

# Kingston Maurward College



# Your Student Guide



# Welcome to Kingston Maurward College

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**It is with great pleasure that we welcome you our rural college in the heart of Dorset, just a few miles from the sea and close to major road and rail links.**

Our college transport covers the entirety of Dorset and beyond so wherever students live, they can get here.

Confirmed again as 'Good' by Ofsted, the College is growing both the number of courses and the number of students learning here. Our students are part of a vibrant student family, enjoying life on a stunning historic county estate alongside state-of-the-art facilities.

Our students frequently express how happy they are here and the independence they get compared to school provides them with an outstanding transition to working life or university.

Practical work is at the core of what we do; learning is real, immediate and engaging, whether in the field or the classroom.

Working with employers and our wider community, our students enjoy excellent employment rates after their course completion as a result.

To do this isn't easy - we work hard; we have very high expectations of both ourselves and our students, pushing each other to achieve the very best we can regardless of our starting point. What is hard however, is worth doing.

**Luke Rake, Principal & Chief Executive**

## Campus Facilities

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### **The Estate**

- 750-acre campus
- 18th Century Manor House
- Animal Park & Gardens
- On-site dairy and working farm
- State-of-the-art Agri-tech centre
- Modern Laboratories
- Horticulture Production Unit
- On-site Gym and Fitness Centre
- Outdoor Activity Centre
- Forge and Welding Workshop
- Stables and Indoor and Outdoor arenas

### **Learning Resources Centre, LRC**

Based in the centre of campus, this centre boasts our library, the Student Welfare Team and our Admissions Team. Our support teams can help with any welfare, advice or support students may need.

They are also able to refer you to any external support should you need it.

For any further information, please contact the Welfare team on 01305 215121.

During term time the Centre is open  
Monday - Friday | 08:30am - 5:00pm

### **Library**

Based in the LRC, our library offers a broad range of specialist books and resources for students to borrow. The Library staff can help with any issues relating to accessing our online learning platform, Moodle, and any Student ID card related issues.

For further information, please contact the Library team at [library@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:library@kmc.ac.uk)

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# Career Development

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## **KMCPrepared**

Our vision at Kingston Maurward is that every student will have the opportunity to access credible and concise careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) to support progression onto a positive destination.

Positive destinations vary and are individual to the student. Essentially this term refers to what students go on to do after completing their study programme at Kingston Maurward College.

For more information or to speak to one of our Careers team, please: contact [careers@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:careers@kmc.ac.uk)

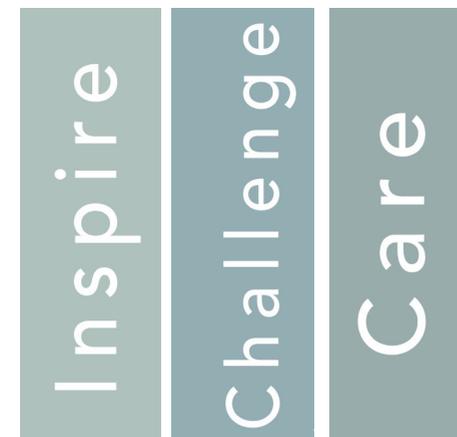
# Our Mission Statement

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Kingston Maurward is a specialist provider serving the needs of land-based and allied industries in Dorset and the South West.

Our students will be inspired to achieve their potential and thrive in a challenging but caring environment, enjoying exciting learning and high quality facilities within a vibrant commercial rural estate.

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## **Strategic Themes**

**People**  
**Learning**  
**Partnership**  
**Financial Resilience**  
**Estate Development**

# Our Mission Statement

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## We are about people...

### Inspire

We work in an inspiring environment, where we enjoy our work and which adds value to our lives. We are inspired by the talent and commitment of our colleagues, the abilities of our students, and how we develop our own passions to then inspire others.

### Challenge

We challenge ourselves every single day to do the best job possible, constantly striving for excellence. We challenge ourselves to continue learning and developing within our roles, finding new ways to improve the experience of every visitor to the estate.

### Care

We are a community. We work together and combine the talents of individuals to create a greater whole as a team. We look out for each other and are not afraid to offer support, or say when things are difficult, or that we need help. We find the best way to support our students and colleagues, and work as close knit teams so everyone feels part of the community and shares in its success.

## We are about learning...

### Inspire

Kingston Maurward is exciting. Students become independent learners through inspirational teaching from well qualified and dedicated specialist staff.

### Challenge

Kingston Maurward is challenging. Students will progress to reach their potential regardless of their starting point through well-differentiated, individually stretching tasks, to give them the skills they need to progress onto employment or Higher Education.

### Care

Kingston Maurward is caring and develops students' resilience as learners and members of society. Students are supported and nurtured to enable them to achieve and progress within an environment that recognises their individual needs and talents.

## We are about business...

### Inspire

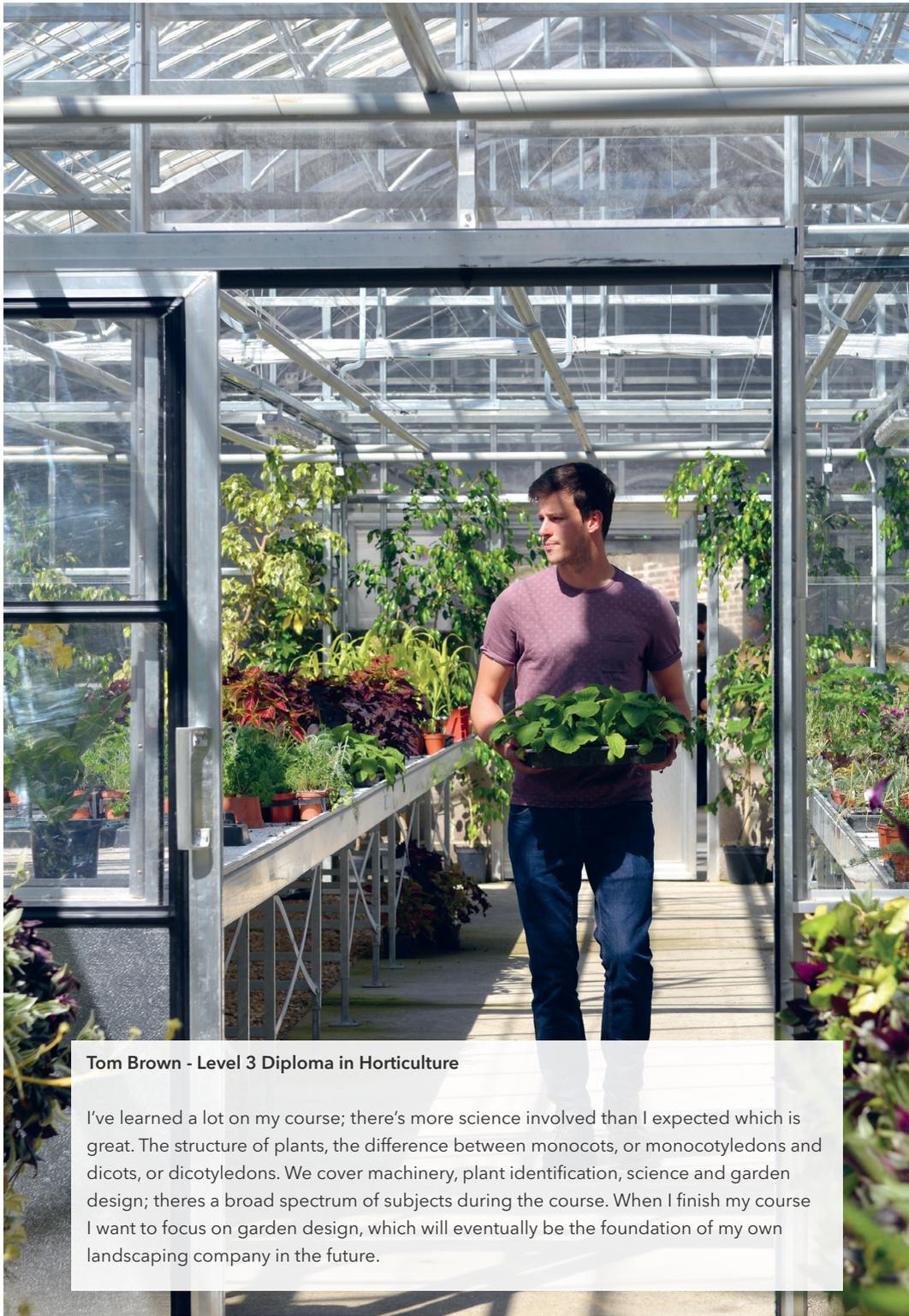
Kingston Maurward is the hub of Dorset's rural economy. We provide a focus for knowledge exchange and business generation. Visitors to the estate will leave enriched and keen to both return and spread the word.

### Challenge

Kingston Maurward is ambitious for itself and its clients, driving forward the rural agenda, whilst generating real term increases in revenue through the development of our skills.

### Care

Kingston Maurward is a trusted and commercial brand, where all visitors receive an outstanding experience whether it is a wedding, conference or day visit.



**Tom Brown - Level 3 Diploma in Horticulture**

I've learned a lot on my course; there's more science involved than I expected which is great. The structure of plants, the difference between monocots, or monocotyledons and dicots, or dicotyledons. We cover machinery, plant identification, science and garden design; there's a broad spectrum of subjects during the course. When I finish my course I want to focus on garden design, which will eventually be the foundation of my own landscaping company in the future.



**Laura Poole - Level 3 Business Administrator Apprenticeship**

Cabin Crew is a job I've always wanted to do but have never had the confidence or felt I stood a chance at achieving. But since completing this qualification my confidence has really grown and I have gained a significant amount of knowledge and skills which have put me in good stead to step out of my comfort zone and achieve what I have always wanted. Doing the apprenticeship helped me to see I can achieve more and I'm due to start a Level 3 NVQ in Air Cabin Crew with BA next month too!

## Travel & Transport

The College currently offers offers travel through a network of buses and minibuses along major routes.

Our routes are created annually in response to demand during our recruitment year, covering key towns across the region. We do have transport with facilities for disabled access, but we are happy to discuss alternative methods of transport for students with disabilities.

Currently those students who attend College two days or more pay: £1084.00 annually  
£16.00 one day return

The prices for 2021/22 have yet to be finalised and may still be subject to change.

For more information, please contact our Transport & Admissions Manager on 01305 215032

## Catering Facilities

There is a counter service café providing snacks, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks throughout the day in addition to breakfast and lunch.

Our chefs produce a wide variety of meals and snacks which are home cooked and locally sourced.

All of our takeaway containers, coffee cups and lids are compostable or recyclable to help minimise our carbon footprint.

The Coach House Café  
Located next to the Main House.

During term time the Café is open  
Monday - Friday | 11:00am - 2:00pm



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