a good job within the motor industry.



How to Apply

You'll need to apply through your school.

Here's how to get started:

- Talk to your teacher or tutor about applying
- Complete an application form which is available from your school
- Check that your form is signed by your parents/guardians and by your school
- Make sure that your school sends your application to us

What will be expected of me?

If you've got the enthusiasm and you're ready to study in your chosen area, you'll need to make sure that you have a mature attitude and a full commitment to your course. Full attendance is essential.

What will I need to bring?

All courses require you to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and college clothing. You can find out what you need for your course on our website.

What if I'm home educated?

We welcome applications from home educated students who are 14+. You can enrol on the following government-funded courses:

- One or more days on vocational courses
- An additional day for functional skills in English, Maths and Applied Science

If you're home educated or you're not attending a school, get in touch with a member of our team on the contact details below.

Admissions
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Forest School

Our Forest School approach - bring happiness and wonder back into learning.

Reconnecting with nature, through a holistic approach, we strengthen learning, development and the well-being of your students. This translates to happier children and teachers; improving the performance and behaviour back in the classroom.

In our stunning woodland site at Plumpton College, we provide a rich and diverse provision. Our Forest School programmes are available for children in schools, specialist centres and bespoke groups as well as our holiday clubs available to all. We offer a wide range of teacher and adult training courses for those interested in taking learning back into nature and the outdoors.

“We all achieved better in nature - children and teachers alike!”





LEVEL 1

Award in Introduction to Forest Schools

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Vocational Subject	Forest School
Course Title	Level 1 Award in Introduction to Forest Schools
Duration	2 days
No. of days per week	2 days
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This course is ideal if you're enthusiastic about working outdoors, suitable for a wide range of learners from Head teachers, curriculum coordinators, governors or parents as well as outdoor activity providers and landowners. A fantastic opportunity if you're an looking for a career change or are young person at school, college or home educated who is considering a career in outdoor education. A fantastic opportunity if you're an adult looking for a career change too. Perhaps you're looking to develop your knowledge in outdoor learning and development? It's also an excellent starting point if you're considering further learning and development. The course will develop your ability to communicate well with others, complete set tasks and demonstrate your ability to use initiative and creativity.

Course Content

As a 3-credit unit qualification, you'll get to cover three key topics during your training. As part of the assessment requirements, you'll carry out a range of practical, written and verbal tasks. These include:

- Learning and development – you'll get to understand the key criteria of a Forest School programme plus the importance and benefits of the Forest School approach to learning
- Ecology and conservation – locating and identifying a range of local wildlife as well as identifying environmental impacts of Forest School activities
- Practical woodland skills – learning introductory hand tool use, woodland crafts and basic bushcraft skills to complete tasks and make a range of woodlands items suitable for a Forest School session

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study your Forest School Leader's First Aid qualification.

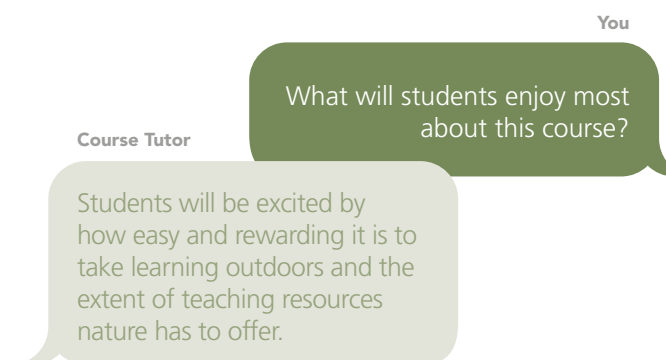
Entry Requirements

No specific requirements, however students must be 14+.

Progression and Careers

By completing this course, you'll open up opportunities to additional learning within employment or further study. It's a sound introduction if you're planning a career path within the outdoor education sector. You can then choose to go on to study Forest School Level 2 and 3 QCF courses. You'll be able to present your qualification at interviews, applications and CVs; showing your ability to work as a team or independently.

Tutor texts...





LEVEL 2

Award in Forest Schools Programme Support

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Vocational Subject	Forest School
Course Title	Level 2 Award in Forest Schools Programme Support
Duration	4 days
Type	Part-time

Course Information

This is a rewarding and fun qualification which aims to provide students with a detailed understanding of the key principles and criteria of a Forest School programme. You'll gain a sound understanding of the underpinning planning and learning theory that supports the concept. Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of woodland ecology and sustainability in addition to improving and extending their practical skills in tool work, bushcraft and woodland activities. You'll soon have the appropriate qualification, knowledge and skills to take on the role of a Forest School support worker. It's ideal if you're working within a school or college, but also if you're a parent helper, youth worker or volunteer. Great if you're looking to develop a more in-depth knowledge of Forest School and outdoor learning.

Course Content

This qualification is completed through a mix of practical, self-directed and written tasks which include creating a portfolio of evidence. As a Forest School programme assistant, you'll learn about sustainable woodland management and the role of risk within Forest School. You'll also gain practical skills in knot tying, safe fire structure, safe use and storage of tools, shelter building and wildlife identification. During this course, you'll also gain an understanding of how an individual's learning and development is supported by experiences at Forest School. You'll also need to complete independent coursework to complete your work book and assessment tasks for the topics that are covered. Each of these are 3 credit units – the course totals 6 credit units.

Additional Qualifications

You can also choose to study your Forest School Leader's First Aid qualification.

Entry Requirements

No specific requirements, however students must be 18+.

Progression and Careers

Through successful completion of this course, you'll be able to go on to employment as a Forest School assistant. Alternatively, you may choose to continue your learning opportunities within employment or further study. Other learning possibilities include moving on to Forest School Level 3 and many other environmental or educational-based courses.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

The development of practical woodland skills and tool use make this a very rewarding experience for students.



LEVEL 3

Certificate in Forest Schools Programme Leadership (QCF)

AVAILABLE AT
PLUMPTON

Vocational Subject	Forest School
Course Title	Level 3 Certificate in Forest Schools Programme Leadership (QCF)
Duration	8 days
Type	Part-time

Course Information

On this rewarding course, you'll gain all the practical skills, learning and development theory you'll need to be a Forest School leader. You'll also build the essential woodland ecology and management understanding that you'll need to plan and deliver Forest School programmes for children, young people or adults in an outdoor learning environment.

Course Content

Designed to give you an understanding of the principles of Forest School, you'll gain the skills required for facilitating outdoor activities – using a Forest School approach. Through a mix of practical, self-directed and written tasks, you'll produce a portfolio of evidence. Studying a mixture of topics, you'll cover delivery of a Forest School programme, Forest School and the woodland environment, learning and development at a Forest School programme, planning a Forest School session and practical skills for a Forest School. As part of the course, you'll be required to independently plan and deliver a Forest School programme. Plus, you'll be required to observe and report on learners, with support and guidance from the course tutor. This is an 18-credit unit course.

Entry Requirements

No specific requirements, however students must be 19+. Due to the workload of the course, it is strongly advised that you have some experience in the education or wildlife sector in roles such as an ecologist, Forest School volunteer, outdoor educator or teaching assistant.

Progression and Careers

Through completing this course, you'll open up career opportunities as a Forest School leader or to go on to further study. Alternatively, you may choose to continue in the outdoor education sector. Complementary study areas are also possible in educational, environmental or forestry related courses. You could choose to study a BSc Rural Land Management, Forestry and Arboriculture courses or a Foundation Degree in Environmental Conservation Management.

Tutor texts...

You

What will students enjoy most about this course?

Course Tutor

Students will gain confidence in various topics and enjoy working independently to plan and deliver their own programme.



Programmes for Schools and Groups

Our Forest School programmes for schools and groups are very successful and extremely popular. We tailor all our programmes to meet the specific needs of your students or group. You can also choose from traditional content which is suitable for all ages from EYFS right through to KS4. Delivered in stunning natural woodlands or our fully-equipped Forest School classroom which enables you to join us on our programmes in all weathers. We're very proud of our long and successful provision working with many schools in the area including small nurseries or home educated students.

“Forest School is the best experience I have ever had. It has taught me that treating nature with respect is important. It has also taught me how beautiful nature is and how to survive in the wild.”

David, Year 7

“In my experience of Forest School, I learnt many things including making fires, poisonous berries, tracking, knife skills, wood chopping, sawing, shelter building and teamwork. Overall I've found Forest School and amazing experience and FUN (and my family are really jealous)!”

Sarah, Year 7

Holiday Club

In the school holidays, our ever-popular Forest School Holiday Club welcomes children to visit and take part in a fantastic day of exciting activities. Giving children the opportunity to develop an increased sense of awareness of themselves and their connection to the natural world, they'll get to learn a host of new skills, and most importantly– have lots of fun. They'll get to experience new and creative challenges including fire lighting, games, shelter building, time to chill and woodland art.





First Aid for Forest School Leaders

We offer a Forest School Leaders First Aid course accredited through a nationally recognised awarding body. Delivered by enthusiastic and experienced trainers, you'll cover all the elements of first aid training required if you're working within a Forest School environment and as directed by the Forest School Association. You'll cover invaluable content on topics such as burns, CPR, first response, haemostatic, outdoor diseases, paediatric and poisonous plants. This course is certified for both paediatric and outdoor first aid.





CPD and Special Interest Events

Throughout the year, you're invited to join us for a wide range of CPD and special interest courses. Ideal for both Forest School practitioners and also if you just enjoy being out in nature. We can arrange INSET day training sessions individually tailored to your needs; all to support your curriculum requirements and learning through a Forest School approach.

"Amazing hands-on experience, very informative talk with all questions answered."

Teacher, Introduction Seminar



Welcome from the School Liaison Team

As the Plumpton College School Liaison Team, we're here to promote the exciting opportunities that land-based studies offer and how these link with the school curriculum and future careers. As a Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) quality-badged site, we offer a range of bespoke programmes and guided tours for students of all ages – from primary schools, right through to colleges. We create memorable outdoor experiences that are safe, educational and enjoyable.

Visit Plumpton College

We welcome educational visits to our college farm at the foot of the beautiful South Downs in Sussex. A firm favourite with both primary and secondary schools, our ever-popular 'classroom without walls' brings a range of different topics and curriculum areas to life.

Your students will experience exciting and quality learning on our mixed working farm. They'll look forward to hands-on opportunities with our calves, dairy cows, pigs and sheep. We'll be able to link their practical experiences to many different curriculum topics such as Art, Citizenship, English, Geography, History, Maths, Science and Technology.

While at Plumpton they'll discover the great outdoors and how important farming is to produce crops, food, supplying milk and products, as well as looking after animals and caring for their young. Not only that, Plumpton's beautiful countryside brings inspiration and a great opportunity for students to find out about biodiversity, germination, growing, habitats, pollination and planting. They'll also look at farming history and how farming affects the environment and much more.

"A fantastic visit 'students thoroughly enjoyed meeting the animals. It has also opened their eyes to the huge possibilities there are in agriculture. Definitely keen to work with you again with a careers focus."

Teacher

"I had an amazing time at your college the other day. My favourite part of the day was planting the seeds and pot making, of course I loved everything but that was my favourite. I would love to come to your college again."

Student



Educational Day Visits Linked to the Curriculum

We hold a variety of visits which are designed to link to the appropriate Key Stage level covered by the National Curriculum. This means that we're able to organise visits to complement the topics that your students are studying. You're invited to join us 10am-2pm each day – we welcome groups from Key Stage 1 up to Key Stage 5.

Farm Visits

Our primary and secondary visits are all linked to food and farming. This is a great opportunity for your students to discover where their food actually comes from. We tailor our visits to link with the subjects that are being studied in class. Students will get to learn about:

- Animals, British values through our countryside & seasons, food, farming
- Life Cycles
- Planting, growing & climate
- Wildlife, habitats & biodiversity

Lambing Visits

These exciting and very popular hands-on opportunities are designed for primary and secondary schools – learning about 'new life'. During these visits, students and teachers can be lucky enough to actually see lambs being born. We also offer lambing days for schools which include other areas of the college farm. Book early!

Literacy on the Farm

These fantastic learning experiences are specifically designed for primary students. Linked with the curriculum, students will learn 'where food comes from'. They'll take part in activities in the natural environment which supports the curriculum through the 'story of milk'.

Literacy in the Woods

Exploring favourite books such as The Gruffalo, Boris Badger and Scarecrow 's Wedding, primary school children can see these stories come to life in the woods as they use their imagination. Engaging with the outdoors, they'll get to relate genres of writing, literature, sounds and words while boosting their knowledge, story ideas and vocabulary.

Maths

How about studying 'marvellous maths' on the farm or in the woods? Designed for primary school students, they'll get to look at areas, charts, diagrams, estimate, measure, patterns, reflection, shapes and symmetry. Amazing ways to enjoy maths!

"We learnt all about farming, the process of Farm to Fork, germination and growing. The visit was excellent. Very informative, pitched at the right level and very engaging. The children had a fabulous school trip."

Teacher





STEM Workshops for Secondary School Students

Applied Science and Technology aimed at higher achieving students.

These exciting applied practical workshops are designed specifically for secondary schools and are focused on the development of individual students. Linked to the curriculum and STEM subjects for KS3 and KS4, students will get to take part in engaging and inspiring activities that will generate value-added learning. Delivered through 2-hour free sessions, we limit each one to a maximum of 15 students.

Subjects covered:

Science	Adventure Sport – development & fitness, analysis, testing & data Agriculture – farm animals, health & nutrition, cell structures Countryside & Environment – conservation survey with habitats Horticulture – plants, soils & photosynthesis
Technology	Agriculture – food production, farming, dairy products, milk, pasteurisation, microbes
Engineering	Machinery & Mechanics – electronic, hydraulics & forces Metalsmithing & Jewellery – metal design & acrylics
Maths	Included in all the above subjects

Curriculum-focused Workshop Sessions

Suitable for secondary schools, we're happy to host sessions to complement your classroom topics either on-site or at your school. If you need a presentation for your assembly that will truly inspire your students, we can certainly deliver this for you.

“The students we have mainly come from an urban environment, so coming to Plumpton really opens their eyes to a different way of life, their awareness of how food arrives on their plate, and the scale of the operation required. Our Year 10 students greatly appreciated the opportunity to visit the farm and it supports the current curriculums in Food GCSE and VCERT courses. We will be coming here again. Thanks”

Tim Speller - Varndean School



Careers and Progression in Land-Based Industries

With a distinct skills shortage in our sector, the land-based industries offer a huge range of opportunities at all levels. You may be surprised to hear that over 500,000 new entrants will be needed by 2020. Our sessions aim to encourage young people to consider the diverse range of opportunities that are available – both for their career progression, but also for the sustainability of the industry.

Focused mainly on KS3 and KS4 – but also KS5 in sixth form, the team supports a wide number of schools and colleges across the South East. Providing land-based Careers Information Advice and Guidance (IAG), we recruit from across the UK and are happy to travel to schools or colleges to deliver inspirational and informative careers sessions. We have a wide range of products available that we can offer to schools and pupils, which we bespoke based on your needs:

Assemblies

We provide short sessions with videos for whole year groups to discover the career and progression possibilities available to them.

School Group Visits

We run whole year group visits to Plumpton College each July where your students can experience our fantastic campus first-hand, getting a real insight into student life studying at Plumpton.

Twilight Sessions

We also hold Twilight Sessions for teaching skills. These are curriculum-focused workshops ideal for schools. Talk to us also about CPD training days which we run regularly for teachers at Plumpton College.



College Open Events

Come and join us at our Information Mornings and Evening events. Parents, family and prospective students are welcome to join us to find out about our facilities, career aspirations, and funding. They'll get to meet our admissions team and talk directly with our tutors and support staff. We also invite you to join us on our main Open Day in May which is attended by many thousands of visitors. Visit our website www.plumpton.ac.uk for more details.

General Careers Advice Sessions

Backed up by lesson plans and resources, we look at the importance of the world of work in land-based industries and individual topics as needed.

Land-Based Careers Seminars for Teachers

Discover subject-based events for career-focused school staff. These can be held either at Plumpton College or at your site.

School-Based Careers Events

We can help support your events to give students an introduction to land-based industries. These include mock interviews.

School-Based Parent Evenings and Careers Fairs

We'd be delighted to bring our fixed displays to your school or college.

Taster and Experience Days

We offer single subject days to students in Year 9, 10, 11 (Taster) and Experience Days for our older sixth form students and adult learners. These are inspirational and enjoyable days that help students to decide on their preferred route of study and career choice. Contact our admissions team for a brochure.

"The variety of courses available and how our students are made aware of these fantastic opportunities are, in my opinion, what sets Plumpton College apart. Through assemblies, parent consultation evenings, mock interviews, careers fairs and bespoke SocEd lessons, our students have the chance to gain a greater understanding of how a career in the land-based sector can offer such diversity and opportunities at the highest levels. With sessions that are delivered, the utmost importance is that all students are able to access the curriculum. They are informative, captivating and leave the students with a real sense of independence in deciding their own future. It is a pleasure working with them."

Mat Hafernik, Director of Key Stage - Seahaven Academy.

For more details of how we can support your school or college students, contact the Schools Liaison team:

Telephone: 01273 892096, 01273 892015

Email: schoolsliason@plumpton.ac.uk

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

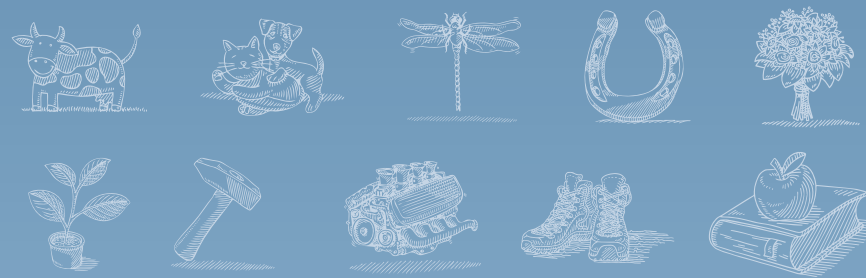


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