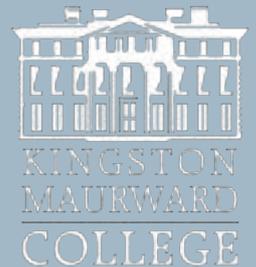


Foundation Learning



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 important 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. 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 here, with practical sessions taking place on the College campus.

Facilities include 1:1 rooms, 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





About Us

We adopt an individual approach in educating each student whilst creating a safe and nurturing environment for them to thrive in. Our experienced and friendly team are dedicated to teaching essential social and practical skills in a range of subjects to help students to progress into further study or employment.

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



Introduction to Skills for Working Life - Entry 2

This programme is designed for students who want to develop their experience of land-based subjects, working with animals, tractor driving and being in the countryside. They will also study gardening, life skills, employability skills, healthy living and take part in our enterprise activities.

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Certificate in Skills for Working Life - Entry 3

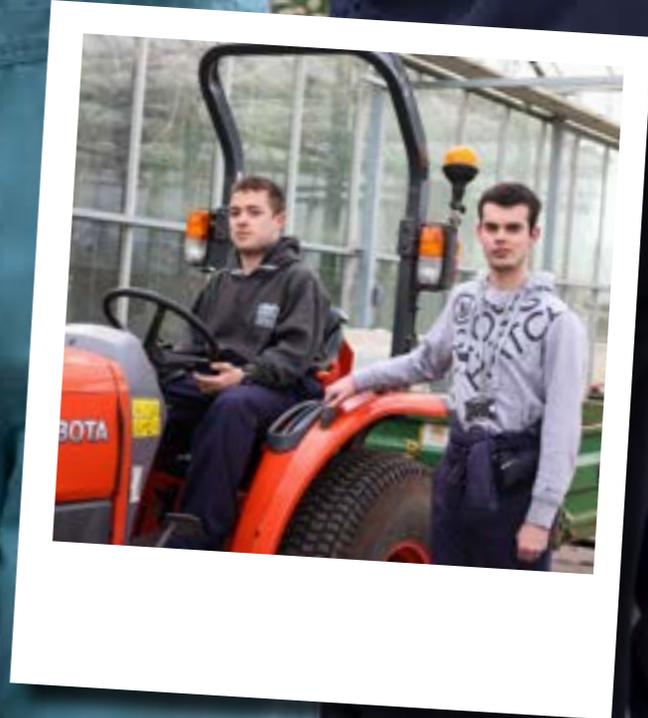
This course is ideal for those who want to develop their experience of land-based subjects and is suited to anyone who loves working with animals, driving tractors and being in the countryside. The programme provides in-house and external work experience situations, alongside working on the farm, taking part in lambing, looking after the calves, working in the gardens, or learning how to grow produce and cook it. Students will also further develop their life skills and employability skills.

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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 them to gain more experience. We can help students to find a work placement for one of the days they are not in College. They will study a range of land-based subjects whilst developing their personal, social and employability skills.

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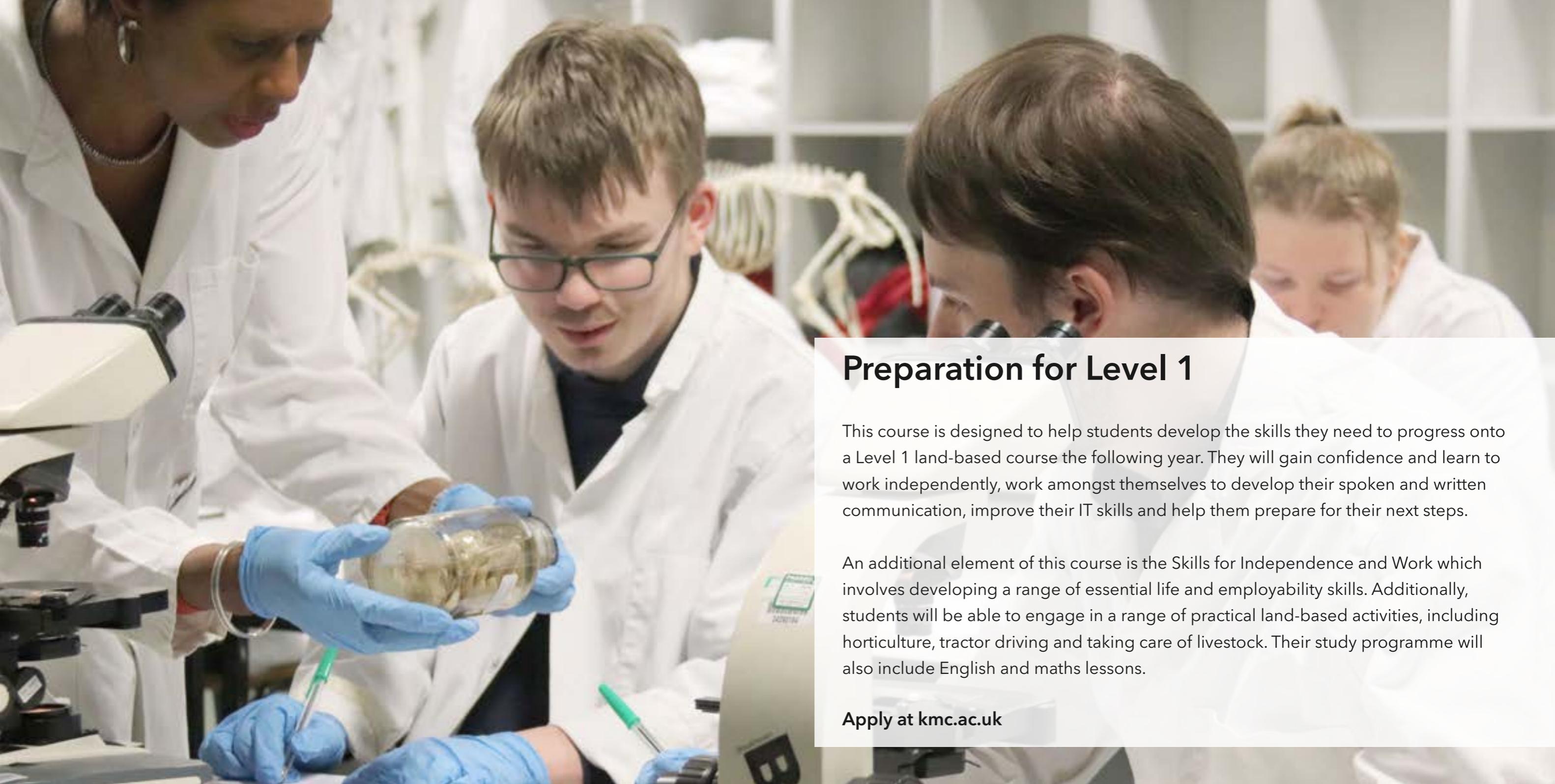




Certificate in Employability and Personal Development

This course is designed to develop a wide range of skills to help students become more independent in life and work. They 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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Preparation for Level 1

This course is designed to help students develop the skills they need to progress onto a Level 1 land-based course the following year. They will gain confidence and learn to work independently, work amongst themselves to develop their spoken and written communication, improve their IT skills and help them prepare for their next steps.

An additional element of this course is the Skills for Independence and Work which involves developing 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. Their study programme will also include English and maths lessons.

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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 and in The Estate Shop. The produce is sold within the College to members of staff and also to the public. The enterprise project is a key element to the courses and students will be involved in all aspects including:

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

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



Felix Felton

Seventeen year old Felix from Sutton Waldron in Dorset came to one of the College's Open Events and was so impressed with what he saw that he chose to do the Skills for Working Life courses 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 has given me the confidence to do well this year."

Lucy Smith

Seventeen year old Lucy is currently completing the Certificate in Skills for Working Life course after finishing the Entry 2 programme last year. Lucy said: "I want to work with animals or go into sports in the future so this course gives me a good foundation to improve my general knowledge in both areas, as well as improving my English and maths."

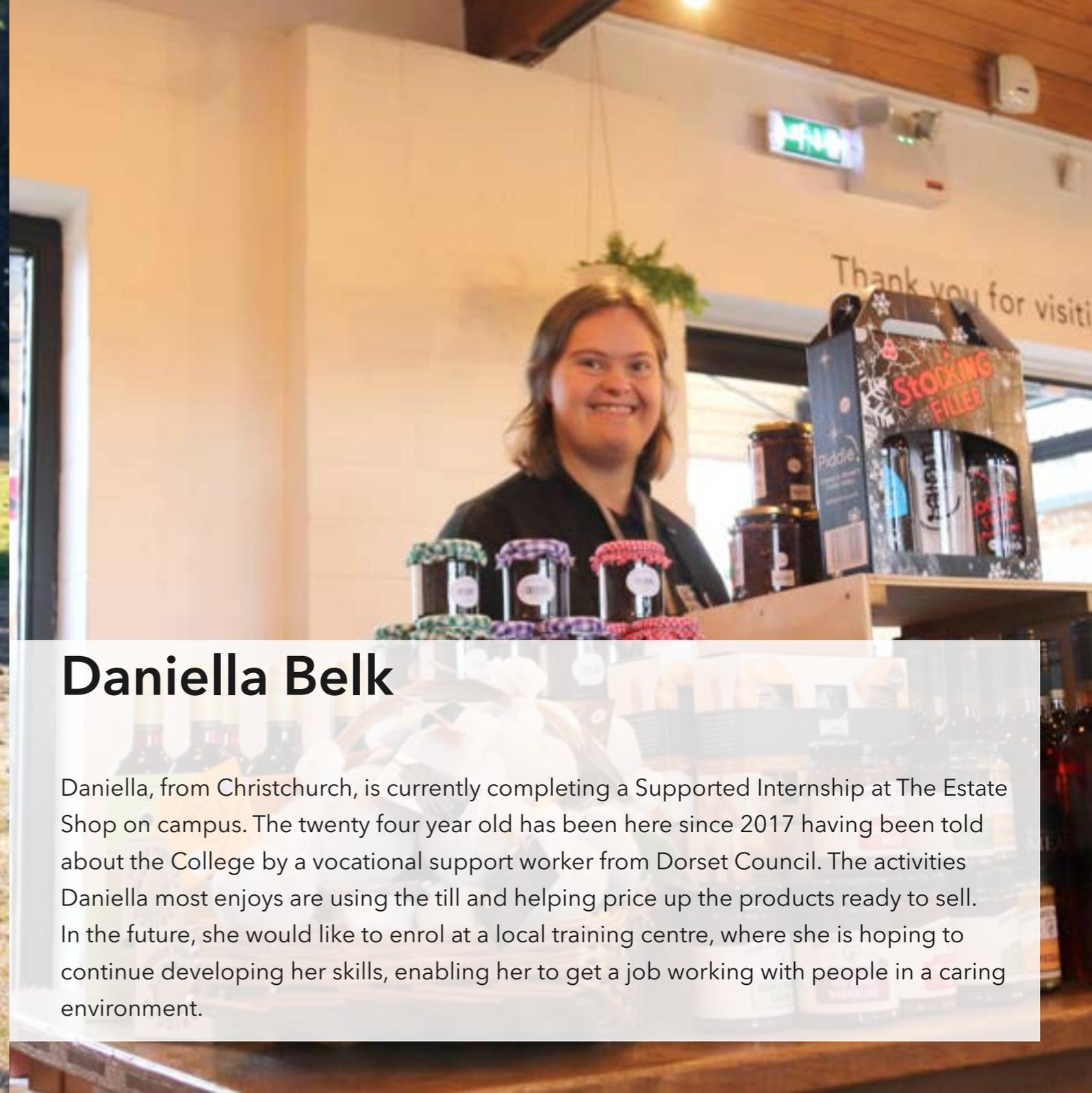
Lucy loves the sporting opportunities on the course, particularly the Outdoor Education lessons, and the availability of sporting facilities on campus, as she and a group of friends meet to play football at lunchtimes.

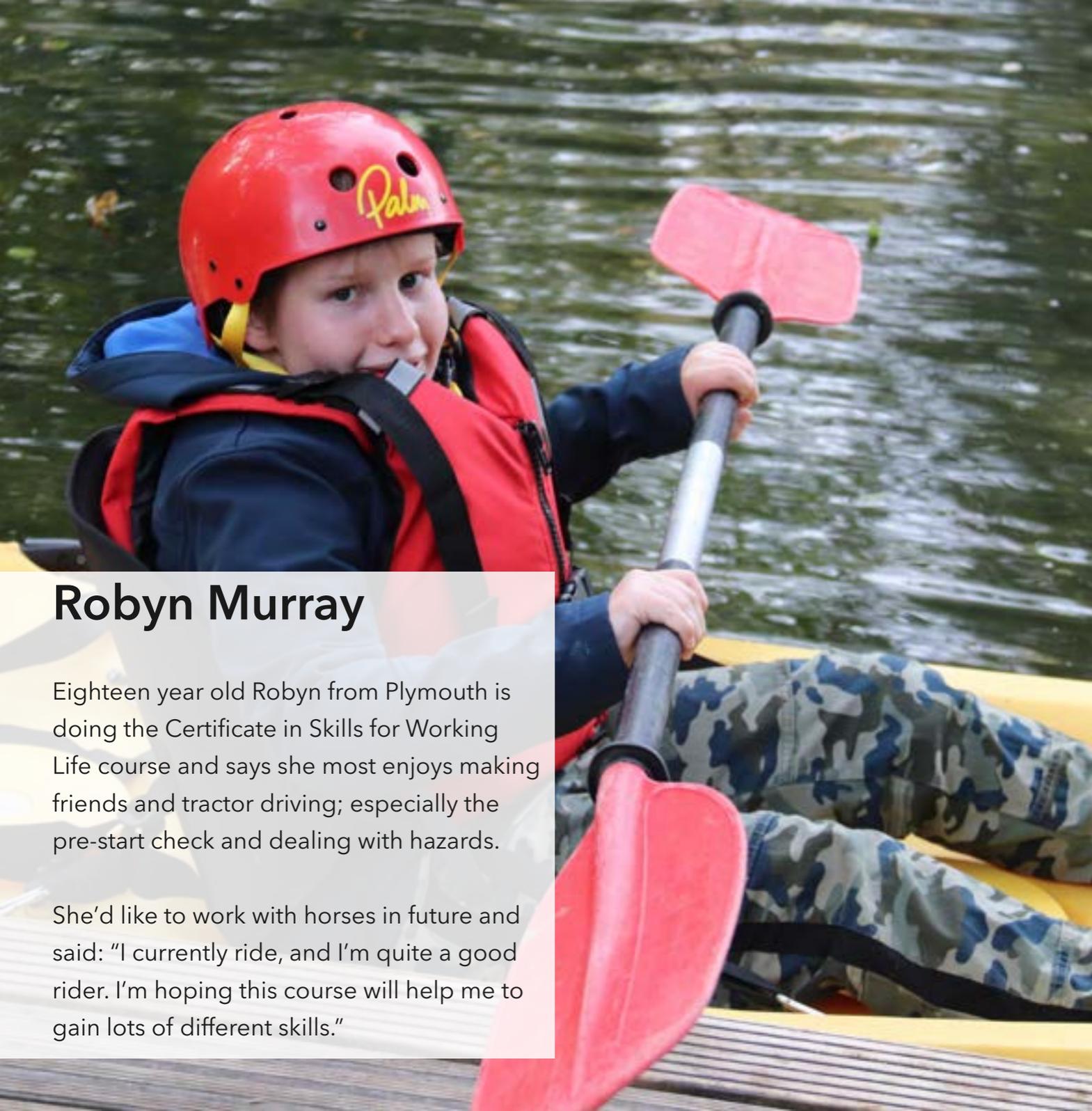
Her greatest achievement so far includes being selected for the women's football team as she is the first female Foundation Learning student to make the College team. Lucy is planning to do the Preparation for Level 1 course next year which will give her the independent study skills needed to progress academically onto the Level 1 courses.



Daniella Belk

Daniella, from Christchurch, is currently completing a Supported Internship at The Estate Shop on campus. The twenty four year old has been here since 2017 having been told about the College by a vocational support worker from Dorset Council. The activities Daniella most enjoys are using the till and helping price up the products ready to sell. In the future, she would like to enrol at a local training centre, where she is hoping to continue developing her skills, enabling her to get a job working with people in a caring environment.





Robyn Murray

Eighteen year old Robyn from Plymouth is doing the Certificate in 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, 19, 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 feed the calves at the farm and added some enrichment for the turkeys. I am excited about lambing season in the spring!"

Support

We offer a range of support from teaching assistants to speech and language and emotional literacy.

To find out more, please email our SENDCO team at enquiries@kmc.ac.uk

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/financial-support/bursaries/

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Open Events

For the latest information about our events, some of which may be virtual, please visit our website;
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