

# OUR COURSE YOUR CAREER

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PLUMPTON  
COLLEGE

**FULL TIME  
STUDY**

Plumpton College has a vibrant heritage due to the many thousands of students who have studied here over the past 95 years who have gone on to have highly successful careers in their chosen industries.

There has 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 campus 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 some of their most significant changes for over 50 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 a 90% employability rate of our students when they leave Plumpton College.

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

We have a fabulous team of staff at Plumpton College, all of whom are committed to ensuring that every one of our students is inspired and supported to achieve their very best.

I look forward to meeting you soon at the start of an exciting journey with us.



**Jeremy Kerswell**  
—Principal

**FULL TIME COURSES  
AT PLUMPTON COLLEGE**

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**WHY STUDY  
WITH US?**



*'We are just like a big family, everyone looks out for each other, encourages each other and it's such a supportive atmosphere.'*

### FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER

All of our courses combine academic studies with a strong practical component. There will be a balance of theory and academic study connected together through the campus on which you study. You'll be taught by experienced, trained staff who come from the industry or with a background in the sector you are studying.

### LOCATION AND FACILITIES

Set within 800 hectares, nestled in the Sussex Downs you will study within fantastic surroundings and have access to amazing facilities. We have our own farm with cattle, pigs and sheep. There are over 200 species in Animal Management, a mechanical horse alongside our real horses in Equine, a large climbing wall and a new gym in Adventure Education and Sport, 29 state of the art forges in Blacksmithing and much more.

### CAREER READY

Age 16-18 students studying Level 2 and Level 3 complete a compulsory 150 hours of work experience, giving you the opportunity to see what it's like to work in that industry, and to build your network with local employers contacts.

### SUPPORT

Our student and learning support departments are here to help you with your studies, health, finances or personal guidance so you can reach your full potential. You'll find our wealth of experienced staff on campus, and our network of support invaluable.

### JOIN OUR COMMUNITY

The college is a community of students and staff. Working together we have created an environment we all enjoy being a part of.

### FOLLOW YOUR PASSION

Where do your interests lie, what drives you? Study to work in an industry that you enjoy and follow a career pathway which fulfils your passion as well as your pocket!

### CAREERS GUIDANCE

Our Careers Team provides a comprehensive programme of careers information, advice and guidance. They support curriculum content, and work-related learning and experience, in order to prepare you for the next step in their your career journey into further and higher education, apprenticeships, traineeships or employment.

Still undecided about your choice of course? Come and visit our campus, experience our facilities and feel what it is like to be a student here. We have a series of open events throughout the year, just check online at [plumpton.ac.uk](http://plumpton.ac.uk) for dates and times.

# TRAVEL



## PLUMPTON COLLEGE CAMPUS

The main campus is nestled at the foot of the South Downs, on the border of East and West Sussex, easily accessible by bike, bus, car or train.



### BUS

We offer a wide-reaching college bus network, from Worthing, Hastings, Eastbourne and East Grinstead, enabling access from surrounding areas. To help make travelling to college as affordable as possible, each year the college subsidises around 50% of the cost of all tickets. There are also two public bus services which will bring you to college.

### TRAIN

Alternatively take the train to the main local stations; Lewes, Hassocks, Plumpton and Wivelsfield, and then connect with the college bus network the remainder of the journey. Discounted student travel is available via a UNIZONE season ticket which is exclusive to students in the Brighton or Worthing area; you'll enjoy unlimited travel by train.

### CAR

There's plenty of free parking available to all.

### BIKE OR WALKING

Plumpton College is 2 miles from Plumpton, the nearest train station.

Did you know we are just 12 miles from Brighton? With excellent shopping facilities, a beach and nightlife, there is something for everyone.

## STANMER CAMPUS

The horticulture centre of excellence is within Stanmer Park and easily accessible by all modes of transport.



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### PUBLIC BUS SERVICES

You can reach the campus easily via the extensive network of public buses in and around the Brighton area.

### TRAIN

The nearest station is Falmer, where you can walk or cycle through Stanmer Park to the campus. (Approx 30 minutes walking time).

You can use the discounted student travel, UNIZONE, a season ticket exclusive to students in the Brighton or Worthing area, to enjoy unlimited travel by train.

### CAR

Car parking is free for students during term-time, however please note availability is limited.

### BIKE OR WALKING

This is a beautiful campus to reach either by bike or walking. If you are on foot, allow approximately 15 minutes from arriving at Stanmer Park to reach the campus.

# ON CAMPUS LIFE







Just 12 miles from Brighton city centre and set within the beautiful 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.

### STUDENTS' UNION

Our busy, vibrant Students' Union is run for students, by 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.

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 College 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 our Principal.

### GIVING BACK

Each year, 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 charities. In the past we have raised money for charities such as 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.

### 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.

### ASPIRE PROGRAMME

Our Aspire programme forms a key part of our full time Further Education study programmes. Delivered through group sessions, once a week by your allocated Progress Coach, Aspire will help you develop your transferable employability skills that will be vital to your successful future careers. Informed by industry experts, the programme will raise your ambition by enabling you to realise your full potential and encouraging you to take every opportunity available during your time studying here.

### 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 time to flexible, ad-hoc options to help cater for a range of budgets and requirements.

# MINDFULNESS & WELLBEING

We understand there are times when you will need some support for those unexpected challenges. These may include managing anxiety, depression, suicidal feelings, bullying and conflict, other mental or physical health conditions, drugs and alcohol safety, respectful relationships, homelife and general stress.

## STUDENT WELLBEING & SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Our full time Student Wellbeing & Safeguarding Team are based opposite reception in the main building. They are here to keep you safe and support you.

The Student Wellbeing & Safeguarding Team can support with the following:

- Summer transition support for new students
- Advice on a range of topics including;
  - Building a wellbeing toolkit
  - Staying safe online and offline
  - Healthy relationships
  - Managing mental health and emotional wellbeing
  - Drugs and alcohol
  - How to access wellbeing support
- A single point of contact for safeguarding and key workers
- A safe space to report safeguarding concerns
- Campaigns and events to develop your awareness
- Student Wellbeing Podcast - peer support
- Referrals to counselling

## AS YOU ARE (AYA) COUNSELLING

Our internal college counselling service, delivered by As You Are counselling service, offer counselling face to face (on-site) or online.

All referrals come through the student wellbeing and safeguarding team, or you can speak to your progress coach or personal tutor. All sessions are confidential.

## FIKA MENTAL FITNESS

Fika Mental Fitness App is free to all Plumpton College students for the duration of their studies. Fika offers an ongoing assessment of your mental fitness and helps you set goals to improve your motivation, focus, positivity, stress management, confidence, meaning and connection.

## ACTION YOUR POTENTIAL

Action Your Potential is a supportive organisation that works with Plumpton College. It offers our students incredible 1:1s, workshops, videos, resources and a programme of family webinars.

The goal is to encourage you and your family to learn more about the wonderful brain you have, how to use it to its full potential, and overcoming the challenges we all face including; sleep management, exam stress, anxiety and feeling overwhelmed.



Your emotional wellbeing is an essential part of the learning experience at Plumpton College and something we prioritise.

There are many ways in which we support you during your time with us.



# PARENTS' INFORMATION



## FURTHER EDUCATION AT PLUMPTON COLLEGE

We offer students the opportunity to study their passion and to learn and earn qualifications in a subject where their interests lie, enabling them to turn that into a career. This can be through our Level 1, 2 and 3 courses, (Level 3 is equivalent to 3 A Levels), or through our Foundation Learning or Apprenticeships programmes. Courses prepare students for a career pathway that can lead directly to work or further study.

### STUDENT SUPPORT

At college there is a wide range of support available to our students, delivered by our experienced staff and trusted external partners. There is a person and department available for all of their health, wellbeing and safeguarding needs. We provide access to health advice, an independent counselling service and our own comprehensive wellbeing programme.

### LEARNING SUPPORT

We pride ourselves on being inclusive, we are here to help and guide our students, monitor their progress and work with them to achieve their goals. Our Inclusive Learning and Development Team are able to guide students with a range of learning difficulties. We have experienced and qualified learning support assistants, teachers, key learning mentors, communicators and assessors who are committed to offering the support required.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

When looking to take the first steps into further education, finance can be a pretty daunting subject. We have put together a handy guide that focuses on the costs involved and the support available to you. Students can book a meeting with our Finance Department for 1:1 guidance. We have 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. Support is targeted to those most in need, therefore we consider all awards on an individual basis and in a variety of formats.

### TRAVEL

The college is in a rural setting on the border of East and West Sussex, which is accessible by bus, bike, car or train. Students can use the wide-reaching college bus service coming in from areas such as Hastings, Eastbourne, Worthing, Redhill, East Grinstead and Tunbridge Wells. Subsidised bus ticket bursaries can be applied for, ranging from 25-100%. The three nearest train stations are Plumpton, Lewes and Wivelsfield and students can pick up a college bus from here. The UNIZONE season ticket offers discounted train travel for students travelling from Eastbourne, Seaford and Worthing.

### COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

There are a number of opportunities to visit the campus, to meet and talk with us, find out more and ask questions. We have Information Events throughout the year affording the opportunity for you and your young person to visit the campus and experience the facilities available. If you find you are unable to attend on these dates, contact us and we can arrange a campus visit and tour.

### ENGLISH & MATHS

We continue to support students with their English and maths studies if they haven't yet achieved above grade 4. They study either at GCSE or Functional Skills level to ensure they are as employable as possible upon leaving the college.

A photograph of a brick building with ivy and large trees, with orange text overlaid. The text reads "FULL COURT AT PLUS COLLEGE".

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AT PLUS  
COLLEGE



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LEGE**

# ADVENTURE EDUCATION & SPORT



*'I was quite academic at school but I've always had a passion for the outdoors. I knew I could see myself here when I visited on the open day and it's been the best decision I made. Our course is such a supportive atmosphere and everyone looks out for each other. I love the stunning location and all the facilities we have.'*





LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

Study in the outdoors with our fleet of canoes, kayaks and paddle boards. Hone your climbing skills on our state-of-the-art climbing wall (refurbished in 2021) or play cricket, football and rugby on our large playing fields.



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Adventure, Education and Sport at Plumpton College gives you all the skills you will need to become an instructor in adventure sports. As well as covering applied leadership, health and wellbeing, these courses also provide the opportunity to complete a research project in sport.

The Sports curriculum looks at the science of sport, psychology for sport, principles of anatomy and fitness. It will prepare you for a career in sports coaching or sports health.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Sports Coach  
Physiotherapist  
Sports Instructor

#### OUR FACILITIES

Specialist water sports equipment.  
Brand new gym facilities.  
Refurbished climbing wall.  
Residential centre in Wales.  
Connections with various outdoor and sport centres in surrounding area.

# AGRICULTURE

A young man with short dark hair is sitting in the driver's seat of a tractor. He is wearing a bright green jumpsuit with yellow trim on the sleeves and a black jacket underneath. He is looking forward, focused on the controls. The tractor's interior is visible, including the steering wheel, a dashboard with a digital display, and various levers and buttons. The tractor is blue and black. The background is slightly blurred, showing an outdoor setting.

*'I love the fact that I get to work with different types of cattle and understanding the differences between them. I already spend my spare time working on a local farm and can't wait to work with a beef herd once I qualify.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
APPRENTICESHIPS

You will be introduced to the latest farming technology and practices on our extensive college farm, including GPS mapping, dairy robotics, field data collection and using drones.



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As the agriculture industry continues to innovate, this course will give you all the skills and knowledge you need to ensure you are fully up to date when you qualify. You will combine best practice milking processes, and livestock health and welfare, with business management for the land and environmental sciences sector. Alongside routines, working with college livestock, you will study plant and soil science, grassland management, machinery operation and managing agricultural environments.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Trainee Unit Manager  
Herds person  
Agricultural Sales  
Scientific Technician  
Agricultural Product Buyer  
Tractor Driver

#### OUR FACILITIES

270 Holstein cow dairy unit, with brand new robotic milker, silage pusher and feeder.  
50 pedigree Sussex beef cattle.  
300-hectare arable unit.  
120 sow pig unit.  
600 ewe sheep unit.  
Routines on the college farm, in all livestock units.

# AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING



*'My dad's a farmer and I've always been interested in engines and how they work, particularly tractors. I've really enjoyed meeting people with similar interests here and can't wait to start an apprenticeship working with land-based vehicles once I get my qualification.'*



LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
APPRENTICESHIPS

Gain the practical hands-on skills and knowledge you'll need to work on a wide range of agricultural machinery, as well as keeping you up to date with the latest technological advances.



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You'll be working with the latest equipment in our modern workshop, and will learn on machinery similar to that used in a typical working environment. This includes the college fleet of tractors, fitted with varied technology, including GPS. You will also develop essential diagnostic skills and learn about engine servicing, transmission systems, electrics and hydraulics as well as gaining experience in our on-site welding workshop.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Agricultural Machinery Technician  
Agricultural Engineering Technician  
Agricultural Contractor

#### OUR FACILITIES

Modern, well equipped workshop.  
College agricultural machinery and vehicles.  
Up to date technology, including diagnostics.

# ANIMAL MANAGEMENT



*'I love the fact that we get to do so much practical work on this course. We learn about so many different and varied animals, everything from lizards and piranhas to donkeys and goats. The tutors are also excellent and we learn so much from them.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

The wide range of species in our Animal Management Centre mean that you will have the opportunity to learn about different animals during your study with us; from tropical aquatics, small mammals, amphibians, reptiles and domesticated livestock.



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These popular courses will prepare you for working with different types of animals. You will learn the essential skills required to work within the animal care industry such as how to feed and water animals, maintain their accommodation, animal health checks and handling best practice. Your study will cover topics such as conservation, education, biology, law, animal husbandry, ecology, and animal welfare.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Animal Behaviourist  
Zookeeper  
Animal Welfare Officer  
Lab Technician  
Conservation Leader

#### OUR FACILITIES

Extensive animal collection including amphibians, birds, fish, mammals and reptiles.

Exotic animals such as emu, wallabies, a Sulcata tortoise and sugar gliders.

Domesticated livestock collection, including donkeys and goats.

Access to the wider college farm for experience with larger farm animal handling.

# BLACKSMITHING & METALWORK



*'I really enjoy blacksmithing, it's something I never get bored of and really love. The tutors are great and step in to help when you need it. When I qualify I'd like to work at a farriers as I did this on my placement and found it really interesting.'*

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BROOKS  
ENGLAND





LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

As a sector in demand, this course will enable you to explore the creative and diverse world of metalworking, studying traditional skills, fabrication and processes, techniques and product design.



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Our metalworking facilities will provide you with all the equipment you need to develop a broad range of industry skills and knowledge, including understanding different tools and techniques, safe working and the application of welding processes. You will learn everything from heavy forge work, different types of welding and fine jewellery; all you need to explore your own creative practice.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Blacksmith  
Metalworker  
Metal Sculptor  
Metal Artist  
Prop Designer and Maker

#### OUR FACILITIES

29 state of the art forges.  
Jewellery workshops.  
Fully equipped welding workshop.

# EDUCATION PATHWAYS & FOUNDATION LEARNING





ENTRY 2 & 3  
LEVEL 1

Our dedicated provision for Electively Home Educated (EHE) students, schools and special educational needs and disability (SEND) learners, provides our students with an individualised programme, created to prepare you for further study or work.

We are there to make sure that the college curriculum meets the needs of each young person. We ensure that your personal goals are part of formulating your programme of study.

For EHE learners, our bespoke areas of learning offer you vocational options as well as the opportunity to study English, maths and science.

For SEND learners we offer individualised learning programmes, that are supported by vocational and independence-led qualifications from Entry 2 to Level 1, and prepare you for your next steps, further vocational study or our Supported Internship programme.

School learners have the option of attending one of our broad range of vocational courses for one day a week. Applications for this provision must be made by your school.



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### OUR FACILITIES

You'll be able to enjoy all of our extensive facilities here at Plumpton College. Working in a practical environment, you'll be able to make the most of our classroom and practical facilities as a brilliant base for your studies.

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES & CONSERVATION





LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

Surrounded by the South Downs National Park and the beautiful, diverse Sussex countryside, Plumpton College is the ideal location to study a range of subjects including land and countryside use, conservation of British habitats and estate skills.



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Our outdoor spaces are popular destinations for recreation and rural tourism, and we have never been more aware of the need to protect and improve these habitats for the future. These courses cover how to balance strong conservation principles, that ensure biodiversity, with people wanting to explore our green spaces for the many benefits they bring. You will combine hands-on practical skills with learning about the scientific and habitat-specific elements that underpin this important subject.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Ecology & Conservation Consultant  
Assistant Ranger & Ranger  
Urban Wildlife Officer  
Woodland & Wildlife Ranger  
Estate Workers  
Environmental Officer  
Environmental Education  
Rights Of Way Officer  
Ecologist

#### OUR FACILITIES

800 hectare campus.  
South Downs National Park.  
SSSI designated areas, including ancient woodland and chalk grassland.

# EQUINE MANAGEMENT

A young woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue riding helmet, a dark blue polo shirt with 'STUDENT' and 'PILLYMPTON COLLEGE EQUINE' printed on it, and dark riding pants, is leading a brown and white pinto horse. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The horse is wearing a black halter and has a saddle on its back. The background is a wooden stable with some lights visible.

*'I just love being in the yard and being around horses. Two of the college horses are my favourites but I have a soft spot for Bramble particularly. There are always lots of jobs to do and we learn high standards that we can put into practice straight away.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

Our popular equine department is well-equipped with indoor schools, stabling, an outdoor ménage and state-of-the-art facilities, including a brand-new mechanical horse to help you practice your position in the saddle and prepare you for new types of riding or jumping.



Our Level 1 & 2 courses are a great way to develop the essential skills and knowledge required to work with horses. You will also develop theoretical skills about the care of horses, equine biology, health and behaviour.

Level 3 is designed for those who are aiming to work in the equine industry or move onto a degree qualification. You will have the opportunity to develop practical and supervisory skills, in addition to the scientific theory of equine management.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Equine Behaviouralist  
Stable Hand  
Riding Instructor  
Competition Groom

#### OUR FACILITIES

2 large indoor schools.  
30m x 60m outdoor ménage.  
Stabling for up to 40 horses.  
Brand new mechanical horse.  
Treadmill and weigh bridge.  
Solarium.

# FISHERIES & AQUATIC SCIENCE



*'I like being in a team and working outside on things like river fishery creation and bankside management. It's great to be with others that share the same interests as I do. In the future I want to have my own fishery and campsite.'*





LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

The dedicated facilities at our Aquaculture and Fishery Management Centre are well equipped to provide you with the practical and theoretical training to progress into a career in fishery management, aquatics, aquaculture and aquatic environmental protection.



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Learn all about how lakes and rivers are managed, including freshwater and marine principles, fish health and aquaculture, aquatic sciences and water quality. Our facilities will enable you to develop your skills, including your own coarse fishing and sea angling techniques. Study includes aquatic production (fish farm) and coarse fishery. You'll also benefit from trips and visits where you'll learn surveying and capture techniques, including seine netting and electrofishing.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Environmental Officer  
Environment and Fisheries Enforcement  
Sport/Fisheries Management  
Tackle and Sports Industries  
Marine and Freshwater Conservation

#### OUR FACILITIES

One-acre lake, stocked with coarse fish.  
Two stock ponds and local chalk streams.  
Fishery management & aquaculture centre (student-led fish farm).  
Local to the coast: for intertidal studies.

# FLORISTRY



*'I really enjoy the freedom to be creative and learning new styles and techniques. I love finding out all about different flowers and learning their names. I'm looking forward to having my own florist business and creating beautiful arrangements for weddings and photoshoots.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
LEVEL 4

Take advantage of the beautiful surroundings of either Plumpton College or Stanmer campuses to be inspired in your creative floral practice, learning about preparing floral designs, caring for floristry products or event decoration.



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Our courses will enable you to move through the levels to become a professional florist. In our fully-equipped facilities you will cover the latest trends in floral design, design principles and the range of skills required to run your own floristry business. These technical qualifications will develop the ever-demanding requirements of the sector and prepare you for a lifelong creative and fulfilling career in the industry.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

- Specialist Event Florist
- Floral Artist
- Florist Manager
- Florist Business Owner
- Freelance Florist
- Floral Demonstrator

#### OUR FACILITIES

- Dedicated floristry classrooms at both Plumpton and Stanmer campus.
- Access to beautiful flowers and foliage from the grounds.
- Cooled flower storage unit.
- Basic toolkit (Level 2).

# FOOD SKILLS



PLUMPTON  
COLLEGE  
BUTCHERY



*'As a butchery apprentice I get to learn new skills and earn money at the same time. I've picked up new techniques and knowledge including learning about carcass selection. I hope to own and run my own butchery business one day.'*



As part of our food department you will learn all about recipe formulation, modern bakery and butchery methods and practices, setting you up well for a career in this important industry.



Hone your skills to become a traditional craft baker, product developer or butcher. You will learn how to cook, prepare and maintain food establishments. Our apprenticeship courses cover all the practical skills and invaluable knowledge you'll need to become a successful modern butcher or baker. Discover all about customer service, business skills, waste reduction, recycling and consumer trends.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

- Baker
- Patisserie Chef
- Bakery Assistant
- Bakery Apprentice
- Butchery Apprentice

#### OUR FACILITIES

- Modern bakery facilities.
- Dairy process unit.
- Access to a high-end butchery facility with new state-of-the-art butchery training on-site.

# FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE



*'This was a completely different experience to any type of course I have studied before. I was accepted and encouraged for having a developing passion for the subject. On my placement I worked for a local tree surgeon, which helped bridge the gap between education to full-time work, and showed me what the industry had to offer. When I leave I'm looking forward to working with a utility arboriculture company.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
APPRENTICESHIPS

The importance of trees, woodland, and forests to the environment are well-documented, and on these courses, you will learn all about tree planting, identification, care, felling, and conservation practices.



If you have a passion for trees, ecology and the outdoors then these courses are ideal for you. Working with a range of machinery across a variety of locations, you will develop the knowledge and skills needed to work in this sector, such as plant and soil science, forest and woodland skills, pests and diseases and tree inspections. You will learn about tree safety and the latest technical innovations in tree processing practices.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Tree Surgeon  
Tree Surveyor  
Tree Officer  
Utility Arborist  
Forester  
Woodland Officer  
Trainer/Assessor  
Lecturer  
Progression onto higher education

#### OUR FACILITIES

Fully-equipped with industry standard felling, processing tools and machinery.  
Dedicated workshops.  
College-owned local ancient woodland.  
800-acre estate.

# GAME & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT







LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

Our diverse courses will prepare you for a variety of careers in this sector, teaching you about the sensitive management of woodland and countryside habitats, and developing your knowledge of estate management.



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You will develop the skills and knowledge of different animals and their habitats, understanding how to successfully manage them. Using the extensive college estate, you will study rearing game birds, learn about woodland ecology, and prepare for the college shoot. Our courses cover practical tasks related to gamekeeping, pest and predator control, firearm safety, conservation and improvement of British habitats, and the maintenance of game and deer populations.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

- Gun Dog Trainer
- Countryside Ranger
- Estate Manager
- Game Keeper/Under Keeper
- Game Ranger
- Game Dealing/Processing

#### OUR FACILITIES

Dedicated workshop and classrooms, including incubators and hatchery equipment.

800 hectares estate, including woodland, pasture and arable land.

Six drives and an on-site commercial shoot.

# HORTICULTURE & VITICULTURE



*'I really enjoy the variety of the course, being outside and working with my hands. I'm learning lots of new skills, including larger scale projects. I'd recommend this course to anyone and it teaches you so many different ways of doing things. I'm looking forward to starting at the employer that I've done my placement with.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
APPRENTICESHIPS

Studying horticulture blends science, art, practical craft skills and a love of nature, including creating beautiful green landscapes that benefit health and wellbeing, and producing nutritious food for people to enjoy.



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With our wealth of facilities on offer, you will develop a wide range of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge and understanding of horticultural practices. You will also take part in an exciting and compulsory 50-day industry placement programme alongside your courses, giving you the chance to gain valuable skills in a real working environment while being paired with your ideal employer.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

- Gardener
- Garden Designer
- Landscaper
- Viticulturalist
- Crop Producer
- Plant Scientist

#### OUR FACILITIES

- Access to the new One Garden Brighton Victorian walled gardens (opened 2021).
- Glasshouses at both Plumpton and Stanmer campuses.
- Hard landscaping centre.
- Expertly planted campus gardens and borders.
- 10 hectares of productive vineyards.

# MOTOR VEHICLE



*'I love getting under the bonnets of cars and there are always lots of different ones to work on here. I most enjoy taking apart and rebuilding both old and modern cars. I'm really looking forward to coming back to college next year to further my studies, and am thinking about becoming a Police or Military Combat Mechanic out in the field when I leave.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3

Automotive design and engineering technology is always advancing, and our courses will give you the most up-to-date training in vehicle maintenance and repair, understanding the tools and equipment used in the industry.



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On these courses you will study a wide variety of subjects including electronic technology, chassis units and components, and diagnostics. You will be able to work on a regular supply of different vehicles in our well-equipped workshops to build your skills and knowledge. Our Level 2 and Level 3 programmes take part in a compulsory 180-hour industry placement alongside the vocational course, giving you the chance to gain valuable skills in a real working environment.

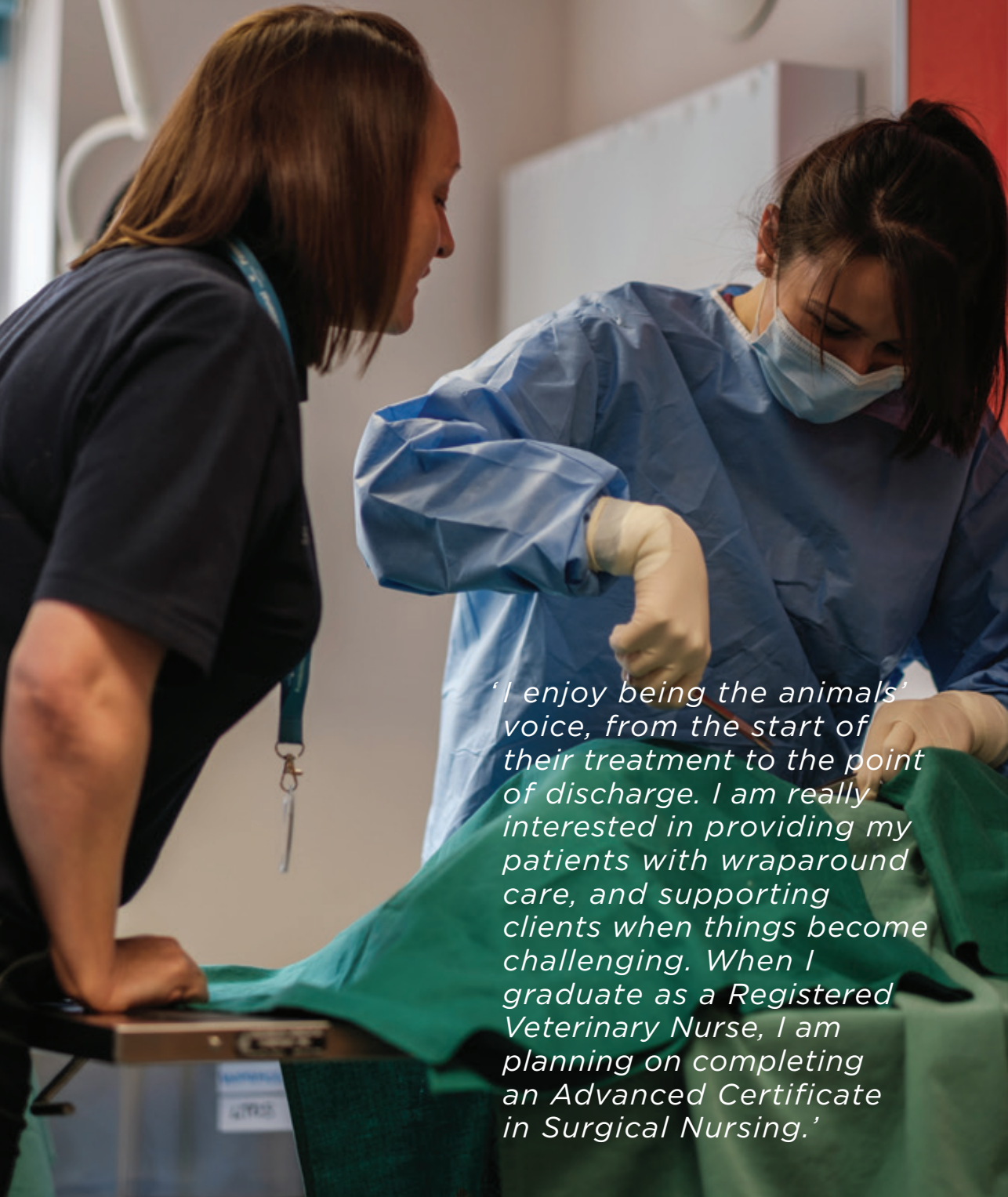
#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Car Mechanic  
Motor Vehicle Breakdown Engineer  
Motor Vehicle Technician  
Army Recovery Mechanic  
Army Vehicle Mechanic

#### OUR FACILITIES

Modern, fully equipped workshops.  
Two ramps per workshop.  
A range of vehicles to work on.  
Latest equipment to help you complete your studies around Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair syllabus.  
Fully equipped welding shop.

# VETERINARY NURSING & DOG GROOMING



*'I enjoy being the animals' voice, from the start of their treatment to the point of discharge. I am really interested in providing my patients with wraparound care, and supporting clients when things become challenging. When I graduate as a Registered Veterinary Nurse, I am planning on completing an Advanced Certificate in Surgical Nursing.'*



LEVEL 1  
LEVEL 2  
LEVEL 3  
APPRENTICESHIPS

Whether you want to become a Veterinary Nurse or a Dog Groomer, our courses and extensive facilities will set you on the right path in your chosen career.



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Join our Advanced Apprenticeship programme, where you will study at a Royal College of Vet Surgeons (RCVS) approved Veterinary Practice. You will learn about taking radiographs, monitoring anaesthesia, analysing samples and running a dispensary.

On our dog grooming courses, you will work with a range of breeds studying different styling and finishing methods, coat types, health checking and handling, legislation and codes of practice.

#### WHERE COULD THIS TAKE YOU?

Veterinary Nurse  
Veterinary Nurse Assistant  
Dog Groomer  
Dog Grooming Assistant

#### OUR FACILITIES

Clinical Veterinary Nursing Training Suite with the latest technological equipment.

Dedicated, commercially run Dog Grooming Unit.

Access to the Animal Management Centre with exotic, domestic and small animals.



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GARDEN

BRIGHTON

ONE  
KITCHEN

ONE  
MARKET

ONE  
EVENTS



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# THE RIGHT QUALIFICATION FOR YOU

## APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships provide an opportunity to develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours in your chosen profession via practical and theoretical training while in paid, full time employment.

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 are 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, with the level of apprenticeship based on the job role and its duties.

As an apprentice you'll usually be employed to work a minimum 30 hours 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 Plumpton 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.

## 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 College, 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 one or two years to attain either an equivalent to one full A Level or the equivalent of three A Levels. Ideal if you would like to go on to study at a higher level, such as a degree qualification.

## EDUCATION PATHWAYS & FOUNDATION LEARNING

A dedicated provision for Electively Home Educated (EHE), Schools and SEND Learners, providing individualised programmes tailored to prepare you for further study or work. There are no formal qualifications required to join this provision. All you need is a desire to learn.

### 14+ STUDY PROGRAMMES

For school students aged 14-16, school Years 10 and 11. We offer a one-day a week provision. School students can come to college and study for a vocational qualification, one-day a week for either one or two years. This is a great stepping stone into our full time provisions.

**Applications for this provision need to be made by the school.**

### ELECTIVELY HOME EDUCATED LEARNERS

Our programmes are based on a one, two or three-day pathway, which is built around the individual learner's educational requirements:

- One day offer (option 1): Vocational only.
- Two day offer (option 1): Vocational day plus English and maths (GCSE or Functional Skill).
- Two day offer (option 2): Vocational x 2 days.
- Three day offer (option 1): Vocational day plus English, maths, science and Aspire (PSHE).
- Three day offer (option 2): Vocational x 2 days plus English and maths.

The Vocational offer includes:

- Agriculture
- Gateway to Engineering (Motor Vehicle)
- Sport and Adventure Education
- Animal Care
- Horse Care - Equine
- Floristry
- Horticulture
- Blacksmithing / Metalsmithing
- Woodland and Forestry Skills

### FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES (SEND)

Our Foundation Learning courses at Entry 2, Entry 3 and Level 1 offer learners individualised programmes to grow their personal and social development, communication and study skills, and include work experience to develop those all-important employability skills. These programmes include vocational qualifications and embedded English and maths. The Supported Internship is a year-long programme with the core aim of assisting learners in finding sustainable, paid work through a robust curriculum of employability skills and work experience.

All of our programmes follow a RARPA-based delivery model (Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement) where learner progress is measured continually throughout the year on individualised targets that relate to the outcomes stated on their Education, Health and Care Plan (if applicable).

# 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, OR STUDENTS AGED 19-23 WHO 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+ ON 31/08/2022

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.

Fee remission (i.e. the Government pays the tuition fee and exams fee) is available to students that meet the following criteria:

- 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 Level 2 courses.
- Students aged 19+ unemployed and in receipt of a means-tested state benefit looking to enter employment - FREE up to and including Level 2 courses.
- Students aged 19+ employed, or self-employed, who are looking to upskill and their gross annual salary is less the £17,374 - FREE up to and including Level 2 courses.
- 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 aged 24+ who enrol on their first full Level 3 National Skills Funded course (contact Enquires for the list of courses) - FREE.

*£17,004.00\* may be entitled to fee remission.*

### STUDENTS AGED 24+, EARNING ABOVE THE THRESHOLD, MAY APPLY FOR AN ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN FOR FULL LEVEL 3 COURSES

If you're being supported by your employer or a sponsor, you'll need to provide a letter of authorisation at enrolment.

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](mailto:enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk)).

### STUDENTS AGED 19+ WHO DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE ABOVE CRITERIA

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. You can apply for a loan via the Advanced Learner Loan scheme to pay your course fee.

## BURSARIES

We have a wide range of bursary funds that are given on a discretionary basis to provide financial assistance to eligible students who would not have access to learning without support. 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. Where possible, we will indicate when the materials will be needed during the academic year, so that you do not need to buy them all at once.

## 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](mailto:finance@plumpton.ac.uk) or call **01273 890454**. For more information about funding and loans, you can visit our website [plumpton.ac.uk/student-info/funding-loans](http://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 £26,575 a year. 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](http://gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan) or contact our Enquiries, Advice and Guidance Team on [enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@plumpton.ac.uk) or **01273 890454**.

# COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 maths at a minimum Entry Level 1.	1	Entry Level 2
Foundation Learning Entry Level 3	Successful completion of the Entry Level 2 Foundation Learning or recognised and accredited prior learning including Entry Level Functional Skills in English and maths at a minimum Entry Level 2.	1	Entry Level 3
Supported Internships	<p>You'll need to be aged 18-23 with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and be in your final year of college.</p> <p>Alternatively, if you do not have an EHCP 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	One or more GCSEs grades 2-1 or E-G, related Entry Level 3 qualification or completion of the Education Pathways and Foundation Learning programme.	1	4 GCSEs Grade 2—1
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Please use this information as a guide to help you. Entry requirements may vary according to subject, please check the course details on our website for details.

## APPRENTICESHIPS

Qualification	Level of Study	Equivalent Level of Qualification
Intermediate Apprenticeship	2	GCSEs
Advanced Apprenticeship	3	A Levels

- 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://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 [gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates](https://gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates)

# COURSE INDEX

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

● Plumpton Campus

○ Some Off Site Centres

● Entry Levels 2 and 3 Available



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