

Foundation Learning



Welcome

Foundation Learning provides a genuinely life-changing experience for students at Kingston Maurward College. They grow in confidence and progress in their independence, learn life skills, and gain a wider understanding of the world, preparing them for life beyond college. Social enterprise is a core part of students' experience with us, working in the glasshouses preparing plants and other products for sale, whilst learning new skills such as money handling and customer service skills. Our students work together to build a strong team ethic which helps them understand how to work with others.

The Greys Loft centre is specifically for Foundation Learning students and offers a safe, welcoming environment. Experienced staff are always on hand to offer support and guidance and all classes are based at Greys Loft, with practical sessions taking place on the College campus.

Facilities include 1:1 rooms, a common room, dining room, kitchen, two large IT suites and a dedicated life skills classroom.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Luke Rake

Principal and Chief Executive





Our Courses

We adopt an individual approach in the teaching of each student whilst creating a safe and nurturing environment for them to thrive in. The experienced and friendly team is dedicated to teaching students essential social and practical skills in a wide range of subjects, helping students to progress into further study and employment.

We offer the followings levels:

- Preparation for Level 1
- Introduction to Skills for Working Life - Entry 2
- Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Entry 3
- Practical Skills Development - Entry Level
- Certificate in Employability and Personal Development

Level 1 routes into our Further Education courses include:

- Agriculture | Animal Welfare & Science | Construction | Equine Studies | Horticulture & Plant Science | Outdoor Adventure | Welding, Fabrication & Blacksmithing | Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation



Preparation for Level 1

This course is designed to help students develop the skills they will need to progress onto a Level 1 land-based course the following year. They will gain confidence and learn to work independently, research information, summarise and present their findings in a variety of formats. This will allow students to develop their spoken and written communication, improve their IT skills and help them to build confidence in their ability to meet Level 1 assessment requirements.

An additional element of this course is Skills for Independence and Work which involves working on a range of essential life and employability skills. Additionally, students will be able to engage in a range of practical land-based activities, including horticulture, tractor driving and taking care of livestock. These practical sessions will allow students to develop their team-work and will equip them with the basic practical knowledge required for a range of Level 1 courses.

The underpinning theory of land-based studies will also be covered, including basic animal biology and nutrition, plant biology and ecology. Their study programme will also include English and maths lessons.

Apply at [kmc.ac.uk](https://www.kmc.ac.uk)

Introduction to Skills for Working Life - Entry 2

This programme is designed for students who want to continue developing their experience of land-based subjects, working with animals, tractor driving and being in the countryside.

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Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Entry 3

This course is designed for anyone who wants to continue to develop their experience of land-based subjects and is ideal for anyone who loves working with animals, driving tractors and being in the countryside. The programme provides in-house and external work experience situations. Students could be hands-on working in the College's farm, taking part in lambing or calf husbandry, working in the gardens, or learning how to grow produce and cook it.

Apply now at kmc.ac.uk

Practical Skills Development - Entry Level

This course builds on the knowledge students have learnt from other Skills for Working Life courses and focuses on allowing students to gain more work experience. We will help them to find a work placement for one of the days they are not in College.

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Certificate in Employability and Personal Development

This course is designed to develop a wide range of skills to help students become more independent in life and work. Students will benefit from valuable work experience, learn how to apply for and obtain jobs in the career of their choice, or how to work for themselves.

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Case Studies

Peakhill Produce

Foundation Learning students run an enterprise project from Peakhill Glasshouse. Students grow vegetables, fruit and plants and make garden planters, jams, preserves and much more to sell throughout the academic year. The produce is sold within the College to members of staff and to the public. The enterprise project is a key element to the courses and students will be involved in all aspects of the project including;

- Planting
- Growing
- Cooking
- Woodwork skills
- Pricing
- Advertising
- Selling

The Peakhill Produce has expanded over the years, giving Foundation Learning students a great opportunity to participate in real work experience and to develop their skills in preparation for the workplace.



Felix Fenton

Sixteen year old Felix from Sutton Waldron in Dorset came to one of the College's Open Days and was so impressed with what he saw that he chose to do the Skills for Working Life course, with a view to going into dairy farming in future. He loves coming into College as he enjoys working outside, and being at the farm with the animals makes him happy.

While he is at College, Felix wants to improve his maths and English so that he can pursue his dream job. He said: "This course will give me real life work experience and skills to help me achieve my dream of being a dairy farmer. Working with the calves, tractor driving and working outdoors have given me the confidence to do well this year."

Bethany Walbridge

Bethany Walbridge has now embarked on her fourth year of study at the College having started on the Entry Level 2 Skills for Working Life programme in 2017. She has progressed through the stages to the Preparation for Level 2 which will give her the skills to enter the workplace.

Nineteen year old Bethany says that during her time at College she has noticed that her confidence and independence has really improved. She says the teachers are really understanding, and that the College is brilliant for people like her with special education needs. Bethany, from Blandford, is hoping to do a Level 1 Art & Design course at either Bournemouth & Poole College or Salisbury College next year. She said: "My current course is preparing me for the workplace by helping me to develop a CV, employability skills, independence, and is helping me build confidence and study skills to prepare me for the Level 1 course."



Daniella Belk

Daniella Belk from Christchurch, is currently completing the Certificate in Employability & Personal Development. The twenty-two year old has been at Kingston Maurward since 2017 having been told about the College by a vocational support worker from Dorset Council. She loves animals and plants and says the College is amazing.

The activities Daniella most enjoys are tractor driving and making friends. She thinks Greys Loft is perfect for students with learning disabilities; she says that the teachers and staff are really nice and supportive of the students' individual needs. In the future Daniella would like to enrol at a local training centre, where she is hoping to continue developing her skills and enable her to get a job working with people in a caring environment.





Robyn Murray

Sixteen year old Robyn Murray from Plymouth is doing the Introduction to Skills for Working life course and says she most enjoys making friends and tractor driving; especially the pre-start check and dealing with hazards.

She'd like to work with horses in future and said: "I currently ride, and I'm quite a good rider. I'm hoping this course will help me to gain lots of different skills."



Harry Acton

Harry, from Poole, chose the Certificate in Skills for Working Life to "gain experience in working with animals, horticulture, tractor driving, life skills and more!" Harry, 18, would like to work with animals in future, and says that the teachers at Kingston Maurward have been kind, helpful and motivating in moving him towards his goal.

He said: "The course has made me more confident in working with animals. So far this term we have helped to feed the calves at the farm, and added some enrichment for the turkeys. I am really excited about lambing season in the spring!"

Transport

We offer a variety of buses and minibuses along major routes across Dorset and the wider region. The stops and routes are planned annually to accommodate our students and provide easy and affordable access to the College.

The majority of our minibuses have disabled access, however we are more than happy to discuss alternative methods of transport. To find out more, please phone 01305 215215 or visit kmc.ac.uk/college/information/transport/

Bursaries

Each year we are given government money to help and support students with financial difficulties or who come from low income families. These funds are administered through the Student Administration Team and can help you with costs relating to your studies such as transport, childcare and essential kit/equipment purchases.

For more information, please phone 01305 215215 or visit kmc.ac.uk/college/information/money-matters/bursaries/

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Open Days

For the latest information about our College Open Days,
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