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WELCOME TO PLUMPTON COLLEGE

As Principal, I would be delighted to welcome you to our student body in 2019. We pride ourselves on being a college that delivers expert teaching and learning, and offers a dynamic and supportive environment that enables our students to reach their full potential.

We are part of a growing and highly innovative sector, using the latest technology to enhance practice. A sector-wide study revealed that over 595,000 jobs will be available before 2020 within land based industries, and we are prepared to meet that demand. We work closely with industry partners and employers to ensure we provide the right skills and training to students, so they leave ready for the world of work.

I am delighted that last February we were graded by Ofsted as GOOD, highlighting the dedication of staff to continually improve the teaching, learning and student experience at Plumpton. We are passionate about the land based industry and I hope you will join us on our journey to 'Outstanding' as we remain committed to helping our students achieve their ambitions and succeed in the workplace.

Jeremy Kerswell
—Principal

100% of our apprenticeship students feel they are on the right course

98% of students who arrive at college stay for the duration of their studies



Over 90% of students continue into a career of their choice or into higher education

93% of students feel their lessons give them the relevant industry skills and knowledge

90% of students knew what their targets were and how to achieve them

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97% of students agree that it is easy to apply to the college



800 Hectares of land to discover in the south downs

Graded Ofsted 'good' and Ofsted 'outstanding' for residential provision

96% of students felt welcome on their first day at college



90% of students are satisfied with the courses and the induction to college



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REPRESENT

Students at Plumpton not only receive the best educational experience on their programme of study, but have the opportunity to be ambassadors for their course and industry across the country. Here are ten of their recent successes and achievements.

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AGRICULTURE

Agriculture students take part in competitions each year as part of the Show Team, showing sheep and dairy cattle at shows including the Heathfield and South of England Show.

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ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Students undertook a 17 day World Challenge expedition to Borneo. The trip involved a 4 day trek through a challenging rainforest to the summit of Mount Kinabalu, and working on a conservation project with sun bears and orang-utans.

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BUTCHERY

Apprentice Callum Barton was presented with the 'Lord Graham Endeavour Award' by the Institute of Meat and Worshipful Company of Butchers annual awards.

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FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Students won both the Year 1 and 2 3ATC Southern College Climbing Competition. Taking part in competitions such as the 3ATC College Climbing Competition allows our students, not only to develop their skills for industry, but network with their peers and industry leaders. The judges of the competition are world class climbers and can offer support and tips during the competition and for their future careers.

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FLORISTRY

Students create designs each year for a number of national events. This year it included the Chichester Cathedral Flower festival, South of England Society members areas and the High Sheriff of Lewes declaration.

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COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

George King won the South of England Agricultural Societies Student Assignment Competition for the Top Project in Further Education at the Ardingly Autumn Show and Game Fair.

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WINE PRODUCTION

Plumpton Estate NV Brut Rosé, produced by students, won its 4th gold medal at the Champagne and Sparkling Wine World Championships.

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HEDGELAYING

Students take part in the annual patrons hedgelaying event held each year by HRH The Prince of Wales and The National Hedgelaying Society. This year it was held at Sandringham Estate.

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GAME MANAGEMENT

Students won both the Oxford University Challenge shoot and the BASC Annual Clay shoot against 10 other colleges from across the UK.

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GOLF GREENKEEPING

Nick Machin wins the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Competition. Nick is studying on the golf greenkeeper apprenticeship and wins a seven-week scholarship at the University of Massachusetts in the USA, as well as a trip to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Golf Industry Show in San Antonio.

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'The first year of the agriculture programme is really learning about all the aspects of agriculture and the industry itself. The second year is a 'sandwich' year, which I spent at a local farm. I learned a lot of new skills from re-seeding, silaging, calf rearing, milking and tractor work. I attained my spraying certificates and became really passionate about agronomy. Once I returned to college for my final year, I specialised in arable, crop production, machinery and workshop skills.

My work now as a trainee Agronomist involves trialling new products, such as a pesticide. I trial products on various crops for it to be approved for use, which will then be released to the open market. We go out into the field, follow the study plan from the client and carry out assessments and applications such as a fungicide trial and collect the data. The company has bases all over the world so there are great opportunities to swap with team members in other countries to get experience in another area. With hard work, determination and people helping you along the way, you can achieve anything you desire.'

**Level 3 Extended
Diploma in Agriculture
(2015 - 2018)**

**School Attended:
Davison's CE High School
for Girls, Worthing**

**KERRIS
POLAND
ASSISTANT
TRAINEE
AGRONOMIST**

This is the next step on your journey to the career of your dreams. College life is very different from school. It is a professional and supportive environment for you to grow, offering you greater freedom and increased responsibility, preparing you for your next step into further study or employment.



SOCIALISE

Just 12 miles from Brighton city centre and set within the South Downs, there are a host of activities available to suit you. Whether you enjoy the great outdoors, or a buzzing city to explore it's all on your doorstep. As well as a year long calendar of events organised by the SU, every June brings our annual awards ceremony and summer ball, a great way to celebrate a successful year of study.

GIVING BACK

We play an active role in our local community, getting involved in projects from maintaining flower beds at the local station through to our Raising and Giving Day for our chosen charity each year. Last year our students raised over £7000 for Chestnut Tree House. We support local events such as the South of England Show, where students volunteer to help steward arenas, and be an ambassador for their industry to the public.

WELLBEING

Your health and wellbeing is extremely important to us. We offer a range of healthy snacks through our two on-site cafés as well as a selection of meals in our dining room each day, sourcing local produce and produce from the college farm.

At Plumpton College, we believe that enriching your college experience through sporting activities can only support the students focus and drive to be the best they can be. Our enrichment programme consists of activities on a revolving schedule throughout the year including: badminton, basketball, netball, 5-a-side football, volleyball, rounders, cricket, stoolball, archery, indoor climbing/ bouldering, cross country running, strength and conditioning, HIIT training and many more.

CAMPUS

TAKING PART

Our busy, vibrant Students' Union is run for the students, by the students. Our aim is to represent each student with a host of student voice activities throughout the college year, ranging from exciting talks from NUS and local influencers, to the Plumpton Young Farmers Club.

We want to give all our students a fantastic college experience by providing a varied social calendar of trips, visits, clubs and activities that are open and accessible to all our students. There is something for everyone from Moss Club and Running Club, to Debate Club and Drama Club.

Year on year, our aim is to leave a legacy of improvement and positive change to student life by making sure that your experience at Plumpton just gets better and better. Our students play an active role in developments of the campus, offering feedback about residency and catering as well as holding regular forums with the Principal.

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GETTING HERE

We have our own extensive bus network with a range of zones covering East Sussex, parts of West Sussex and Surrey. We are connected by local buses and trains with Plumpton Station and Lewes Station short distances away. If you live further afield, we have over 200 on-site rooms, with options from shared to single en-suite rooms and plenty of student parking on our campuses.

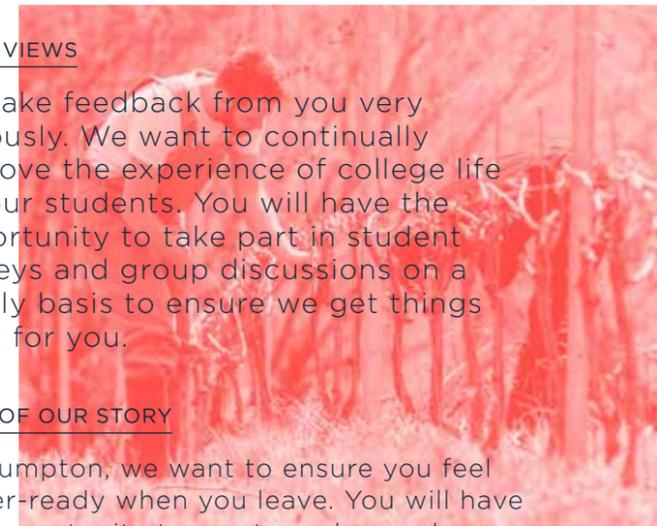
YOUR VIEWS

We take feedback from you very seriously. We want to continually improve the experience of college life for our students. You will have the opportunity to take part in student surveys and group discussions on a termly basis to ensure we get things right for you.

PART OF OUR STORY

At Plumpton, we want to ensure you feel career-ready when you leave. You will have the opportunity to meet employers, hear from industry leaders as part of our guest lecturer series, take part in work experience and receive careers advice.

However your journey with Plumpton doesn't end when you leave us. You'll join our diverse and active group of alumni 'The Old Plumptonians Association'. There are opportunities to inspire the next generation with your story, keep in touch with friends, and receive support and advice throughout your career from the extensive alumni community.



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With sporting excellence firmly at the heart of the colleges growth and development, we are excited about the opportunities that sport can bring to every student through the enrichment and academy programme.

Our exclusive academy programmes in Football, Rugby and Sailing enable existing and developing athletes to have access to a high calibre of coaching through our Academy Directors, who are also on hand to offer expert advice and guidance for skills development. The academies include fitness testing and training, extensive weekly coaching, and of course competitive fixtures.

FOOTBALL

Our men's and women's football academy gives every player the opportunity to perform at an excellent level on the pitch through challenging games and off the pitch through detailed personal training development. With an aim to provide quality players and coaches for local clubs and football coaching organisations, we take great pride in developing each individual's skills in all areas.

Opportunities to take a holistic approach to the player's sporting development will include regular strength and conditioning training, fitness analysis, nutrition education and gamesmanship coaching. There will also be opportunities to enrich the player's experience with trips to national events alongside their vocational direction.



SPORTS ACADEMIES

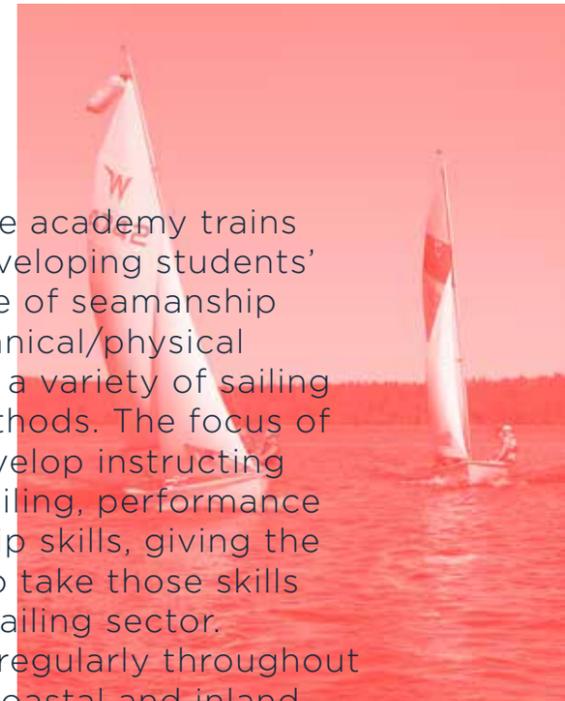
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SAILING ACADEMY

Set on a local lake, the academy trains on a weekly basis, developing students' theoretical knowledge of seamanship skills and driving technical/physical performance through a variety of sailing craft and training methods. The focus of the academy is to develop instructing skills in racing, day sailing, performance sailing and seamanship skills, giving the unique opportunity to take those skills and use them in the sailing sector.

The club races regularly throughout the year in both the coastal and inland environment and competes in Federation events across the county. Competing against national sailing squad members offers the experience and insight of the most current racing knowledge. There is also the opportunity to refine your personal coaching experience through the cadet programme, which develops skills of academy members.



RUGBY ACADEMY

The Plumpton College men's and women's rugby academy provides a unique opportunity to receive a high level of coaching, training and competition experience alongside your main vocational studies.

Throughout the season there are also fantastic opportunities to increase your rugby game knowledge and involvement through approved short courses, trips, club link opportunities and personal development sessions.



ENMIES

THE NEXT GENERATION

MEGAN CRAFT TEAM GB WINDSURFING



'I was studying for my A levels and realised it wasn't for me. I wanted something more relevant to what I enjoy, being out on the water.

I started windsurfing when I was 9, my dad taught me, then I joined a club in Eastbourne. I was scouted for the GB squad, put in 3 hard years of training and competed at the European Championships in 2016.

The Adventure Education course was the perfect way for me to apply my passion for Watersports. It has opened so many doors and opportunities to me. The highlight has got to be the sailing expedition to Sweden.

I loved the course because it is so relevant, each unit links both practical and theory so well, with the chance to study for extra qualifications. I took the opportunity to complete my dinghy instruction course.

I would love to one day work freelance, run clinics and take my windsurfing around the world.

**Level 3 Extended
Diploma Adventure
(2016 - 2018)**

School Attended:
Heathfield Community College

Moving from school to college can sometimes seem a bit daunting. 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.

The College offers additional learning support and we have specialist staff who can help with specific learning difficulties such as dyslexia, autism, Asperger's syndrome, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and ADHD.

We also have specialist communication support staff who will be able to assist you with developing your communication skills and specialist arrangements for exams (subject to assessment and agreement) including: Rest breaks / Extra time / Reader or scribe / Separate room / Different colour exam paper.

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COUNTDOWN TO COLLEGE

VISIT US

Join us for an information event to have a tour of the college and meet tutors. Alternatively, why not attend one of our Taster Days for ages 14 and older and try our courses for a day.

YOUR INTERVIEW BOOKING

We will send you a letter in the post with your interview date within 2 weeks of receiving your application.

OFFER CONFIRMED

We will write to you within 10 days of your interview to confirm your place at college.

GOOD LUCK!

Study hard for your exams, we will be sent your results. Don't worry if you didn't get what you wanted, it's still important to give us a call and discuss your place at college.

LET'S BEGIN

In September you will be enrolling into college and we can't wait to see you again and get things started! It's really important to attend so you can pick up vital information about your course so you get off to the very best start.

SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION

You can find this on our website or pop in to an Information Event and one of our team will be happy to help with any questions you have.

ATTEND YOUR INTERVIEW

You can also find out more about accommodation, transport, bursaries and fees. If successful, an offer will be made to you on the day.

KEEP IN TOUCH

You will need to send a response back to accept your place at Plumpton. You can visit us throughout the year at Information Events if you still have some questions. You and your parents will be invited to welcome events over the summer.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU

Keep an eye on your emails and post over the summer for important information about enrolling. You can check out what's happening at college on our social media pages.

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THE RURAL QUALIFICATION FOR YOUR

14+ STUDY PROGRAMMES

We run programmes for students who are still studying at school, or are home educated, where you can come to college to study for a qualification 1 day per week. If you are at school, you will need to talk to your teacher or tutor about applying and have your application form signed by your parents and school. This is a great stepping stone into a full time programme. You can also add an additional day for functional skills or GCSE in English, Maths and Applied Science.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

If you're interested in developing your personal, social, academic and employability skills as well as English and mathematics, then our entry level Rural Pathways programme is ideal for you.

You will work towards a number of units which include exploring art, developing ICT skills, keeping safe, developing self-awareness and communication. You will also get to develop practical skills through vocational tasters and go on visits and outings. Work experience is also a big part of your course, helping to build on your interests, experience and confidence, as well as provide opportunities to engage in real life practical work-related activities.

The Rural Pathways study programmes range from Entry level 1 to Entry level 3 and between one to three years, depending on your needs.

FULL TIME STUDY PROGRAMMES

Our full-time vocational programmes are accredited by Pearson BTEC and City and Guilds.

OUR AWARDING BODIES EXPLAINED

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs), City and Guilds qualifications and diplomas are examples of 'vocational' or 'work-based' qualifications that teach students the skills and knowledge they need for a chosen occupation. Level 1, 2 and 3 optional are available for most courses as are opportunities to progress onto degree level qualifications.

BTEC stands for the Business and Technology Education Council and are a specialist work-related qualification. They combine practical learning with subject and theory content.

During a vocational course, a student will be assessed on their practical and academic skills.

QUALIFICATION LEVELS

Entry Level: If you have no prior experience and you don't feel confident about your abilities, then this level could be a good place to start. You do not need any qualifications but you will need to show a willingness to learn.

Level 1: Ideal if you are just starting out or are new to the subject area. This level covers routine tasks and basic knowledge.

Level 2: This is a great way to improve your knowledge of a subject area and will be the equivalent of GCSE level of study.

Level 3: Covers more complex work and will help you develop your skills. Ideal if you would like to go on to study at a higher level such as University. You can either study for 1 or 2 years or attain either an equivalent to one full A Level or the equivalent of 3 A Levels.

‘Students develop very good practical and vocational skills and produce work of a high standard...the proportion of learners who achieve their qualifications has increased over the past three years...and the proportion of learners who achieve A – C grades in GCSE English and mathematics in 2016/17 improved considerably and was higher than recent national rates.’*

Ofsted Report 2018

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships allow you to combine work and study by mixing on-the-job training with classroom learning. You'll be employed to do a real job while studying for a formal qualification, usually for one day a week either at a college or at your place of work. By the end of your apprenticeship, you'll have gained the skills and knowledge needed to either succeed in your chosen career or progress onto the next apprenticeship level.

What you'll learn depends on the role that you're training for. However, apprentices in every role follow an approved study programme, which means you'll gain a nationally-recognised qualification at the end of your apprenticeship.

The college currently offers two different levels of apprenticeship:

Level 2 (Intermediate): Equivalent to five good GCSE passes.

Level 3 (Advanced): Equivalent to two A-level passes.

TRAINEESHIP

WHAT IS A TRAINEESHIP?

A traineeship is a great place to start if you are not quite ready for an apprenticeship, but want to become work-ready. It incorporates work experience and prepares you for your future career. Designed for people aged 16-24 who don't yet have the appropriate skills or experience, traineeships provide the essential work preparation training, English, maths and work experience needed to secure an apprenticeship or employment.

A traineeship has three core elements:

- A high-quality work experience placement with an employer.
- Work preparation training, provided by the training organisation.
- English and maths support, if required, provided by the training organisation. Traineeships last anything up to a maximum of 6 months with the content tailored to the needs of the business and the individual.

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SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

WHAT IS A SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP?

Supported Internships are one year study programmes run by Plumpton College, with the core aim to find paid, sustainable work for young adults with SEND.

This is a real hands-on course where you'll spend at least one day a week in a working business, and the rest of your time either in college or working out in the community on a range of real-life projects. It's 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.

You'll need to be 18 - 23 with an Education, Health and Care plan and be in your final year of college.

Alternatively if you do not have an Education, Health and Care plan, we can offer you a Supported Traineeship.

HIGHER EDUCATION

From 2018, many of our degrees are validated in partnership with The Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester. Together we give our students expert teaching, an inspirational campus and a rich student experience to ensure our graduates leave us career ready, with the right knowledge, skills and attributes to become the future leaders of the land based sector. We have degrees in Equine Science and Coaching, Veterinary Nursing, Animal Behaviour and Conservation and both Wine Production and Wine Business. For 2019 we have plans to develop an exciting new programme in Land Management. By studying with us at level 3, you will have the opportunity to progress onto studying with us or at the Royal Agricultural University for your degree. We offer students studying at level 3 specialist sessions and events throughout the year to prepare for this next exciting step.

ENGLISH & MATHS

STUDYING FOR ENGLISH & 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. We have a fabulous team of expert staff who have supported students over the last two years to exceed national averages in achieving their grade 4 and above in English and maths.

This is why we include English and mathematics results as part of our entry criteria for our study programmes, as all students who haven't yet achieved a grade 4 or above in their English or maths will continue to study it with us, either at GCSE or Functional skills level 1.

PRO FILE: THE NEXT GENER ATION

'I studied the level three gamekeeping course over two years at Plumpton and I developed my skills through a range of practical and theory tasks. Running the commercial shoot in my second year was such a great experience which gave me transferable skills for my career. Towards the end of the course I was applying for jobs with the help of my programme manager who had been in contact with Kevin at Sandringham. My name was put forward and I went for the interview and started working there very soon after.'

**Level 3 Extended
Diploma Game Management
(2016 - 2018)**

**School Attended:
Bexley Heath Academy**



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**ANTHONY
PASSEY**
*Trainee
Gamekeeper
Sandringham
Estate*

AN INSPIRATIONAL EXPERIENCE

We are one of a handful of independent specialist providers of land based education in the country, making Plumpton the perfect place for you to study. Here's what our curriculum managers have to say:

ADVENTURE EDUCATION & SPORT

'Our blend of mainstream sports such as football, tennis and netball, combined with our popular adventure education courses including mountain biking, climbing and sailing, offers you a unique experience. Each year we have some excellent opportunities in which you can be involved, from expeditions to our centre at the foot of Snowdonia, to ski trips and sailing between islands in Sweden.' **Andy Hamilton**

AGRICULTURE

'We are extremely privileged to have one of the largest college commercial farms in the country for our students to use, as well as our smaller farm at Netherfield. We have over 270 pedigree Holstein cows, 50 pedigree Sussex cows, 600 breeding ewes and 120 sow pig herd. We work with industry partners to offer an exciting programme of guest lecturers and offer students the chance to attend shows as part of the show team, and events and farm visits throughout the year including the SIMA show in Paris.' **Alan Johnson**

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

'I can't wait to welcome you to the Animal Management Centre at Plumpton. So many exciting job opportunities exist, whether you are interested in animal behaviour, rescue and rehabilitation, wildlife, exotics and conservation or the management of animal collections. You'll get to use the latest up-to-date technology and equipment as well as caring for our large range of animals including amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles.' **Shonna McMillan**

COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT

'With the South Downs on our doorstep there is no better place to study countryside management. As the countryside becomes even more popular for recreation, there is a greater demand for skilled people who can ensure that habitats are protected, whilst making sure that the public still have the chance to enjoy its beauty. You will learn about estate maintenance, environmental conservation, the landscape and its history as well as machinery operation. We have some fantastic trips to large estates across the UK to put your skills to the test.' **Andrew McCall**

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EQUINE MANAGEMENT

'I am justifiably proud of the excellent equine facilities we have for our students at Plumpton. Our lecturers have a wealth of industry experience to help you develop your knowledge and understanding of horses. In addition to being able to develop your ground handling and riding skills with our wide variety of horses, you will benefit from the use of our stabling facilities for over 50 horses, two large indoor arenas (complete with galleries), our 30m x 60m outdoor arena, a horse walker and our superb indoor and outdoor yards. You will have the opportunity to join our regular dressage competitions and clinics as well as planning and managing a diverse range of equine events throughout the year.' **Debra Richmond**

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, 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 - a very exciting and growing industry. We have outstanding facilities including our recently built fisheries centre with a new one acre lake stocked with coarse fish. We have two stock ponds for a new recirculating fish farm stocked with tench, crucian carp and tilapia fish. We have a stretch of chalk stream on site which is home to spawning trout. It's a great time to join our growing course.' **Andrew McCall**

FLORISTRY

'Did you know there are over 10,400 florists in the UK alone? If you enjoy being creative, this is certainly the course for you. Our floristry students can use the beautiful estate grounds and greenhouses that provide you with

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an extensive range of indoor and outdoor plants to help you create your displays. Our amazing expert team will make sure you get the most from your learning including visits to wholesalers, local gardens and nurseries as well as taking part in local competitions to really hone your skills. From assembling basic floral designs to learning about sales and customer service, you will leave ready to enter this growing industry.' **James Pashley**

FOOD SKILLS

'Local artisan food is booming, with local food markets attracting thousands of visitors across the country. On a larger scale, with a growing population the production and manufacture of food has never been more important. New in 2018, our food skills courses offer you the chance to develop your practical skills required to prepare food in the perfect environment. Our course range includes food industry skills offering the basics across food production methods to trailblazing apprenticeships in butchery, bakery and food and drinks. We work with local producers to offer you outstanding facilities, coupled with our on site Dairy Processing Unit and Farm.' **Alan Johnson**

FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

'If you have a passion for trees and heights, you've come to the right place. The forestry and arboriculture sector brings you so many different opportunities and careers from Arborist to Forester. The workshop is equipped with woodland tractors for extraction, a woodmiser sawmill, a range of wood chippers, a mobile elevated work platform and tree climbing equipment. We have fantastic links with local land owners and estates in the area for you to gain experience in a wide range of settings. Our students also get the chance to compete nationally to perfect their skills. This is an incredibly rewarding industry and I look forward to welcoming you to the course.' **Andrew McCall**

GAME & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

'Plumpton Game Management team delivers a course that gives you all the skills you need to become a modern gamekeeper. You will 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. The newly revamped Plumpton College gamekeeping department is going from strength to strength with the investment in new incubation facilities, rearing equipment, clay shooting developments and the shoot expansion, providing a high quality student experience, knowledge and employment opportunities.'

As part of the student enrichment within the college, students from all courses are able to attend the clay shooting club, which is held on Wednesday afternoons at various times throughout the year. The top shots are entered into national competitions providing an opportunity to meet students from other Colleges and add achievements to their CVs.'

Andrew McCall

HORTICULTURE

'Horticulture is the only profession in the world that blends science, art, practical crafts skills and a love of nature to enhance the wellbeing of our society, by producing nutritious food and beautiful green landscapes for people to live in and enjoy. Horticulture is a huge industry that employs 300,000 people within the UK and contributes £9 billion to the UK economy.'

There are so many career pathways to choose from. Branches of horticulture include landscape gardening, garden design, plant conservation, sports turf management, management of botanical gardens and parks, domestic gardening services, glasshouse technology management,

production and sales of ornamental plants and production of fruits and salad crops. I am excited to share our developments of the horticulture department with you, including a brand new horticulture facility being built at our Stanmer Campus which will open its doors in 2020, becoming a national centre of excellence for horticultural training.'

James Pashley

LAND BASED ENGINEERING

'So much has changed in tractors and farm machinery in recent years, it's vital students leave fully trained on the latest innovations and technology available in the sector. You'll get to work on our fleet of tractors, some with GPS, in our modern and well equipped workshops. You can develop your diagnostic skills as well as hands-on tool use using our on-site welding shop. We will give you all the necessary skills to maintain, operate and repair or sell in this ever-changing industry.'

Neil Parsons

METALSMITHING

'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. You'll learn how to weld and use a range of tools including our forges.'

You will be introduced to shows and exhibitions where you will be able to sell your work, as well as talks and lecturers from local businesses to enhance your studies.'

Neil Parsons

MOTOR VEHICLE

'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've got modern workshops, fully equipped with three ramps and range of vehicles for you to work on. All of the latest equipment is here for you to use, developing your diagnostic skills, hands on tool use and mechanical training. We have a brand new and fully equipped MOT bay and welding shop which you will use as part of the course. Many of our students go on to be car mechanics, others choose repair and maintenance or engine diagnostics. Whichever route you choose, there is an exciting career path waiting for you.'

Neil Parsons

RURAL PATHWAYS

'Giving all our students the best possible start to their career is really important to the Rural Pathways team. That's why I will work with you to find out which business sector 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 have studied. The Rural Pathways course will help you develop social and personal skills for everyday life. Once you complete your course with us, you will be able to progress onto another course in the college or join the Supported Internships programme to enter the world of work.'

Claudette Atkinson

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS

'If you are 18 - 23 and have barriers to entering the world of work, this course is perfect for you. A supported internship could help you move on from college, gaining independence and a paid job. You will spend time at college working on skills such as developing relationships with colleagues, teamwork, effective communication, organisational skills and independent travel, before starting to think about your individual placement with an employer. Your job coach will help you to thrive in the workplace, understand your role, tasks that you are given, and to learn work place systems such as booking annual leave. To be successful on a Supported Internship or Supported Traineeship it comes down to teamwork, being proactive about what you want to do and making the most of opportunities. We also have lots of fun, encourage social activities, and provide tailored support to suit your needs.'

Gemma Mogford

VITICULTURE

'The English wine industry is going from strength to strength and is actively seeking staff to establish and manage the vineyards. By joining this programme, you will possess the core horticultural skills and knowledge that you will need to succeed in finishing employment or progressing onto a degree at Plumpton. You will learn how to operate farm and vineyard machinery, plant biology and protection against pests and diseases and key vineyard operations such as pruning, trellising and harvesting. We have over 10Ha of vineyards as well as our wine centre of excellence with a purpose built winery and research laboratories. Plumpton Estate wine, made by our students, is sold locally and produces over 30,000 bottles of award winning wine each year. We can't wait to introduce you to this exciting sector in the South East.'

Chris Foss

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IMPORTANT TO THE TEAM'**



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PLUMPTON
COLLEGE

PLUMPTON CAMPUS

Nestled within the foothills of the South Downs, the estate is over 800 hectares. The site has outstanding facilities including a large American barn style stabling, outdoor and indoor riding schools, workshops, an Animal Management Centre and one of the largest commercial college farms in the South East.

As well as our practical facilities we have well-equipped classrooms, IT suites and plenty of spaces for students to enjoy including two common rooms, two cafés, our students' union and dining room.

We have an extensive bus network and good rail links with Plumpton and Lewes stations nearby. You can find out more in our College bus network guide on our website.



STANMER CAMPUS

Stanmer 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.

The campus is undergoing redevelopment to be transformed into not only an outstanding training and education facility, but to become a leading visitor attraction for the South East, all within the Victorian Walled Garden complete with a shop selling Plumpton Estate produce and a café.

Getting to Stanmer is easy via the Brighton and Hove 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.



CAMPUS USES

NETHERFIELD CAMPUS

Our longest established campus, students have been joining us at Netherfield since 1997.

The campus boasts fantastic and recently upgraded facilities for courses in agriculture and animal management from Entry level to level 2 qualifications, in an idyllic setting around a small farm. It's a great place for you to study in a practical environment. We call it a 'classroom without walls', and you'll really enjoy the smaller class sizes and work 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 the Plumpton campus near Lewes. You can find out more details about the bus service to Netherfield from Hastings, Battle and Bexhill train stations on our website.



We boast other specialist facilities across the South East and work with local partners and employers to provide state of the art learning environments including a small woodland near Flimwell, a butchery near Ockham, and an artisanal bakery in Hove.

COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Please use the below as a guide to help you. Entry requirements may vary according to subject, please check the course details on our website for details.

Qualification	Entry Requirement	Number of Years to Study	Equivalent Level of Qualification
+14	Entry onto a course is accepted via application from your school or if you are home educated, you must provide a reference.	1/2	Level 1
Rural Pathways: Entry Level 1	Recognised and accredited prior learning and an online Initial skills assessment in English and mathematics working toward Entry 1.	1	Entry Level 1
Rural Pathways: Entry Level 2	Successful completion of Entry 1 Rural Pathways or recognised and accredited prior learning including an award or functional skill in English or mathematics at Entry level 1 or above or an online initial skills assessment in English and mathematics working toward Entry level 2.	1	Entry Level 2
Rural Pathways: Entry Level 3	Successful completion of the Entry 2 Rural Pathways or recognised and accredited prior learning including entry level functional skills in English and mathematics at a minimum Entry level 2.	1	Entry Level 3
Supported Internships	You'll need to be 18 - 23 with an Education, Health and Care plan and be in your final year of college. Alternatively if you do not have an Education, Health and Care plan we can offer you a Supported Traineeship. If you've got Entry level or level 1, 2 or 3 vocational qualification skills 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.	1	—
Level 1	1 or more GCSEs grades 2-1 or A-G or related Entry level 3 Qualification or completion of the rural pathways programme.	1	4 GCSEs Grade 2—1
Level 2 Diploma/ Extended Certificate	2 to 3 GCSEs grades 9-3 or A-D and studied English and maths at GCSE or completion of a related level 1 course.	1	4 GCSEs Grades 9—3

Qualification	Entry Requirement	Number of Years to Study	Equivalent Level of Qualification
Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	4 or more GCSEs grades 9-4 or A-C to include English, maths and a Science or Completion of a related level 2 qualification at Merit level or above.	1	1 A level
Level 3 Diploma	4 or more GCSEs grades 9-4 or A-C to include English, maths and a Science or Completion of a related level 2 qualification at Merit level or above.	2	2 A levels
Level 3 Extended Diploma	4 or more GCSEs grades 9-4 or A-C to include English, maths and a Science or Completion of a related level 2 qualification at Merit level or above.	2	3 A levels

APPRENTICESHIPS

Qualification	Level of Study	Equivalent Level of Qualification
Intermediate Apprenticeship	2	5 GCSEs at Grades A* to C
Advanced Apprenticeship	3	2 A Level Passes
Higher Apprenticeship	4 and 5	Foundation Degree & above
Degree Apprenticeship	6 and 7	Bachelor's or Master's Degree

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- You'll need to ensure that you have the chance to attend college during work hours as part of your paid employment. If you are not yet in employment we can help find you an employer within the subject field of your apprenticeship.
- You will ideally have achieved GCSEs grades A-E or equivalent*. If you have an equivalent qualification, we will also take this into consideration, along with any industry experience that you may have.
- You'll need to attend an interview and complete an initial assessment. This is to help us understand what level you are currently working at, and to make sure that we arrange the right level programme to suit your individual needs.

If you're 16-18 or over 19 in your first apprenticeship year, the minimum apprenticeship wage is £3.70** an hour.

However, if you're 19 or older and in further years of your apprenticeship, you'll receive the National Minimum Wage.

To find out more, visit [gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions](https://www.gov.uk/apprenticeships-guide/pay-and-conditions)

* This will be different for veterinary nurses who will need 5 GCSEs at grades A-C. This must include English Language, Maths and Science, or alternatively an equivalent level 2 or higher.

** This rate may change on a yearly basis. Check [gov.uk/national-minimum-wagerates](https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wagerates).

FEES & FINANCE

TUITION FEES FOR FULL-TIME PROGRAMMES

Students Aged 14+	Your school will pay your tuition fees. If you are home educated, there will be no fee to pay.
Students Aged 16-18	If you're aged 16-18 on 31st August in the year when you start your full-time course, then there are NO course tuition fees payable.
Students aged 19 and over at the course start date – studying at level 1 and 2 or first level 3	<p>For full-time students aged 19 or over on 31st August in the year when you start your course there will be tuition fees. The fees payable are dependent on the course you are studying.</p> <p>Tuition fee remission (i.e. the Government pays the tuition fee and assessment fee) is available to students aged 19 and over at the time the course begins is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Students aged 19+ unemployed and in receipt of JSA (Jobseekers Allowance) or Work Related ESA (Employment Support Allowance) or Universal credit (UC)- FREE up to and including first level 3 courses for students aged 19-23– Students aged 19+ unemployed and in receipt of a means-tested state benefit looking to enter employment - FREE up to and including first level 3 courses for students aged 19-23– Students aged 19-23 who enrol on their first full level 2 course - FREE– Students aged 19-23 who enrol on their first full level 3 course - FREE– Students that are on low income and can prove they earn less than £15,736.50 may be entitled to fee remission <p>Students aged 24 and above earning above the threshold may apply for an Advanced Learner Loan for full level 3 courses</p> <p>If you're being supported by your employer or a sponsor, you'll need to provide a letter of authorisation at enrolment.</p> <p>If you are aged 19-23 and you believe that you qualify for fee remission and would like to discuss this further, please contact our Admissions Team on 01273 892080 (admissions@plumpton.ac.uk)</p>
Students Aged 19 or over at the course start Date – Studying at Level 3 again and Students Aged 24 or over at the Course Start Date – Studying at Level 3	<p>Tuition fees vary based on your programme of study. These fees do not include College facilities, materials and assessment fees which will be charged separately.</p> <p>You can apply for a loan via the Advanced Learner Loan scheme to pay your course fee.</p>
Traineeships	If you're under 24 and haven't previously studied at Level 3, no fees are payable.
Ex-British Armed Forces	Please contact us to discuss the fee remissions available to you. We are accredited for the Ministry of Defence – Enhanced Learning Credits scheme.

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PAYMENT PLANS

We offer deferred payment schemes on an individual basis, so please call the Finance Team to discuss if this applies to you.

BURSARIES

We have a wide range of bursary funds that are given on a discretionary basis to provide financial assistance to eligible students who without support would not have access to learning. We also consider applications for residential bursaries to help with your costs of our on-site accommodation. If you're in a household with an income below £34,000 you can apply and we consider all applications for support on an individual basis.

We do advise early application for financial support as these funds are limited. You can apply via our website.

ADVANCED LEARNER LOANS

The loan system is similar to that currently operated within Higher Education by the Student Loans Company. Loans are not means tested and you won't be credit checked. Repayments do not start until you're earning over £25,000 after April 2016. To be eligible, you must be:

- Studying a full Level 3 or 4 course (Such as Access to HE courses, Diploma and Certificate courses)
- A resident in the UK for the past 3 years

For further information visit gov.uk/advanced-learning-loans or contact our Student Finance Officer on 01273 892102 (finance@plumpton.ac.uk)

For more information about finance and support, you can visit our website: plumpton.ac.uk

COURSES

Division	Course Title	14+ (Level 1)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Traineeship	Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship
Adventure Education and Sport	Adventure Education and Sport	● (Level 2)		●					
	Adventure Education				●				
	Sport				●				
Agri-Food	Agriculture	●	●	●	●			●	●
	Food Industry Skills			●					
	Food and Drinks Operative							●	
	Bakery							○	
	Butchery							○	○
Animal Management	Animal Care	●	●	●				●	●
	Animal Management			●	●				
	Animal Management with Science				●				
Business and Management	Business and Management							●	●
	Leadership and Management								●
Countryside: Land and Wildlife	Game and Wildlife Management			●	●				
	Countryside Management			●	●				
	Fisheries Management			●	●				
Equine	Horse Care	●	●	●					
	Equine Management				●				
Floristry	Floristry	●	●	●	●	●			
Forestry and Arboriculture	Countryside Skills	●							
	Forestry and Woodland Management		●	●					
	Forestry and Arboriculture				●				
	Forest Operative							●	
	Arborist							●	
Horticulture	Horticulture	●	●	●	●				
	Horticulture: Hard Landscaping			●					
	Horticulture (Specialising in either Horticulture, Production Horticulture, Hard Landscaping, Sports Turf Groundsman, Sports Turf Greenkeeping, Parks Gardens and Open Spaces)							●	●
Land Based Engineering	Skills for Engineering	●							
	Land Based Engineering			●	●			●	●
Metalsmithing	Creative Metalcrafts	●							
	Blacksmithing and Metalworking			●	●				
	Jewellery Manufacture				●				
Motor Vehicle	Vehicle Maintenance	●	●					●	
	Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair			●	●				
Rural Pathways	Rural Pathways		*						
Supported Internship	Supported Internship		*				●		
Veterinary Nursing	Veterinary Nursing								●
Wine	Viticulture				●				

● Plumpton Campus ● Netherfield and Plumpton Campuses ○ Some Off Site Centres * Entry level 1, 2 and 3 Qualifications Available

We are proud to work with leaders, businesses and employers across the land based industry to ensure our courses are fit for purpose, giving you the right skills ready to enter the world of work: **BALI Bookers Brighton & Hove Albion Brighton Racecourse British Airways Burden Bros Burleys Chelsea FC Crawley Borough Council Drusillas East Sussex National Ernest Jones HMP Prisons IVC LKL Mid Sussex CC NFU Raysteade RHS Sainsbury's Sussex County Cricket Club Vitacress West Sussex Growers Accolade WineGB**

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