

# FOUNDATION LEARNING



Foundation Learning covers all our courses delivered at Entry Level or Level 1. At Kingston Maurward College, this is delivered in three distinct ways.

- **Introduction to Foundation Learning (FD204 – opposite page).** This pathway is aimed at learners who are undecided about their future, may not have chosen a career route or are lacking the qualifications to progress directly onto a full-time further education course. Students experience a range of vocational options and can then specialise and gain qualifications as they progress.
- **Skills for Working Life (page 48-49)** These courses are suitable for students who may have mild to moderate learning disabilities/difficulties. Delivered at our dedicated Laurel Bank Centre for Foundation Studies, these programmes offer safe and nurturing learning where students develop skills and experience in a wide range of practical subjects.
- **Vocational specific courses.** Entry Level courses are available in many of our academies.

P25 – Level 1 – Practical Animal Care (AC202)

P31 – Level 1 Diploma in Administration (AD201)

P35 – Level 1 Introduction to Farming and the Countryside (CM201)

P41 – Level 1 Introduction to Horse Care (EQ201)

P51 – Level 1 Practical Horticulture Skills (HR207)

P56 - Level 1 Diploma in Basic Construction Skills (HR209)

P58 – Level 1 Diploma in Public Services and Outdoor Adventure (OR213)

Horticulture  
Construction  
Forestry  
Animal Care, Equine  
Agriculture  
Countryside

## Introduction to Foundation Learning

Course no. FD204

Our popular entry2employment (e2e) programme has been changed to help learners experience Foundation Learning at Kingston Maurward College. You will be able to experience a wide variety of vocational options during the first few weeks. These include:

- Horticulture and construction
- Forestry
- Animal care and equine
- Agriculture and countryside.

We are expanding the scope of the support we give you for your personal and social development (life skills) and will continue to help you improve your basic numeracy, literacy and computer abilities.

The most exciting development is the introduction of a range of qualifications that you can work towards from the very first day on the programme. These include:

- Award, Certificate or Diploma in Land-Based Studies
- Award or Certificate in Employability and Personal Development
- Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT.

When you complete your initial period, you can move onto a more vocationally specific programme of your choice, allowing you to build on your achievements. The longer you stay, the more qualifications you achieve.

You will receive continuous support and guidance throughout the journey on Foundation Learning. We will help identify suitable progression routes for you and ease the transition on to a new programme of learning, whether it's an Apprenticeship, another full-time course at Kingston Maurward College or into employment.

**Suitable for** - learners undecided about a suitable career path or lacking the academic qualifications needed to progress directly into further education.

**Entry requirements** - no formal entry requirements, but an interest and enthusiasm for land-based subjects is essential

**Age Range** - Foundation Learning programmes are focused primarily at 16-18 year olds, but older applicants are welcomed.



# Skills

# For

# Working

# Life



The **Skills for Working Life** courses on these pages give you the chance to develop social, basic and life skills – and gain a qualification.

There are no formal entry requirements, but you should have a desire to work in a variety of land based areas.

Based at our Laurel Bank Centre for Foundation Studies at the heart of our campus, you will gain practical skills and knowledge in subjects like animal care and horticulture to help you get a job or access further training.

You will have the opportunity to progress through different levels at the college and potentially start an Apprenticeship or go into employment.

We pride ourselves on working closely with you, your parents and carers to ensure we are able to offer the correct level of study.

**Please note:  
these courses are  
NOT suitable for  
learners with a  
severe learning  
difficulty.**

## Introduction to Skills for Working Life - E2

Course no. FD201

### Qualification

Entry Level Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Plants and Animals (Entry 2)

### Length of Course

One year (full-time).

### Days of the Week

To be confirmed.

### Course Content

Up to four days per week study at college, practical instruction, assessment and portfolio building.

You will be learning about:

- Preparing for work
- Personal and social development
- Plants
- Animal Care
- General practical skills
- Life skills
- English, Maths and ICT.

### Next Steps

Progress on to Skills for Working Life - E3.



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## Skills for Working Life - E3

Course no. FD202

### Qualification

Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Plants and Animals)

### Length of Course

One year (full-time).

### Days of the Week

To be confirmed.

### Course Content

Up to four days per week study at college, practical instruction, assessment and portfolio building.

You will be learning about:

- Preparing for work
- Personal and social development
- Plants
- Animal Care
- General practical skills
- Life skills
- English, Maths and ICT.

### Next Steps

Progress on to Diploma in Practical Skills Development or other course.

## Diploma in Practical Skills Development

Course no. FD203

### Qualification

Level 1 Diploma in Work-Based Land-Based Operations

### Length of Course

One year (full-time).

### Days of the Week

Three days a week at college.

### Course Content

- Practical instruction, assessment and portfolio building.
- Six mandatory units covering health and safety in the workplace and safe working practices.
- Students are encouraged to find a work placement

26 credits from optional units:

- Animals, agriculture and tractor operations
- Horticulture, habitat management and conservation.

Plus:

- Functional Skills
- Certificate in Employability and Personal Development at Level 1.

### Next Steps

Progression to other full-time courses or supported employment.

