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WELCOME TO PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Plumpton College has an extremely rich heritage due to the many thousands of students who have studied here over the past ninety years who have gone on to have highly successful careers in their chosen industries.

There has probably never been a better time to consider studying with us. Not only has our curriculum and choice of subjects continued to expand, but so has our site and the fabulous resources that our students can benefit from using to help develop the skills and knowledge required in the workplace. Perhaps more importantly, the range of land-based employers that our students are employed by are going through perhaps some of their biggest changes for over fifty years; driven by technological advances, climate change, conservation and many other factors. For many, this change has resulted in there being more demand for our students than ever before, and this is demonstrated by the employability rates of our students when they leave Plumpton College being at over 90%.

So if you want a rewarding career in an industry that has so many opportunities for you to grow, develop and make a real difference, now is the right time to be thinking about one of our many courses all offering excellent career options and rewards.

I am committed in conjunction with the whole staff team to ensuring that all students who study with us at Plumpton College will achieve their very best, and I look forward to meeting you soon at the start of what will be an exciting journey with us.

Jeremy Kerswell
—Principal



Explore with fleets of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes and advance with state-of-the-art climbing, navigation and sailing equipment. Co-ordinate badminton, netball or basketball matches in our sports hall where you'll also discover our indoor climbing wall.

Play cricket, football and rugby on our large sports field plus tennis on two outdoor hard-surface courts. Take part in a regular water sports timetable, designed to help you progress in personal and instructor skills at a local Outdoor Centre. Activities include stand up paddleboarding, windsurfing, dinghy sailing and wake boarding on placid water and the sea. Course water sports activities can take place in other inland and coastal locations to continue your development in the marine and river environment.

We have our own residential centre at the foot of Mount Snowdon in North Wales, where you can experience a huge range of exciting activities including hill walking, rock climbing and white-water paddle sports.



SPORT

Study the science of sport and become a health professional with sport coaching to learn about the anatomy of the body to discover how to preserve, strengthen and maintain vital muscles of the human structure.

Your course could include:

- Expedition experiences
- Psychology for sports
- Practical land and water-based skills
- Principles of anatomy and physiology in sport
- Fitness for sports and exercise

ADVENTURE EDUCATION

Make a great start in this exciting career by studying on a brand-new qualification course that amongst other varied and diverse subjects covers:

- Careers in the sport and active leisure industry
- Health, well-being and sport
- Personal skills development in outdoor activities
- Applied leadership and instructing in outdoor activity
- Research project in sport

OUR FACILITIES

- Large sports hall with gym and climbing wall
- Sports pitches and tennis courts
- Residential centre in North Wales
- Specialist water sports equipment
- Various outdoor and sport centres in Sussex and surrounding areas



HIGHLIGHTS

Travel the world during your studies at Plumpton College as our Sport and Adventure Education students have the privilege of taking part in unforgettable excursions. The Sport students visited Barcelona during Easter 2019 to take part in a Football Academy style experience where they trained with top football coaches in the Spanish sun.

The Adventure Education students have their highly anticipated annual ski trip to the Italian Alps. With a wealth of experience from our tutors and the highly dedicated ski staff, the trip is open to all students and is a fantastic bonding experience for all involved.

Our Football Academy, in conjunction with Lewes Football Club, offers an exciting, prestigious and unique partnership, allowing you to combine both an academy of footballing excellence and a performance focused vocational qualification.



Your course could include:

- Practical football performance
- Anatomy and physiology
- Business in sport
- Sports leadership (football)
- 6-8 hours of structured training at Lewes FC

OUR FACILITIES

- Large sports hall with gym and climbing wall
- Sports pitches and tennis courts
- Residential centre in North Wales
- Lewes FC's 3g all-weather pitch

HIGHLIGHTS

Seize the opportunity to be scouted for county, local and national clubs.

Benefit from specialist professional coaching under elite UEFA B licence coaches at Lewes FC and compete in the AOC Sussex Leagues, while having access to excellent teaching provision with us at Plumpton College.

The two-year programme is open to female players and allows you to focus on realising your full potential as a football player. Take the opportunity of being scouted for the semi-professional Lewes FC first-team, whilst studying our Sport programme with a wide variety of football and sport-related units to help develop yourself as a dual career athlete.



TASTER DAY

Think you could be part of Plumpton?

Join us for a Taster Day to experience what it is like to be a student at a land-based college.

15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY 2021

Full **FREE** day in one of the curriculum areas (14+)

Visit our website to book plumpton.ac.uk



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Take on a fast paced and exciting career as the world of agriculture continues to develop with the use of modern technology. The skills to be more tech-savvy are vital now more than ever with drones, GPS mapping, field data collection, robotic milkers and Shearwell data scanning becoming the norm in agriculture for farm managers and farm staff.



Our Agri-Food Centre is the heart of the campus, offering modern facilities for our agriculture and food offerings giving students a true experience of the agri-food industry. Consolidate all your practical skills with vital theory sessions, ensuring you have all the knowledge you need to leave career ready.

Your course could include:

- Combinable crop production
- Plant and soil science
- Farm animal production
- Investigative project
- Business management for the land-based sector
- Manage agricultural environments
- Livestock breeding and nutrition
- Beef production
- Grassland management

OUR FACILITIES

- 270-cow dairy unit which is complete with 36:36 Herringbone milking parlour, overseen by the dairy herd manager
- 50 extensively managed cow pedigree herd of Sussex beef cattle and 550 breeding flock of sheep
- 300-hectare arable unit
- 120-sow pig unit

HIGHLIGHTS:

Our Agriculture provision has been a hub of activity this academic year as Level 3 Agriculture students were given the task of creating a 360 virtual reality video. Used to teach Level 1 and 2 Agriculture students best practice when milking the dairy herd; preparing the herd for milking, and showing why certain processes are undertaken to maintain the health and welfare of the herd.

Third year students enjoyed a five-day study trip to the Paris International Agricultural Show. This trip gives an insight to farming differences in another country both cropping and stocking compared to the UK. The show has a vast amount of new and developing technology that supports an innovative approach within agriculture which is an essential approach in the drive for quality food production and efficiency.

Represent the college as part of the Show Team. The team enter cattle, pigs and sheep into a variety of country shows throughout the academic year and frequently return to college with an abundance of rosettes.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

If you're interested in animals, there's a world of opportunities to explore, from animal behaviourist to zoo keeper, animal welfare officer to ecologist, or lab technician to conservation leader. We have a fantastic Animal Management Centre for you to discover with areas specialising in small mammals, birds of prey, cold and tropical aquatics, and our exotics with a wide range of amphibians, reptiles and snakes.



You'll work with a variety of animals as a basis, preparing you for work experience and moving into relevant employment. You will learn essential skills required to work within the animal care industry such as how to feed and water animals, maintain their accommodation, handling animals and carrying out animal health checks. You can also progress onto the Animal Management degree programmes, also offered at Plumpton College.

Your course could include:

- Animal handling techniques
- Science
- Education
- Conservation
- Animal husbandry
- Ecology
- Animal welfare

OUR FACILITIES

- An extensive animal collection including amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles
- Access to the college farm livestock developing invaluable practical handling skills

HIGHLIGHTS:

The Animal Management students benefit from annual educational trips to various zoos and animal habitats across the country and nationally, enjoying excursions to South Africa and Borneo. The trips last around two weeks and are great for students gaining on the ground experience with exotic animals.

Our Animal Management students also benefit highly from expert seminars held at the college by top professors from across the globe who focus on topics such as dolphin welfare, exotic habitats and animal behaviour.

Engineering is a growing industry, with a 6% growth in enterprises in the UK and 19% of the UK total workforce being employed within this diverse sector (Engineering UK, 2018). At Plumpton we have a dedicated Engineering department including Blacksmithing and Metalwork, Land-based Engineering and Motor Vehicle courses.



BLACKSMITHING & METALSMITHING

Delve into the creative and diverse world of metalwork, where you can learn the traditional skills of forging and fabrication to create designs of your own. This industry is very much in demand, from heavy forge work to fine jewellery and small scale metal work. You'll have the opportunity to attend shows and exhibitions, as well as meet industry specialists.

Your course could include:

- Forgework preparation, processes, techniques and safe working
- Forgework construction tools, techniques and safe working
- 3D design briefs and product design
- Application of welding processes

LAND-BASED ENGINEERING

Altogether, 203,000 people with a Level 3 or higher in engineering skills will be needed every year to meet demand through to 2024. So much has changed with farm machinery in recent years, and it's for this reason that you'll need to be fully trained and up to date with the latest technological advances. You'll leave Plumpton College career ready with the necessary skills to maintain, operate and repair or sell in this ever-changing industry.

Your course could include:

- Applying mechanical principles
- Carrying out servicing and maintenance
- Health and safety in a land-based engineering work area
- Introduction to land-based machinery operations



MOTOR VEHICLE

Automotive design and technology is an advancing industry, full of exciting careers, from motorsports to manufacturers. 814,000 people are employed across the UK automotive industry, and with over 60 specialist car manufactures, 6 mainstream car manufacturers, and 9 engine manufacturers based in the UK alone there are endless opportunities for you to explore.

Your course could include:

- Spark ignition and system maintenance
- Tools, equipment and materials for vehicle maintenance
- Chassis units and components
- Electric and electronic technology
- Vehicle maintenance and repair

OUR FACILITIES

- 29 state of the art forges
- Modern workshops with 2 MOT bays
- 2 land-based engineering workshops
- Repoussé and metalwork room
- Jewellery workshops
- Fleet of tractors, equipped with GPS
- Fully equipped welding shop



COME
AND
BE
INSPIRED



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Working with horses is an extremely rewarding career and an ever-popular department here at Plumpton College. Our equine students do so much more beyond the classroom, taking part in practical yard duties, gaining valuable hands-on experience using our fantastic equine facilities, some of the largest and most comprehensive in Sussex.



EQUINE MANAGEMENT

Level 3 courses are designed for those who aim to work in the equine industry and develop careers as competition grooms, riding instructors or supervisory roles. Learners can also develop the knowledge and skills to progress to Higher Education. Each course offers opportunities to develop practical and supervisory skills in addition to the scientific theory of equine management.

Your course could include:

- Equine structure, form and function
- Equine diet and nutrition
- Horse tack and equipment
- Equine health and husbandry
- Equine behaviour
- Managing an equine yard
- Equine injury and rehabilitation
- Schooling horses on the flat
- Ground poles and grid work

HORSE CARE

Level 1 & 2 courses are predominantly practical and an excellent way to develop essential skills and knowledge of working with horses. You will also develop theoretical skills to further your understanding of the care of horses. Each course will enable you to access the next level of study here at Plumpton College or give you the necessary employability skills to go out into the workplace.

Your course could include:

- Equine tack and equipment
- Introduction to equine biology and health
- Equine work placement
- Principles of working with horses
- Equine preparation and plaiting
- Practical equine behaviour
- Riding horses on the flat
- Practical yard duties



OUR FACILITIES

- 2 large indoor schools complete with viewing galleries
- 30m x 60m outdoor menage
- Stabling for up to 40 horses with a variety for you to experience and enjoy
- Treadmill and weigh bridge
- Solarium
- Mechanical horse

HIGHLIGHTS

- Links with equine industry
- Launch of 'BHS Changing Lives Through Horses' programme
- Trips and visits to national and international equine events
- Competing in inter-college riding competitions
- Ability to gain industry recognised BHS qualifications
- Full livery options available

PRO FILE: STAFF

BETHAN
STACEY
*Level 1, 2 and
14+ Programme
Manager
for Equine
Management*

Hear about Bethan's role at Plumpton College and what inspires her everyday.

What's the favourite part about your job?

My favourite part of my job is helping the students to develop their own coaching and equitation skills; I love seeing the students grow in confidence and ability, and achieving things that they once thought impossible.

What do you love most about Plumpton College?

I believe a job is what you make of it, but people make a place. I am fortunate to work with some of the most dedicated, supportive and knowledgeable people and I feel inspired by them every day.

What advice would you give to students thinking about studying at Plumpton College?

Take pride in what you do. Our horses and yard are a reflection of you. Try to get involved with every opportunity and give it your best effort.



Cook, prepare and learn to maintain food establishments with the variety of food-based courses we have on offer. Bakery, Butchery and Fishmongery are fantastic options for those looking to get into the food business.

Hone your skills to become a traditional craft baker, patisserie chef, or product developer for a specialist shop or artisan bakery. Learn all the practical skills and invaluable knowledge you'll need to be successful as a modern butcher. Become responsible for maintaining high quality customer service, preparing and selling fish and enjoy sessions from Chief Executive, of Billingsgate Seafood School.



Your course could include:

- History of baking and its evolution
- Recipe formulation
- Bakery methods and processes
- Use of equipment and knife skills
- Finishing products including packaging and storage
- Waste reduction and recycling
- Consumer trend impacts

HIGHLIGHTS

Bakery and Food students can often be found indulging in competitive tasks gaining valuable industry based skills. Our Bakery students this year took part in a Bake-Off style competition including master baker and owner of Real Patisserie.

All of the students competed at a very high standard, with some truly innovative and imaginative ideas for products. They had to produce a yeast dough product made from two different flavoured doughs of their choice.

The winner by a very narrow margin was Nicola Thomas, who produced a new take on pretzels with a twisted combination of a peanut dough and a dark chocolate dough. She marketed this a "Twistzel" and also constructed a stand for her pretzels to be displayed. The winning product was then displayed and sold in Real Patisserie and a fellow well known bakery.

Our very own Butchery Apprenticeship Students have won Institute of Meat 'National Apprentice of the Year' awards for three out of the last four years.

OUR FACILITIES

- Modern bakery facilities at Lewes kitchens
- Dairy processing unit at Plumpton College
- High-end butchery facility near Ockham



**ADAM
HERSEY**
*Former
Environmental
Studies and
Conservation
student*

We hear from Adam Hersey, former student on our Environmental Studies and Conservation course, on how his studies at Plumpton College helped him to further his career.

How did this course help your career?

I've been lucky enough to land my dream job. After my apprenticeship, I applied for and got the job working for the National Trust at Nymans as one of two Rangers here.

What advice would you give to prospective students?

I would say, go for it! It could lead you into further Higher Education in Environmental Science or Ecology degree courses. You could go into work as a Ranger, an Ecologist or a Rural Surveyor.

What did you love most about studying at Plumpton College and how has it changed you?

For me, it was the interactions with the tutors that I enjoyed most. Returning to college as a mature student, I was able to maximise my learning potential from these highly knowledgeable individuals.

PRO FILE: ALUMNI

FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Climb your way to a top career within this diverse and growing sector that can offer a range of pathways, from forestry and woodland operations to arboriculture all brought together by a passion for trees, ecology and the outdoors.

The processing sector is highly advanced and at the forefront of technological innovation. In addition to wood grown in the UK, wood is sourced and processed from many other countries, including Scandinavia, Europe, North America, South America, Africa and the Far East.



Trees also serve an important purpose in our environment with forests and woodlands making up 13% of the land cover in the UK and therefore there are many roles available in conservation and preservation such as a tree officer or tree surveyor. If you are thinking of becoming self-employed or contracting for a large organisation there are plenty of opportunities including grounds worker, climber and utility arborist.

We have both full time study programmes and apprenticeships to suit your level of knowledge and experience.

Your course could include:

- Plant and soil science
- Tree planting, identification, and care
- Work experience
- Tree felling and chainsaw use
- Forest and woodland skills
- Specialist forestry and arboricultural machinery
- Arboriculture skills
- Pests and diseases
- Tree surveys, inspections and data analysis

OUR FACILITIES

- You'll work on various equipment such as tractors, a WoodMizer saw mill plus a range of wood chippers in our dedicated workshops
- Extensive grounds for you to develop your skills
- Build your knowledge through a variety of locations including our farmed land, hedgerows and streams
- Ancient woodlands at our campus and access to working commercial woodlands
- You'll be able to gain practical experience and knowledge of the tree-based sector through our links with local land owners and estates.

HIGHLIGHTS

Plumpton College's Level 3 Forestry students competed in the annual 3ATC Southern College Climbing competition run by the Arb Association. The Plumpton College students climbed their way to victory, with second-year students claiming first place and the first years taking second in their respective year groups. Plumpton College has entered teams into the 3ATC competitions for the last seven years, the experience has proven to be invaluable for our students, giving them experience outside of college as well as ample networking opportunities.

Get the best possible start to your career with our Foundation Learning Pathway courses. It's a great stepping stone into college and further education. The course will develop your independence and confidence, preparing you for further study and progression into work best suited to your skills and experience. We have a dedicated Foundation Learning building to provide an environment where you can thrive.



PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AND PERSONAL PROGRESS (ENTRY 2)

You will learn and practice your independence skills, which will help prepare you for adulthood. This will include social communication, team work and enterprise projects. You will be developing key skills to help you decide and shape your future path. You will achieve an Entry 2 qualification, continue with English and maths, undertake a variety of projects including art, photography, the Jim Green Competition and take part in 1:1 and group tutorials. This course can be taken over two years.

PATHWAY TO PROGRESSION (ENTRY 3)

This course is all about progression onto either employment or further study. You'll be ready for the challenge of finding out more about work-related learning. This course is designed to help you choose your future path and you will get the chance to experience other vocations and undertake group work placements. You will achieve an Entry 3 qualification, continue with English and maths, undertake a variety of projects including enterprise, horticulture, Jim Green Competition, group work experience and take part in 1:1 and group tutorials. This will help you to decide what your next steps will be. This course can be taken over two years.

STEPPING INTO WORK (LEVEL 1)

You will develop the required skills and experience to be ready for work, or if you require support getting a job, for the Supported Internship programme. You will achieve a Level 1 qualification, continue with English and maths, undertake an individual work placement and take part in 1:1 and group tutorials. The course is the stepping stone into employment, an apprenticeship or the Supported Internship programme where you are supported to find paid work.

STEPPING INTO COLLEGE (LEVEL 1)

This course is for you if you are not quite ready to undertake a vocational course and may need a more supported introduction to college and the expectation of college life. You will achieve a Level 1 qualification, continue with English and maths and take part in 1:1 and group tutorials. This course will include study skills, use of college facilities and systems and becoming familiar with the site and meeting staff. You will have the chance to experience a vocational area of your choice and develop your personal and social skills ready to fully integrate into college life.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP (LEVEL 1)

For 18+ students, a Supported Internship may be the perfect course for you. Supported Internships are a one year study programme with the core aim being to find paid, sustainable work for young adults with SEND. Supported Internships focus on developing a young person's independence; every student will be offered a work placement within a business where there is the likelihood of paid work becoming available. You will achieve a Level 1 qualification, continue with English and maths (if needed), undertake individual work placements and take part in 1:1 and group tutorials. You'll have support from a job coach and regular reviews to make sure you get the most from your experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

Foundation Learning students won first prize in two categories in the South of England Agricultural Society Jim Green Challenge with their scarecrow and preparation of a flower bed for planting.

Students have successfully progressed onto vocational courses including equine, animal care, floristry, motor vehicle and horticulture.

The students take part in a range of enrichment activities including beach cleans, horticulture enterprise, Disability Cricket and the Jim Green Competition.

Floristry is definitely one of the most creative areas of the land-based sector and through our fantastic courses, you'll gain the ability to produce stunning floral creations for many special occasions. We've got fantastic facilities here at Plumpton College with a natural environment certain to inspire you.



Whether it is wedding or funeral flowers, birthdays or other special occasions, florists are responsible for the beautiful creations from different flowers and natural foliage. There's a wide level of study to choose from, whether you are new to the industry or looking to train as a master florist, including full and part time options to suit you.

Your course could include:

- Preparing and creating floristry designs including wedding, funeral, the everyday and planted arrangements
- Event decoration
- Latest trends
- Caring for and maintaining floristry products
- Design principles
- Working in the floristry industry
- Customer service
- Negotiating and agreeing terms and conditions for sale

OUR FACILITIES

- Dedicated floristry classrooms at both Plumpton and Stanmer Park campuses
- Access to beautiful flowers and foliage on the grounds, light airy classrooms and use of flower cooler. Our Level 2 students also receive a basic toolkit.
- Access to our Stanmer Horticulture Campus as part of One Garden Brighton, utilising facilities for work experience

HIGHLIGHTS

Floristry students have the opportunity to take part in a number of events each year, this year sharing their creations in the Chichester Flower Festival, Leeds Castle Festival of Flowers, Members areas at the South of England Show and Covent Garden. You'll also have access to industry expert talks and various enrichment trips.

Horticulture is one of the few professions that blends science, art, practical craft skills and a love of nature to enhance the well-being of our society, by producing nutritious food, and beautiful green landscapes for people to live in and enjoy.

Plumpton is also the only college in the UK to be able to offer Level 3 study in wine as part of our horticulture programmes, providing you with the stepping stone onto our unique Wine Business and Viticulture degree programmes.



We have a wide range of pathways from study programmes to apprenticeships to ensure there is the right fit for your chosen career including:

- Horticulture
- Production Horticulture
- Hard Landscaping
- Horticulture & Landscape Operative / Supervisor
- Viticulture
- Crop Production

OUR FACILITIES

- Glasshouses at both Stanmer and Plumpton campuses to provide you with all year-round planting, up to commercial level
- Landscaping centre
- National plant collection, the Douglas Chalk Hebe collection, with endangered species through our close connections with Plant Heritage and The Hebe Society

- Access to expertly planted campus gardens and borders to build your plant knowledge
- Access to new Horticulture Centre of Excellence Stanmer campus, redeveloped within the Victorian Walled Garden at Stanmer Park. You'll use the walled gardens as part of your studies to maintain professionally designed borders and lawns
- 10 hectares of vineyards producing over 30,000 bottles of award-winning still and sparkling wine
- Purpose-built Wine Centre including a commercial winery, research winery and laboratories

HIGHLIGHTS

Garden Design students were delighted to be part of the world's most famous flower show. The students took part in the 'planting a sculpture' exhibition and took home the gold award.

With 800 hectares of campus at your feet and the South Downs as your backdrop, there is no better place to further your studies of the countryside.

Our outdoor spaces are becoming popular destinations for recreation and rural tourism, and as our climate changes, there is an increased demand for skilled people who can ensure that habitats are protected while making sure that the public still have the chance to enjoy its beauty.

Our course options include Environmental Studies and Conservation, Game and Wildlife Management and Fisheries and Aquatic Science.



ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & CONSERVATION

The modern countryside and conservation industry faces a range of complex issues. Tourism and countryside development are essential to rural economies and you will study how these can best support strong conservation principles to promote better biodiversity and healthy ecosystems. You'll gain a fantastic understanding of scientific and habitat-specific principles alongside the practical skills that will enable you to put them into place.

Your course could include:

- Conservation of British habitats
- Estate skills
- Species identification and surveying
- Land and countryside use
- Principles of wildlife ecology and conservation
- Countryside recreation

HIGHLIGHTS

Students learning incorporates all of our major local habitats such as the South Downs National Park, Ashdown Forest and local National Trust and Wildlife Trust locations. In addition, trips behind the scenes to the Millennium Seed Bank and the Natural History Museum support the development of scientific skills. Field trips further afield to our centre in Snowdonia encourage students to apply their knowledge to broader horizons.

GAME & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

With careers ranging from Gun Dog Trainer to Countryside Ranger or Estate Manager, this is a diverse industry with a range of opportunities to suit everyone. This course teaches you about the sensitive management of woodland and countryside habitats, developing your knowledge of estate management. We have several blocks of woodland used to rear game birds, look at woodland ecology and for the college shoot. You will carry out varied practical tasks related to gamekeeping on the college estate, supplemented by visits to various estates across the South East.

Your course could include:

- Conservation and improvement of British habitats
- Firearm safety
- Estate skills
- Pest and predator control
- Machinery operations
- Game management
- Maintenance of game and deer populations
- Assist with shooting activities at the college

HIGHLIGHTS

This season has seen new records set on the college shoot through hard work from students and new members of staff. Along with this, students have been able to participate on deer culls, along with trips out deer stalking under expert tutelage using our sponsored optics.

FISHERIES & AQUATIC SCIENCE

Experience how lakes and rivers are managed. The fishery management programme is designed to provide you with practical and theoretical knowledge to progress your career in fishery management. We have dedicated facilities in our Fishery Management Centre, including stock ponds and a lake, as well as the extensive college estate including chalk streams to develop your own Coarse, Game and Sea Angling techniques. Our Level 3 course aids progression into Higher Education to study Fish Biology, Marine Biology, Aquatic Science, Fisheries Management, Fish Husbandry and Aquaculture. Employment opportunities both within the UK and abroad include industry positions in aquaculture through to fisheries science and fisheries management opportunities.

Your course could include:

- Aquatic Sciences
- Freshwater and marine ecology and conservation
- Water quality
- Freshwater and marine principles
- Environmental processes
- Fish health and aquaculture



OUR FACILITIES

(available to all Land & Environment students)

- 800-hectare campus with farmed land, hedgerows and ancient woodland
- Local chalk-streams and chalk grassland
- Roman villa and Bronze Age sites
- Countryside practical workshop
- Fishery Management Centre
- One-acre lake stocked with coarse fish
- Two stock ponds
- Game Management building
- Bird rearing pens and facilities
- Residential centre in Snowdonia

HIGHLIGHTS

Students had the opportunity to join Nash Tackle and the Carp Syndicate to fish with their idols with guest instruction from Alan Blair. It was a great opportunity for students to talk to professionals in the industry about career possibilities, as well as developing their own professional skills.

PART TIME COURSES

FROM WINE CASKS TO WELDING MASKS



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The background of the entire image is a dense, close-up photograph of dark green leaves, likely from a plant like ivy or a similar leafy species. The leaves are layered, with some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background, creating a rich, textured green field.

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Working with animals, either as a Veterinary Nurse or Dog Grooming Stylist is an incredibly rewarding industry that offers you lots of opportunities whether your ambition is running your own business or working as part of a parlour or practice.

Our on-site facilities include an Animal Management Centre, Training Suite and operational and busy parlour offering you hands on experience at Plumpton College.



VETERINARY NURSING

Join the Advanced Apprenticeship Programme where you will study in college as well as being employed as a student Veterinary Nurse. The Veterinary Nurse plays a key role in the Veterinary Profession, assisting the Veterinary Surgeon, advising clients on pet health and running Nurses Clinics. During the completion of the course a clinical coach is assigned to each candidate to support the completion of the clinical skills.

Your course could include:

- Taking radiographs
- Running dispensary
- Monitoring anaesthesia
- Professional behaviours

Our Level 2 Veterinary Nursing Assistant programme provides a great pathway into Veterinary Nursing. Supporting and preparing learners via a part-time study course, in conjunction with employment within a veterinary practice.

Your course could include:

- Animal anatomy and physiology
- Principles of animal handling and care
- Key administrative skills

DOG GROOMING

Whether you have an existing career within the industry or wish to become self-employed or working for a business or franchise, this course will equip you to learn modern techniques required to become a professional Dog Groomer. You will work with a range of dog breeds learning breed and cross breed styling and finishing, coat types.

Your course could include:

- Health and safety, legislation and codes of practice for the dog grooming industry
- Styling and finishing a dog
- Health checking and handling a dog in a dog grooming environment
- Customer service and record keeping in a dog grooming environment.

OUR FACILITIES

- Dedicated commercially run Dog Grooming Unit
- Access to the Animal Management Centre to develop invaluable practical skills working with domestic, exotic and small animals
- Clinical Veterinary Nursing Training Suite to give you experience of working with the latest technological equipment to extend your clinical skills

HIGHLIGHTS

The Dog Grooming students have been highly successful this year bringing home a wide array of rosettes from various different grooming competitions. The students competed in The English Groomers Challenge, with one student bringing home 1st place for Best Handling Skills and another bringing home 3rd prize for her hand-strip.

Plumpton College is one of the country's leading land-based focused apprenticeship providers. No matter what stage of your career we can support you to develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession.



Undertaking an apprenticeship is a big commitment. Working full time and studying isn't for everyone, however for those that do, they soon see the benefits.

We pride ourselves on the ongoing support and guidance we provide to our apprentices, giving them the best possible chance for success.

As a Plumpton College trained apprentice, you will receive:

- A dedicated apprenticeship tutor/work coach to support you while on programme
- An induction programme on starting
- A detailed training plan
- Regular progress reviews with you and your employer
- Training and access to our online learning and e-portfolio platform
- Invitations to industry talks to enhance your learning
- Access to free online courses to help develop your wider skills
- A college student union card to benefit from 100's of student discounts
- Access to work mental health support services
- Award ceremony on completing your apprenticeship programme



FINDING THE RIGHT APPRENTICESHIP

If you want to continue your learning via an apprenticeship scheme, it's important you find yourself a supportive employer and apprenticeship opportunity as well as fully understand the commitment required.

At Plumpton College, we work with a broad range of apprenticeship employers across the South East region, as well as nationally, with opportunities becoming available daily. If you don't yet have an employer, visit our website to register with our Apprenticeship Talent Bank. This service will allow you to be kept informed of all our latest vacancies and forthcoming apprenticeship events and webinars.

We have a wide range of apprenticeship programmes on offer, in areas such as horticulture, food, engineering and veterinary nursing to name just a few. For a full list, please turn to the course index page or visit our website.

CHARLIE & HENRY *Butchery Apprenticeships*



We recently visited two of our Plumpton College butchery apprentices who are currently employed at Park Farm Butchers in Hawkhurst, Kent.

So, Charlie, what do you enjoy most about doing an apprenticeship?

It's really fun being part of a busy team and I get to learn new skills and earn money at the same time; I really enjoy my job! It can be hard work and sometimes long hours but it's really rewarding!

Henry, what advice would you offer anyone contemplating an apprenticeship in butchery?

After 10 years in the industry, I'm still learning new skills and techniques including learning about carcass selection. There's always going to be a demand for butchery, so I would say definitely go for it!

What do you hope to do in the future?

Because my Level 3 qualification includes both practical skills and managerial skills, I hope to own my own business one day. Owning and running your own butchery shop can offer really good pay if you do it right.

For vacancies currently available, please visit our website at plumpton.ac.uk

PRO FILE: APPRENTICE

VISIT US

Whether it's in person, or through a virtual event, join us for one of our Information Events to find out more about what we have to offer. Alternatively, why not attend one of our February Taster Days for ages 14 and older and try our courses for a day?

YOUR INTERVIEW

You will be sent an email with an invitation to interview within 2 weeks of your application being received.

OFFER CONFIRMED

We will send you an email confirmation of your offer. It is important that you respond to this email within 7 days to accept your course offer.

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.

MAKING AN APPLICATION

Applications are made via our website, please select the course you would like to study and click 'Apply', or, if you live in East Sussex please make your application through eProspectus. Your school will help you with your application if you are using eProspectus.

In order to study your preferred course please make your application before our priority deadline of 31 January. We are happy to accept applications after this date but we cannot guarantee your course selection.

ATTEND YOUR INTERVIEW

Again, whether it's in person, or a virtual interview you can take the opportunity to find out more about your preferred course, accommodation, transport, bursaries and fees. If successful, an offer will be made to you on the day.

KEEP IN TOUCH

You can get in touch at any time throughout the year if you still have some questions.

It is important that you keep us updated with your contact information so that you do not miss out on any of the important messages we will send during the year. Please email any changes to enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk

WE CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU

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

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.



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 Running Club to Film Club, Wellness Yoga and Lunchtime Roller Disco.

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.

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 local shows to our Raising and Giving Day for our chosen charity each year. Last year our students raised over £3,500 for Chestnut Tree House and Children with Cancer Fund. We support local events such as the South of England Show, where students volunteer to be ambassadors for their industries to the general public.



WELL—BEING

Your health and well-being are extremely important to us. We offer a range of healthy snacks through our two cafés as well as a selection of meals in our dining room each day, sourcing much of our produce locally.

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.

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.



OLD PLUMPTONIANS ASSOCIATION

Your journey with Plumpton College 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.

ASPIRE PROGRAMME

Every student studying at Plumpton College will be entitled to a differentiated programme which will enable them to improve their overall experience, increase their cultural capital and provide them with an additional set of skills which will enable them to be work ready.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Moving from school to college can sometimes feel like a big step. We make sure that we do everything to make you feel supported in this important transition. Don't be afraid to ask us any questions, we'll be more than happy to help.

The college offers a range of additional learning support and we have specialist support staff who can help with specific learning difficulties such as Dyslexia, Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and ADHD.

We offer personalised support which is centred around you. Whether you need occasional support, Exam Access Arrangements or have an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) and need more regular support, we can assist you.



Plumpton is a college where every student is important. We pride ourselves on being inclusive and place great emphasis on providing support for students whether they are transitioning into college from school, on a study programme or taking the next steps to employment, an apprenticeship or further study. We have an excellent Additional Learning Support team who will support you every step of the way.

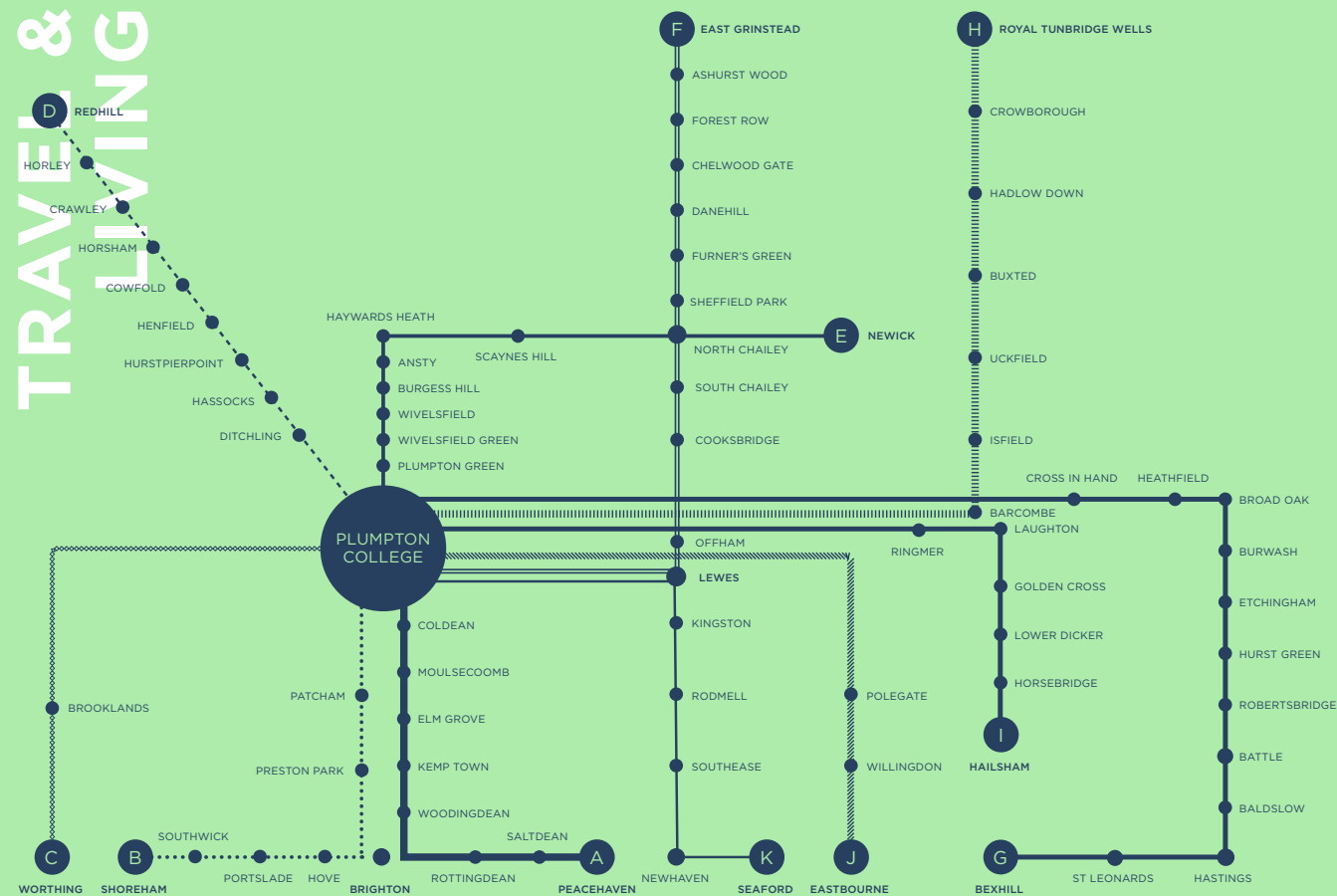
We are committed to including and helping students with additional needs. Our Additional Learning Support team is here to help and guide students with a range of learning differences and disabilities. You can let us know about a learning difficulty or disability on your application form or at interview.

The types of support we offer are:

- Support at interview
- Individual tutorials
- In-class support (readers, scribes and prompts)
- Note taking
- Support with practical activities
- Communication support
- Social communication group work
- Exam Access Arrangements (EAAs)
- Assistive technology (ClaroRead/ writing slopes/overlays)
- Lunchtime drop-in learning support (structured support)
- English and maths interventions

OUR COURSE YOUR CAREER





GETTING HERE

We have our own extensive bus network with a range of zones covering East Sussex, parts of West Sussex, Surrey and Kent (see routes above). You can access the app and all the up to date info at www.ridekura.com/plumpton.

We are connected by local buses and trains with Plumpton Station and Lewes Station short distances away from the Plumpton Campus.

You are welcome to bring your car to college where you will find ample student parking.

LIVING AT COLLEGE

Our excellent residential facilities accommodate over 200 students in modern comfortable rooms. Rated by Ofsted as ‘Outstanding’ across all areas, you’ll find them a fantastic place to stay.

We offer a range of different accommodation plans, from full and part time to flexible, ad-hoc options to help cater for a range of budgets and requirements.

Part time residents keep the same rooms so you can build friendships with your neighbours. When part time residents are not staying, they must vacate their rooms to allow other occupants use of their room.

Room Type	Full Time	Part Time	AD-HOC
Small Single	£5,480	£3,055 3-night stay per week £4,045 4-night stay per week	£28 per night
Single Room (with basin)	£6,020	£3,375 3-night stay per week £4,475 4-night stay per week	£31 per night
Ensuite (Limited Availability)	£6,920	£3,905 3-night stay per week £5,180 4-night stay per week	£36 per night
Room Deposit	£150	£150	£150

These prices are correct at time of printing for 20/21 and may be subject to change

14+ STUDY PROGRAMMES

We run programmes for students who are 14-16, school Year 10 and 11, still studying at school, or are Electively Home Educated. School students can come to college and study for a vocational qualification, 1 day a week for either 1 or 2 years. The vocational programme is for a single day per week but we are happy to work with the student and school to arrange a bespoke offer. The student will need agreement from the school to study here and the application form needs to be signed by your parents and school. This is a great stepping stone into a full time programme and to provide a qualification and range of skills that might not be on offer at school.

Electively Home Educated students can choose a vocational programme like school students but also add additional days for functional skills or GCSEs in English and maths and Level 1 courses in Applied Science and PSHE (Personal, Social Development). The offer can be 1 to 3 days and courses are offered at our Plumpton campus.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

If you’re interested in developing your personal, social, academic and employability skills as well as English and maths, then our Foundation Learning Pathway programmes are ideal for you.

You will work towards a City & Guilds or BTEC qualification, and cover topics 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 Foundation Learning Pathway programmes include an offer at Entry Level 2, Entry Level 3 and Level 1 and can be taken over one to three years, depending on your needs. We also offer a Supported Internship programme which is undertaken as a final year of study to learners with an EHCP who require support to progress into work. This is a one year programme.

FULL TIME STUDY PROGRAMMES

Our full-time vocational programmes are accredited by a range of different awarding organisations, including Pearson Edexcel, City & Guilds and Gateway.

All of the courses that can be studied at Plumpton, enable students to achieve technical qualifications, which means that students develop industry knowledge, skills and competences alongside a programme of academic study.

All of the courses are assessed via coursework, and many now also include written exams and other time constrained assessments.

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: You can either study for 1 or 2 years or attain either an equivalent to 1 full A Level or the equivalent of 3 A Levels. Ideal if you would like to go on to study at a higher level such as University.

APPRENTICESHIPS

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?

An apprenticeship is a real job that combines hands on work with the opportunity to train and develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession. As an apprentice you'll usually be employed to work a minimum 30hrs per week and be paid a wage no less than the current national minimum wage for the time you are in work and training.

At least 20% of your paid time will be spent in training and development, usually with us at college but may also take place online or in your workplace. The rest of your time will be spent applying your skills and knowledge in your workplace, doing the job you have been employed to do. 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.

Apprenticeships are open to anyone who is 16 years old and over, has a right to work in England and is not in full time education. There is no upper age limit and available to anyone whether starting out in their career or for those who have been working for some time. Modern apprenticeships can now support your learning aspirations to the highest level however it is important to know that the level is based on the job role and duties it is attached to. This means that even though you may have a higher-level qualification in other subjects you could still undertake an apprenticeship at a lower level.

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

Our degree courses are validated in partnership with the Royal Agricultural University in Cirencester. Together we provide expert teaching, an inspirational campus and a rich student experience to ensure that our graduates leave us with the right knowledge, skills and attributes to pursue successful careers in the land-based sector. We offer degrees in Equine Science and Coaching, Veterinary Nursing, Animal Behaviour and Conservation and both Wine Production and Wine Business. You can choose to study either full-time or part-time, whichever works best for you. Studying with us at level 3 provides the perfect opportunity to progress onto one of our popular degree courses. We offer students studying at level 3 specialist sessions and events throughout the year to help prepare for this next exciting step.

'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

ENGLISH & MATHS

STUDYING FOR ENGLISH AND MATHS

We know that employers are looking for students with good English and maths skills and as it is our goal to help you be as employable as possible we will work with you to improve your skills during your time here. 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.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Study programmes include a minimum of compulsory work experience hours achieved through one day a week or block placements. The amount of hours required is dependent on the study programme.

INDUSTRY WORK PLACEMENT

All students aged 16-18 on our Level 2 and Level 3 programmes are encouraged to take part in an exciting 50-day industry placement programme alongside completion of their vocational course. The programme will give you the chance to gain valuable skills in a real working environment whilst being paired with your ideal employer.

Our mission is to pair students with their ideal employer and to support them continuously during the placement.

There is flexibility on how students complete the placement; it can be during non-college weekdays, weekends, in blocks or over the holiday period. You will receive all the necessary information during your interview, and if you have any queries in the meantime please contact: workexperience@plumpton.ac.uk

CAREERS PROGRAMME

Our aim is to provide a comprehensive programme of careers information, advice and guidance to all of our students in order to prepare them for their next step, whether this be further and higher education, apprenticeships, traineeships or employment. All students are entitled to 1:1 impartial careers advice and guidance from a qualified Careers Adviser, group tutorial workshops to support their career progression and employability and University application workshops and individual UCAS application support. For more information please email careers@plumpton.ac.uk

PLUMPTON CAMPUS

There's so much for you to discover here at our main Plumpton College estate. With over 800 hectares of land, against the backdrop of the beautiful South Downs, you'll get to experience some of the best college facilities in the UK. With continual investment, we're proud to boast an array of practical and demonstration areas; perfect for every aspect of your land-based studies.

Each of our dedicated departments boast superb facilities and are all designed to enhance your studies during your time at Plumpton College. We benefit from having one of the largest commercial College farms in the South East, as well as an extensive Animal Management Unit, machinery workshops with state of the art forges, fantastic indoor and outdoor equine facilities and an impressive horticultural unit, so no matter what you choose to study, you'll be able to use the latest equipment.



Our excellent purpose-built wine 'Centre of excellence' offers some of the finest facilities and courses available in the UK. In addition, our spacious, fully accessible, air-conditioned library is at the heart of the College and provides a great space to work with extensive print and electronic resources on offer.

There are plenty of communal areas where you can relax and socialise with friends. This includes two recently refurbished common rooms, two cafés and a dining room which offers a fantastic menu of dishes catering to all tastes and lifestyles.

The campus is easily accessible through our extensive bus network, which is solely for Plumpton College students. Find out more online at www.plumpton.ac.uk

STANMER CAMPUS

Located on the outskirts of Brighton, in the grounds of the beautiful Stanmer Estate, you will find our specialist horticultural 'Centre of excellence'. Our campus is ideally located to provide excellent transport links from Brighton and beyond as well as an abundance of creative inspiration.

The newly developed grounds feature sophisticated classrooms, plentiful planting spaces and the restored Victorian Walled Garden, proudly launching as 'One Garden Brighton' in 2021, which encapsulates not only an outstanding training and education facility, but a leading visitor attraction to include a café, a produce market and an events venue for all to enjoy.



From September 2020, horticulture students will benefit from a superb outdoor working area, extensive areas for growing crops and plants all year round, as well as a fantastic palm house that houses ornamental plants and grows international food crops. Our excellent propagation facilities mean that you can gain hands-on experience of growing rare orchid species, working closely with Kew Gardens and the South Downs National Park.

Getting to Stanmer is easy as there are regular bus services and convenient train access from Falmer station.

We boast other specialist facilities across the South East and work with local partners and employers to provide advanced learning environments including a butchery near Ockham and a state-of-the-art bakery space in Lewes.

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
Foundation Learning Entry Level 2	Recognised and accredited prior learning including entry level functional skills in English or mathematics at a minimum Entry level 1	1	Entry Level 2
Foundation Learning Entry Level 3	Successful completion of the Entry 2 Foundation Learning 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	<p>You'll need to be 18 - 23 with an Education, Health and Care plan and be in your final year of college.</p> <p>Alternatively if you do not have an Education, Health and Care plan we can offer you a Supported Traineeship.</p> <p>If you've got Entry level or level 1, 2 or 3 vocational qualification skills this will be a suitable course.</p> <p>You'll need to want to work and feel ready to take the steps to start working.</p> <p>This is an ideal course if you have learning disabilities or difficulties getting into paid work.</p>	1	—
Level 1	1 or more GCSEs grades 2-1 or E-G, related Entry level 3 Qualification or completion of the Foundation Learning 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
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	GCSEs
Advanced Apprenticeship	3	A Levels
Higher Apprenticeship	4 and 5	Foundation Degree / First Year of Bachelor's Degree
Degree Apprenticeship	6	Bachelor's Degree
Degree Apprenticeship	7	Master's Degree

- 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 9-2 or 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 £4.15** 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 9-4 or 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 www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates

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 or Students aged 19 – 23 and hold an EHCP	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 full 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 full level 3 courses for students aged 19-23 <p>(For the two points above funding will not be applicable for those classed as non full level 2 courses and if the student does not hold a full level 2. To check please email enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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 £17,004.00* 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 Enquiries, Advice and Guidance Team on 01273 892080 (enquiries@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>

*This figure differs for those living in Greater London

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. The threshold household income for a discretionary bursary is £27,000. 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. We consider applications for support on an individual basis.

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

MATERIALS & CONSUMABLE FEES

Where courses require material/ consumables which are essential to complete your study, this will be included in the price of your course fees or, if your course is fully funded, this will be included in the funding.

However, in some cases the college makes an extra compulsory equipment/ consumable charge when the student has the opportunity during the course to take work projects away. This will apply to all students, regardless of their fee assessment.

A list of equipment and materials will be provided to you prior to your enrolment. These can be purchased through the college's discounted suppliers if you wish, or you can bring your own materials.

PAYMENT PLANS

We offer deferred payment schemes, where you can pay fees in equal instalments during the academic year. To find out if this applies to you please contact finance@plumpton.ac.uk or call 01273 890454. For more information about Funding & Loans, you can visit our website plumpton.ac.uk/student-info/funding-loans/

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 there is no credit check. Repayments do not start until you're earning over £27,000. To be eligible you must be:

- Studying a qualifying 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-learner-loan or contact our Enquiries, Advice and Guidance team on enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk or 01273 890454.

COURSE INDEX

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○ Some Off Site Centres

● Entry Levels 2 and 3 Available

Division	Course Title	14+	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Intermediate Apprenticeship	Advanced Apprenticeship
ADVENTURE EDUCATION & SPORT							
	Adventure Education				●		
	Sport	●		●	●		
	Sporting Excellence & Performance – Football Academy				●		
AGRICULTURE & FOOD							
	Agriculture	●	●	●	●		
	Agriculture: Crop Technician						●
	Agriculture: Stockperson					●	
	Fishmongery					●	
	Bakery					○	○
	Butchery					○	○
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT							
	Animal Care	●	●	●			
	Animal Management				●		
DOG GROOMING							
	Dog Grooming				●		
EQUINE							
	Horse Care	●	●	●			
	Equine Management				●		
FLORISTRY							
	Floristry	●	●	●	●		
FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE							
	Countryside & Woodland Skills	●					
	Forestry & Arboriculture			●	●		
	Forest Operative					●	
	Arborist					●	
HORTICULTURE							
	Horticulture	●			●		
	Practical Horticulture Skills		●	●			
	Employability Skills			●			
	Horticulture/Landscape Operative					●	
	Horticulture/Landscape Supervisor						●
	Horticulture with Viticulture				●		
LAND & ENVIRONMENT							
	Game & Wildlife Management			●	●		
	Environmental Studies & Conservation			●	●		
	Fisheries & Aquatic Science			●	●		
MACHINERY, METALSMITHING & MOTOR VEHICLE							
	Gateway to Engineering	●					
	Land-based Engineering			●		●	●
	Blacksmithing & Metalworking	●		●	●		
	Vehicle Maintenance		●				
	Light Vehicle Maintenance & Repair			●	●		
FOUNDATION LEARNING							
	Foundation Learning		●●				
SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP							
	Supported Internship		●				
VETERINARY NURSING							
	Veterinary Nursing			●			●
WINE							
	Viticulture: Crop Technician						●○

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