

2016/17



Plumpton College

# Taster Days

available for students between 14-16 years



**Wondering about your future career?  
Come and try Taster Days in your choice of subjects.  
FREE to those in Year 9, 10 & 11 at school.**

# OPEN DAY

In association with the Sussex Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 10am-5pm**

Equine displays  
Forestry demonstrations  
Range of large and small animals  
Tractor/trailer rides  
Children's activities  
Craft & trade fair  
Woodland walks  
Farm displays  
Local food & refreshments  
Dog grooming  
Falconry  
Sheep shearing  
Wine tasting  
Dog showing  
Plant sales  
Clay pigeon shooting  
Sport/outdoor activities/climbing wall  
Floristry & sales  
Metalsmithing/jewellery  
Gun dogs and terrier racing  
Floristry displays & competition  
Hard Landscaping & horticulture



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# Introduction

It's a really exciting time for the land-based sector, with a wide range of careers available and trained people in demand from Employers.

We'd therefore really like to invite you to come and spend the day experiencing Plumpton College to discover the wide range of land-based courses we offer and the careers they could lead to.

Our Taster Days offer an excellent opportunity to spend a day experiencing a subject of your choice and will make it easier for you to make a decision about your future study and career.

The Taster courses are held at Plumpton and Netherfield, near Battle.

At the end of the Taster Day, there will be an opportunity for you to ask a member of staff any questions you may have and to discuss a careers in the subjects that interest you.

Do come along to meet our friendly and helpful staff and see what the College has to offer.

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# **Welcome to: Plumpton College at Netherfield**

**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 called Ivyland Farm, with an additional small centre at nearby Robertsbridge.**

**It's a great place for you to study in a practical environment. We call it a "classroom without walls" which means that you will really enjoy the smaller class sizes and working setting. Studying at Netherfield you will also get to enjoy the activities, such as Netherfield Young Farmers at Plumpton College.**

**If you want further information about the Netherfield Centre or any of the College's activities please contact:**

**Head of Plumpton College at Netherfield –  
for all school and post 16 courses based at Netherfield  
Debbie Hopkins – 01424 838873**

**Plumpton College main centre –  
for all of our courses  
01273 890454**

**Look on our website – [www.plumpton.ac.uk](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk)**

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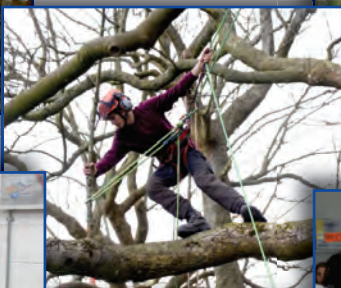
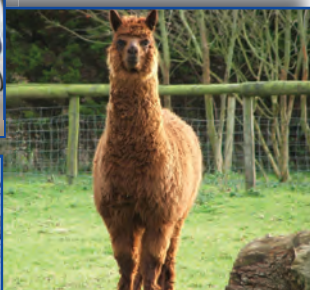


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# Experience Days

for those aged 17+



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# **Welcome to Plumpton College**

**Thinking of changing your career?**

**Plumpton College is now offering Experience Days, which will give any interested party the opportunity to gain insight and explore different pathways to a new, exciting and vibrant career.**

**These are being held at the main Plumpton College site and also at one of our outcentres, Plumpton College, Stanmer, in Brighton.**

**Plumpton College offers a wide variety of land-based courses available to students aged 17 and above.**

**(Wine tasting available only to 18+ attendees)**

**In today's ever changing climate, there is a growing necessity for those with vocational qualifications and by joining one of our Experience Days this could help you begin your new challenge for the future.**

**At the end of the Experience Day you will have the opportunity to discuss future career options with your fully qualified and experienced tutors.**

**We look forward to meeting you soon.**

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# **Welcome to: Plumpton College at Stanmer**

**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 have got superb outdoor working areas at Stanmer – extensive areas for growing crops and plants all year round. Plus a fantastic palm house which houses ornamental plants and grows international food crops. At our Stanmer site we work closely with Kew Gardens and South Downs National Park.**

**Head of Plumpton College at Stanmer – James Pashley  
For all courses based at Stanmer please call 01273 679363**

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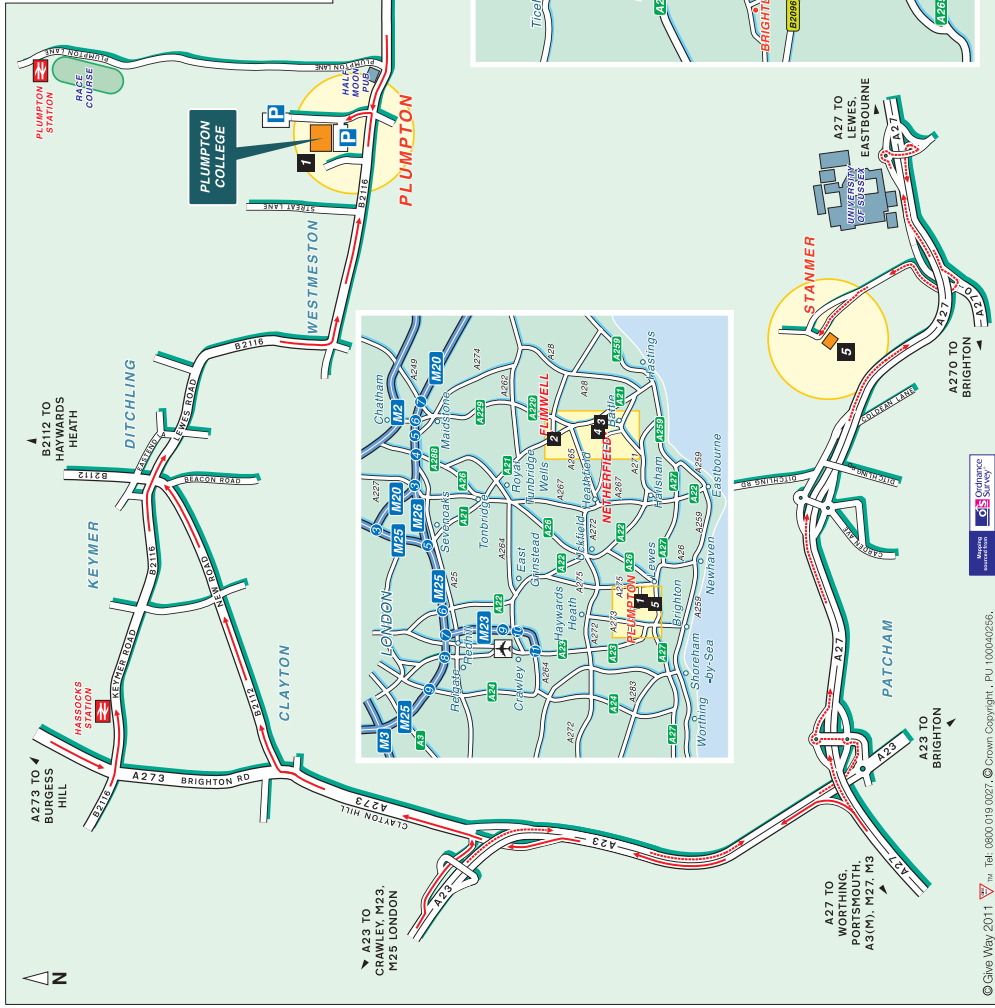
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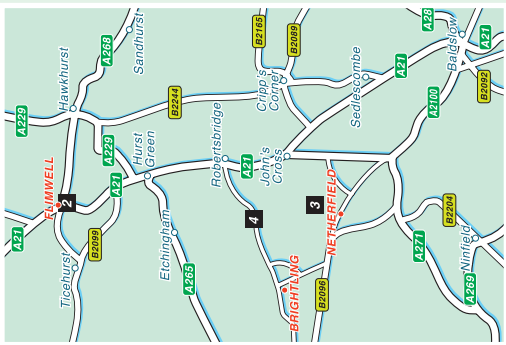
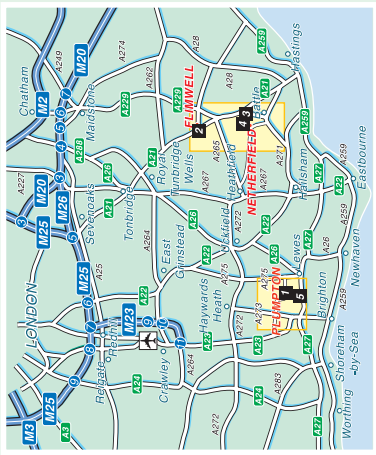
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**2 Centre for Sustainable Food, Farming and Forestry**  
The Woodland Enterprise Centre, Elmwell, East Sussex TN5 7PR  
Tel: 01580 979 547 or 01580 979 552 www.woodlandenterprise.co.uk

**3 Ivyland Farm**  
Netherfield Centre, Netherfield Road, Netherfield, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9QB  
Tel: 01424 838 873

**4 Greencoak Farm**  
Brightling, N. Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN33 5HB

**5 Stanmer Park**  
Stanmer Park, Lewes Road, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 9QA  
Tel: 01273 679 363







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# Taster and Experience Day Application Form 16/17

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

All Taster and Experience day places will be confirmed in writing, within 2 weeks of receipt. Acceptance forms must be returned to guarantee your place on your allocated Taster or Experience day. These days will run subject to minimum numbers being met.

For Office Use Only:

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicants Personal Details

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Known as: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Other) \_\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Unique Learner Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

### Address Details

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Details

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, or have you ever been in care, or being looked after by a carer? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### School Year (please tick)

Year 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Year 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Year 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Year 12 \_\_\_\_\_ Year 13 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

### Education Please complete full details of the **last School or College** that you are attending/attended

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates from & to: \_\_\_\_\_

Predicted/Actual grades (please contact your school if you are unsure)

No qualifications \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Level 3 or E-G grades \_\_\_\_\_ 2 GCSEs at A-D grades \_\_\_\_\_

Up to 4 GCSEs at A-C grades \_\_\_\_\_ 5+ GCSEs at A-C grades \_\_\_\_\_ Higher \_\_\_\_\_

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## Plumpton College

### Parent/Guardian/Next of Kin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Tel Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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.

### Additional Support & Medical needs please document all support needs and medical conditions

Do you have any disabilities and/or Learning Support requirements? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details and how this affects you:

Do you have any medical conditions? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide details and how this affects you:

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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**Own transport** \_\_\_\_

I will make my own travel arrangements to and from my Taster Day

**Lunch Arrangements** please tick 1 from below choices

**Lunch provided** \_\_\_\_

Plumpton – Packed lunch, Netherfield – Cooked lunch

**I will bring my own lunch** \_\_\_\_

Some of the sites do have snack bars and vending machines, should you wish to bring additional money. Please check for further details.

## Taster Subjects and Dates

Please tick your preferred subject and date. If you would like to attend more than one, please let us know your choice preference eg: 1<sup>st</sup> choice, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. Please note the June dates are not within a half term so you will need to get permission from your school to attend.

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Adventure Education						
Agriculture	N	N	N	N	N	N
Agricultural Machinery						
Animal Management	N	N	N	N	N	N
Blacksmithing and Metalwork						
Environmental Conservation						
Equine						
Fishery Management						
Floristry						
Forestry & Arboriculture						
Game & Wildlife Management						
Horticulture						
Motor Vehicle Service and Repair						
Rural Pathways	N	N	N	N	N	N

Key information: Blank boxes – Plumpton site    N – Netherfield site

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## Experience Days (Age 17 and above)

**Travel Options** please tick 1 from below choices

**College bus** \_\_\_\_

Collection from Lewes, at 8.35am to Plumpton and return at end of the day, Stanmer transport can be discussed upon application.

**Own transport** \_\_\_\_

I will make my own travel arrangements to and from my Experience Day

**Lunch Arrangements** please tick 1 from below choices

**Lunch provided** \_\_\_\_

Plumpton – Packed lunch, Stanmer – This option is not available

**I will bring my own lunch** \_\_\_\_

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Horticulture	S	S	S	S	S	S
Motor Vehicle Service and Repair						
Rural Pathways						
Wine	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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