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Centre for Foundation Studies

We offer Entry Level and Level 1 courses for students who may have mild to moderate learning difficulties or a disability. You can develop your skills and experience in a wide range of subjects whilst being fully supported by our experienced staff.

Our dedicated centre at 'Laurel Bank', in the middle of the college estate, offers a safe and nurturing learning environment and a great meeting place after a day of activity on campus. The centre kitchen is also used to

teach life skills such as food preparation, cooking and cleaning whilst the garden has been developed to support learning about growing plants and food.

We offer individually designed programmes and timetables to suit all abilities.

We pride ourselves on working closely with parents and carers to carefully monitor our students' progress and ensure they move onto the next level of training or into employment when they are ready.

Skills for Working Life

The Skills for Working Life courses on the opposite page give you the chance to develop social, basic and life skills - and gain a qualification.

There are no formal entry requirements, but you must have a desire to work in a variety of land-based areas. Practical skills and knowledge will be gained in subjects like Animal Care and Horticulture to help you get a job or access further training.

We will need full details of any special educational needs and reports from other relevant organisations to ensure we are able to offer the correct levels of support and identify the correct level of study. You will have the opportunity to progress through the different levels at the college and potentially start an Apprenticeship or go into employment.



● Introduction to Skills for Working Life - E2
Course no. FD201

Qualification	Entry Level Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Plants and Animals (Entry 2)
Duration	1 year (full-time)
Days	To be confirmed

Please note that this course is NOT suitable for learners with a severe learning difficulty.

What Will I Be Learning About?

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

What's Involved?

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

Where Will it Take Me?

Progress on to Skills for Working Life - E3 > > >

● Skills for Working Life - E3
Course no. FD202

Qualification	Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Plants and Animals
Duration	1 year (full-time)
Days	To be confirmed

Please note that this course is NOT suitable for learners with a severe learning difficulty.

What Will I Be Learning About?

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

What's Involved?

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

Where Will it Take Me?

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
Duration	1 year (full time)
Days	Three days a week at college

Please note that this course is NOT suitable for learners with a severe learning difficulty.

What's Involved?

- Three days per week at college
- Students are encouraged to find a work placement
- Practical instruction, assessment and portfolio building.

Where Will it Take Me?

Progression to other full-time courses or supported employment.

What Will I Be Learning About?

- Six mandatory units covering health and safety in the workplace and safe working practices.

26 credits from optional units:

- Animals
- Agriculture
- Tractor operations
- Horticulture
- Habitat management and conservation.

Plus:

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

● 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, from September 2010. You will still be able to experience a 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 onto 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.

