



# KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE





# Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Kingston Maurward College, Dorset's only rural college. If you're interested in animals, plants and the natural world, or you just enjoy being close to nature and in a calm environment, this is the place for you.

Our learners are part of a vibrant student family, enjoying fabulous facilities set in a stunningly beautiful campus. Our students frequently tell us how happy they are here, and the independence they gain compared to being at school provides them with an outstanding transition into working life or university.

Practical work is central to what we do; learning is immediate and engaging, whether in the field or classroom. Working with employers and our wider

community ensures students enjoy impressive employment rates.

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

If you'd like to find out more about your next adventure, please visit us - **we'd love to meet you.**

**Luke Rake**

Principal and Chief Executive





“Teachers are highly qualified industry experts...and as a result have highly current industry knowledge.

They use this effectively to plan a challenging curriculum and to provide effective teaching.

Learners demonstrate high levels of respect for their peers, teachers, and the work environment. They are smart and articulate and gain a sense of pride from being a learner at the College.”

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# AGRICULTURE (Agric)

Agriculture remains one of the most important industries in the UK and around the world; nearly 40% of the global land surface is farmland. Farms, and the range of businesses that support them, have the complex job of producing food for the increasing population while also looking after the environment. As the agricultural industry continues to modernise and thrive, it offers a range of attractive career opportunities. The agricultural courses at Kingston Maurward can be the first step towards these careers.

## Full-Time Courses:

### Level 1

Agriculture

### Level 2

Agriculture

### Level 2

Land-based Engineering

### Level 3

Diploma Agriculture

### Level 3 T Level

Agriculture (Livestock Production)

Agriculture (Crop Production)

Land-based Engineering



# — AGRICULTURE —

Students benefit from studying a broad range of topics delivered by industry experts. Students will learn more about all the jobs that may be available to them while they develop the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in roles including Farm Manager, Herdperson, Land Management Advisor or Machinery Driver. The courses include practical sessions and talks with industry specialists and regular lessons on the College Farm, a commercial 300ha mixed farm with dairy, sheep and arable enterprises. The Farm surrounds the campus and allows students to get involved with activities from lambing and calf feeding, to tractor field work and wildlife surveys.

## Level 1 Diploma

Learn the basic skills, knowledge and understanding of working in agriculture and the countryside and prepare for employment or progression to a more advanced course, or an apprenticeship. The level 1 programme offers a broad range of subjects and practical skill development.

## Level 2 Diplomas

These courses provide the opportunity to learn about the husbandry of crops, livestock, estate skills and farm machinery operation; or specialise in vehicle engineering and maintenance. Knowledge, practical skills and industry networking are gained from both college studies and work experience within the agricultural industry.

## Level 3 Diploma and T levels

These courses support the development of a wide range of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge covering arable, livestock, machinery, and industry-relevant units. The Agriculture, Land Management and Production T Level covers core aspects of business and safe working practices, alongside occupational specialisms in either land-based engineering, livestock production, or arable crop production. Industry work experience is also essential.

## Your Next Step

After Level 3, choose to continue here at our University Centre or apply for a career as a:

- Agricultural Contractor
- Farm Business Secretary
- Herdperson
- Shepherd
- Agricultural Technician
- Fixed Plant Manager
- Machinery Technician
- Skilled Tractor Driver
- Dairy Person



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# ANIMAL WELFARE & SCIENCE

Working in the Animal Care industry can be hugely rewarding and challenging, where every day can present the opportunity to develop and use new skills in the industry. At Kingston Maurward College, we teach both practical sessions and theory lessons which are supported by industry experience. We believe that is the best way to equip learners to be competitive in an ever-changing work environment.

## Full-Time Courses:

### Level 1

Animal Care

### Level 2

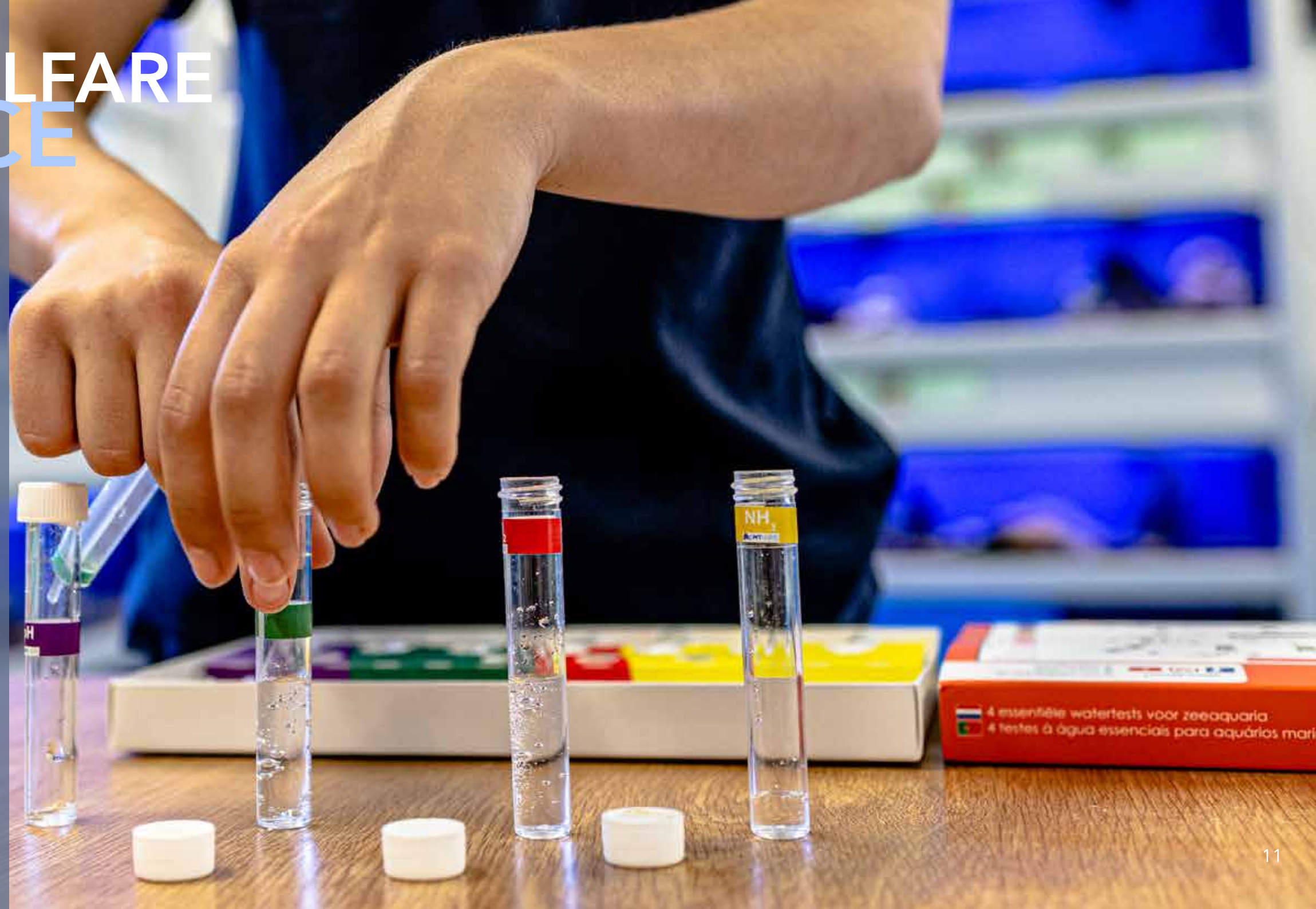
Animal Care

### Level 3

Diploma Animal Management

### Level 3 T Level

Animal Care and Management





# — ANIMAL WELFARE AND SCIENCE —

Our extensive onsite animal collection houses over 100 species of animals including reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, birds, tropical and freshwater fish, and invertebrates. During their time at College, learners will handle, health check and complete husbandry tasks on a range of these species. Opportunities in our Animal Park also allow learners to develop their confidence with hoofed stock, poultry and birds of prey.

## Level 1 Diploma

This one-year course will give you the opportunity to develop your knowledge, practical skills and team-working by working with a range of animal species in our animal collection. All lessons are underpinned by safe working practices and the development of employability skills.

## Level 2 Diploma

This course contains a mixture of theory lessons, demonstrations, projects and practical work involving our onsite animal collection. The course also requires you to complete at least 150 hours of work experience with an external employer within the animal care industry.

## Level 3 Diploma or T Level

These courses support the development of specialist technical practical skills and detailed knowledge spanning all aspects of animal welfare, husbandry, biology, and exotic and native wildlife species, alongside working within our onsite animal collection. The Animal Care and Management T Level covers an exciting range of industry relevant topics. Industry work experience is also essential to develop employability skills.

## Your Next Step

**After Level 3, choose to continue here at our University Centre or apply for a career as a:**

- Animal Behaviour Consultant / Trainer
- Kennel and Cattery Worker / Supervisor
- Animal / Dog Groomer (with further training)
- Animal Hospital Care Assistant
- Pet Store Assistant / Supervisor
- Laboratory Technician
- Animal Centre Assistant
- Zookeeper (with further training)



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# BUSINESS STUDIES

Do you have a passion for learning about how the business world operates? Are you keen to work in the land-based business environment? From marketing to finance, international business and event management, the Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Business Studies is a two-year, full-time course that supports learners who want to progress to higher education courses in business or related subjects; or those who want to progress directly to employment within the business or land-based industries. Students also benefit from collaborating with a number of the College's commercial operations whilst also completing a period of external work experience.

## Full-Time Courses:

### Level 2

Business Enterprise

### Level 3 T Level

Business Management





# — BUSINESS STUDIES —

This qualification gives learners experience of the breadth and depth of the sector that will prepare them for further study or training, whilst focussing on key areas of business in land-based environments and industries.

## Level 2 Diploma and Level 3 T Level

These business courses cover all aspects of management, communication, administration and sustainability, whilst embedding ethical and moral principles at their core. The Business Management and Administration T Level develops both business acumen and interest in enterprise performance and entrepreneurship. Theory, project, and group lessons are supported by external work experience across the course.

## This programme covers the following subject areas:

- Business Environments
- Finance
- Marketing
- Management
- Business processes and practices

## Your Next Step

After Level 3, choose to continue here at our University Centre or apply for a career in:

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|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| • Marketing      | • Finance            | • Procurement      | • Human Resources                                |
| • Administration | • Financial Services | • Event Management | • Any other related areas in the business sector |



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# CONSTRUCTION

Our construction provision takes place in our purpose built Stafford Centre here at Kingston Maurward. You will be taught by staff who are themselves industry experts and will provide you with the instruction, experience and confidence you need to develop your knowledge & practical skills to progress within the construction industry.

## Full-Time Courses:

### Level 1

Construction

### Level 2

Construction

### Level 3 T Level

Onsite Construction





# — CONSTRUCTION —

You will work with guest lecturers and vocational experts, and take part in work experience that develops your employability skills. You will then have the opportunity to put what you have learnt into practise.

The teaching team work with numerous local employers and have built a strong reputation for producing high quality and highly employable students at the end of their study programme.

## Level 1 Diploma

A keen interest in the broad range of construction areas is needed for this one year course and the study programme covers a range of construction skills. This includes plumbing installation, carpentry, joinery, brickwork, blockwork, electrical work, renewing and refitting radiators, and more.

## Level 2 Diploma

Our Construction Maintenance Operations course builds on the skills and knowledge developed at Level 1 and uses a mixture of practical and theory sessions, online assessments and practical assessments to cover a diverse range of topics reflecting local industry requirements. Our students work towards building repairs, painting and decorating, paving, scaffolding, plumbing, roofing, plastering, carpentry/joinery and more. This enables our learners to be multi-skilled employable or choose to take a specialist apprenticeship as they progress after their course.

## Level 3 T Level

Level 3 T level, this two year qualification is centred on the construction industry. You will cover topics such as; health and safety, construction science, and sustainability in the construction industry. A 315-hour industry work placement is a compulsory element. You will choose one specialism from: Bricklaying, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating, or Plastering.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 course, this could lead to:

- Further training in construction and allied trades
- Trainee Level Employment



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# EQUINE STUDIES

If you are passionate about horses, Manor Stables has fabulous facilities, well qualified and experienced staff to work alongside and learn from. You will be involved in the daily care of our horses and take part in a variety of learning sessions to equip you with the knowledge and skills for a rewarding career in the equine industry.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 1**  
Equine Care

**Level 2**  
Equine Studies

**Level 3**  
Diploma Equine Management

**Level 3**  
Extended Diploma in Equine Management





# EQUINE STUDIES

You will be working with employers and industry experts, taking part in yard duties, assisting with running our competitions and have the opportunity to take part in work experience each year to develop your employability skills. There are pathway options available at each level for each course, depending on your career goals and this can be discussed further at your interview. The department does have a weight limit of 85kgs for all riders and riding assessments will take place in the first week of college.

## Level 1 Diploma

This one year course is an ideal introduction for school leavers wishing to start their career working with horses whilst studying towards a grade 4 in English and maths GCSE. You will study equine health, welfare, feeding, estate skills, lungeing, and take part in training days at Manor Stables and undertake work experience. On successful completion you can move on to a Level 2 qualification.

## Level 2 Diploma

This course is an excellent choice for those that have some experience of equitation and horse care. There are ridden and grooms' pathways on this one-year course. You will need to have a genuine passion for horses and be prepared to work hard to develop your knowledge and skills, equipping you for a rewarding career in the equine industry. You will study health, biology, stable duties, work experience, preparation and plaiting, and riding or behaviour. On successful completion you can move forward to a level 3 qualification.

## Level 3 Diplomas

If you have the drive to work in the equine industry or wish to progress on to higher education you will need to gain outstanding knowledge and skills in all aspects of a ridden or yard manager pathway. This two year course will prepare you for moving forward with your chosen career. Specialist units include groundwork, ridden work, fitness, nutrition, event management, yard management, health, disease, rehabilitation and behaviour, and more.

## Your Next Step

After finishing a Level 3 course, choose to continue your education at the University Centre or find a career in:

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|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| • Yard Supervisor  | • Apprentice Saddler / | • Event Manager       | • Assistant Yard Manager   |
| • Retail Saddlery  | Saddle Fitter          | • Yard Office Manager | • Work Rider               |
| Management Trainee | • Country Store        |                       | • Trainee Coach            |
|                    | Management Trainee     |                       | • Equine Welfare Assistant |





# FLORAL DESIGN

The practical aspects of these courses combine cut flowers, locally sourced foliage, planted materials and sundries to create both traditional and modern contemporary floral designs. The floral design courses inspire, challenge and promote creativity. Theory units are integrated into the course sessions, developing techniques and knowledge to equip students with core floristry skills required to work within a fast-paced industry. The floristry department continues to develop and place an emphasis on sustainability in practice.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 2**  
Floristry

**Level 3**  
Floristry

**Level 4**  
Floristry





# — FLORAL DESIGN —

The floristry studio provides an ideal environment for learning and creativity in floral design. Further inspiration comes from the use of the formal gardens and estate, using the rural setting as an ideal backdrop for photoshoots and portfolio work.

## Level 2 Diploma

Floristry is a creative, innovative and stimulating career and this course will give you the opportunity to gain an industry recognised qualification. It offers an excellent starting point for those who are seeking a career in floristry, whether school leavers or mature students. Covering basic floristry skills, we focus on how to use colour, texture and balance within commercial designs, sympathy tributes and wedding work, along with work experience in a retail and commercial environment.

## Level 4 Diploma

The Level 4 Floristry Diploma provides a solid foundation for career advancement and entrepreneurship in the floral sector by enhancing both practical and theoretical expertise. You will develop your floristry knowledge and advanced creative techniques in addition to business management. Your units of study will include: Botanical Concepts and Practices for Floristry, Historical Studies for Floristry, Business Practices for Florists, Technical Floristry, and Design Concepts for Floristry.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 or 4 course, this could lead to:

- Floristry Shop Employee (Senior florist)
- Floristry Business Manager
- Event and Corporate Designer
- Freelance Floral Decorator
- Exhibition Work
- Wedding Florist

## Level 3 Diploma

This course enables you to progress to a higher level of commercial floristry in a senior role within the industry. The course delivery allows you to experiment with techniques, and learn advanced wedding bouquets creation, large scale event design, and development of sympathy tributes. Theory units cover business, working in the industry and more providing students with the skills to develop their own career goals.



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# FOUNDATION LEARNING

If you love being outside, working with animals and plants, learning about the environment and developing your skills to become independent or go into employment, we can find the right pathway for you.

To help you choose the right course we would be happy to attend your person-centred review whilst you are still at school, or talk to you and your family about your options and how we can support you.

**We want to make your transition to Kingston Maurward as smooth as we can.**





# FOUNDATION LEARNING

## What will I learn?

We can help you to develop practical skills in land-based subjects, skills for independence, and help you prepare for employment or whatever your next steps may be.

## How is it delivered?

Through a variety of activities both outside and in the classroom. You will gain experience of working with lots of different animals and plants, take part in healthy living activities, use all of the wonderful things we have here at College and you may even learn to drive a tractor or ride a horse!

You will study an individually tailored programme within a structured curriculum personalised to meet your Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) outcomes whilst gaining a recognised qualification.

You will also study English & maths as well as undertake plenty of work experience both inside and outside of College, gaining valuable experience of employment and employers. You will also receive targeted careers advice from our Careers Team.

We offer a wide range of support depending on what you need as an individual and can talk to you about this before you join us.

We will also cover a wide variety of topics in tutorial sessions to help you learn to stay safe and get ready for your next steps.



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# HORTICULTURE, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

The vital role plants play in our environment has never been more recognised. So, if you're looking to become a part of this thriving industry look no further than the horticulture courses here at Kingston Maurward College. With strong links to industry, an expert teaching team and a growing collection of RHS Chelsea Flower Show and Gardeners' World Live awards, our courses will be the platform to help launch your career in horticulture. Be inspired by our unique learning environment of specialist glasshouses, extensive listed gardens boasting National Plant Collections all nestled in the beautiful Dorset countryside.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 1**  
Horticulture/Countryside

**Level 2**  
Horticulture

**Level 3**  
Diploma Horticulture

**Level 3 T Level**  
Horticulture





# HORTICULTURE, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING

All our horticulture courses embrace modern plant husbandry practices and garden design to create, maintain and protect both public and private spaces, and landscapes.

## Level 1 Diploma

A one year course combining a mixture of theory and practical, this is a very hands-on qualification ideally suited to someone who is new to college learning and wishes to investigate a career in horticulture and study further. No previous knowledge is required, instead a willingness to learn new skills and develop knowledge of the world of land-based work and horticulture.

## Level 2 Diploma

This one year course is an ideal entry point for school leavers. It is designed to build on your natural enthusiasm and give you a broad understanding of the basic principles and practices of horticulture including garden design and landscaping, planting and pruning, machinery, science and plant identification.

## Your next Step

After finishing a Level 3 course, choose to continue your education at the University Centre or find a career in:

- Horticultural Technician
- Garden Designer
- Self Employed Gardener
- Greenkeeper
- Groundsperson
- Garden Centre Worker

## Level 3 Diploma and T Level

At Level 3, the Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Horticulture provides in-depth knowledge of horticultural principles & practices including plant identification, management of designed and natural spaces, surveying, garden design, and history. A T Level in Ornamental Horticulture, Environment, and Landscaping offers core units including business & project management and the establishment, maintenance and installation of soft and hard landscapes.



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# MILITARY PREPARATION

These courses are designed to help you achieve a higher academic qualification and also gain a clear insight into military life and the necessary skills to pass all the Tri-Service selection processes.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 2**  
Military Preparation

**Level 3**  
Diploma Military Preparation

**Level 3**  
Extended Diploma Military Preparation





# MILITARY PREPARATION

The College has a range of fantastic facilities including sports hall, climbing wall, a very well-equipped gym and classrooms which are fully utilised in the delivery of these courses. Military Preparation students will also take part in a variety of activities including water sports on our lake, team building challenges on our high ropes course, climbing on Portland, refining their navigation skills across the Dorset countryside and will spend a lot of time practising military exercises and bush/camp Craft in our onsite woodland. The students who like football or rugby will be able to represent the College by participating in our college sports games and local fixtures. We are also the only college in Dorset with a Combined Cadet Force, (CCF), which is fully affiliated to the Wessex Yeomanry.

## Level 2 Diploma

This course will get you fit, help you work better in a team and give you the necessary skills to go through the first stages of the armed forces recruitment and training process with maximum confidence and competence.

## Level 3 Diplomas

These courses would suit someone who is looking to enter higher education as part of their progress into the military services and offer the required UCAS points for officer level entry. These courses are a combination of academic, practical and vocational studies and all students will take part in a variety of activities such as team building, military skills, fitness training and outdoor adventure.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 course, this could lead to:

- Police Force
- Royal Navy
- British Army
- Royal Air Force
- Ambulance Service
- Fire Service



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# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

These courses are designed to help you achieve a higher academic qualification, giving you a clear insight into the Outdoor Leisure Industries whilst developing the necessary skills to gain employment as an Outdoor Instructor.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 2**  
Outdoor Adventure

**Level 3**  
Diploma Outdoor Adventure

**Level 3**  
Extended Diploma Outdoor  
Adventure





# — OUTDOOR ADVENTURE —

We have the best facilities for studying Outdoor Adventure at Kingston Maurward College. On-site facilities range from our ropes course, climbing wall, lake with a huge range of water sports equipment and an island for camping, mountain bikes, full use of a 750-acre estate and a large on-site woodland. We are a stone's throw from the coast where students will be able to climb on Portland - the best sports climbing venue in the UK - sea kayak around the Jurassic Coast and take part in challenging expeditions and walking activities. Outdoor Adventure students will travel to Exmoor and Dartmoor where they will experience some of the best white water paddling in southern England. They will also get to try their hand at caving in the Mendips. Over the two year course they will do multiple expeditions which will take them to the Peak District, Wales, and much further afield.

## Level 2 Diploma

Do you enjoy learning through challenge and outdoor adventure? Then this is the course for you. Take on the challenge to further develop your skills and knowledge by going on outdoor adventures on-site and in the local area, learn a wide range of outdoor activities and apply your training from the practical sessions to the classroom.

## Level 3 Diplomas

You will become more proficient in your practical ability in activities like kayaking, climbing and caving and will learn the skills that will enable you to flourish in the outdoor sports industry. These are also the ideal courses for progress to Higher Education. Students will need to maintain an appropriate level of fitness throughout each course, work on teamwork and communication skills, and participate in a wide range of practical activities.

## Your Next Step

After finishing a Level 3 course, choose to continue your education at the University Centre or find a career in:

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| • Outdoor Activity Instructor | • Outdoor Coach       | • Youth Worker     | • Dietician          |
| • Assistant Instructor        | • Public Service Role | • Sports Coach     | • Fitness Instructor |
|                               |                       | • Personal Trainer | • Gym Instructor     |



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# SPORT & FITNESS

These courses are designed to give you the academic skills to progress into your chosen career in the sports and fitness industries or continue into Higher Education. With a mixture of theory and practical tuition you will develop a sound knowledge of the fitness industries whilst improving your fitness and developing your skills as a sportsperson.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 3**  
Diploma Sport

**Level 3**  
Extended Diploma Sport



# — SPORT & FITNESS —

Students studying sport at Kingston Maurward will have regular use of the Peak Fitness Centre, the well-equipped college gym, the Sports Hall, and rugby and football pitches. Alongside the regular sporting activities the students will participate in some outdoor activities including, kayaking, high ropes course challenges and archery. Students taking part in sporting fixtures will play matches with other South West colleges, and as part of the ongoing enrichment programme will take part in fitness session such as spinning, HIIT classes, Prama and swimming sessions at 1610 Dorchester.

## Level 3 Diplomas

These in-depth two year programmes will develop your coaching and instructing skills whilst giving you a sound and concise knowledge of sport and exercise science. Offering the ideal mix between practical and academic learning, they will give you the opportunity to investigate a wide range of subjects including science and physiology, nutrition, sports injuries and the lifestyle of the athlete. These courses link closely with the sports and fitness industries to help advise and prepare you for your first steps into your chosen career.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 course, this could lead to:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| • Outdoor Activity Instructor | • Outdoor Coach    | • Dietician          | • Gym Instructor          |
| • Assistant Instructor        | • Sports Coach     | • Fitness Instructor | • Leisure Centre Operator |
|                               | • Personal Trainer |                      | • Health Centre Operator  |



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# UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

These courses are designed to help you achieve a higher academic qualification whilst you gain a clear insight into the Uniformed Public Services industries. They have practical and fitness elements which will help you gain the necessary skills to pass the selection processes to gain employment into the Military, the Police, or Ambulance services.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 2**  
Public Services

**Level 3**  
Diploma Public Services

**Level 3**  
Extended Diploma Public Services





# UNIFORMED PUBLIC SERVICES

Students enrolled in the Public Services courses get to engage in a variety of activities which promote resilience, develop good team building and communication skills, and, through the use of challenging experiences, help develop more confident individuals. Whilst they are here, they will take part in water sports on our lake, high ropes activities, climbing, expedition skills, use our woodland for military exercises, and participate in problem solving activities. The students will take part in regular fitness and sporting activities in our well-equipped Peak Fitness Centre gym, Sports Hall and sports pitches. All the facilities are part of our 750-acre estate.

## Level 2 Diploma

This one year course combines the best of outdoor education, sports, health and fitness and classroom based study and work experience to help you develop self-esteem, teamwork, leadership and personal development. You will gain the confidence to achieve your goals and plan your future. As well as gaining a qualification, you will also have the opportunity to take part in Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, National Citizenship Service, and gain certificates of achievement in kayaking, climbing, mountain biking and teamwork.

## Level 3 Diploma (Extended)

This course is specifically designed to give you some 'hands-on' experience whilst preparing you with the academic skills to progress in the public services or prepare you for university. Alongside practical and vocational learning the study programme requires written assignments, practical based assessments, and externally assessed examinations. This will help students develop skills to become independent researchers, so you will need to be disciplined in your time management of assignments.

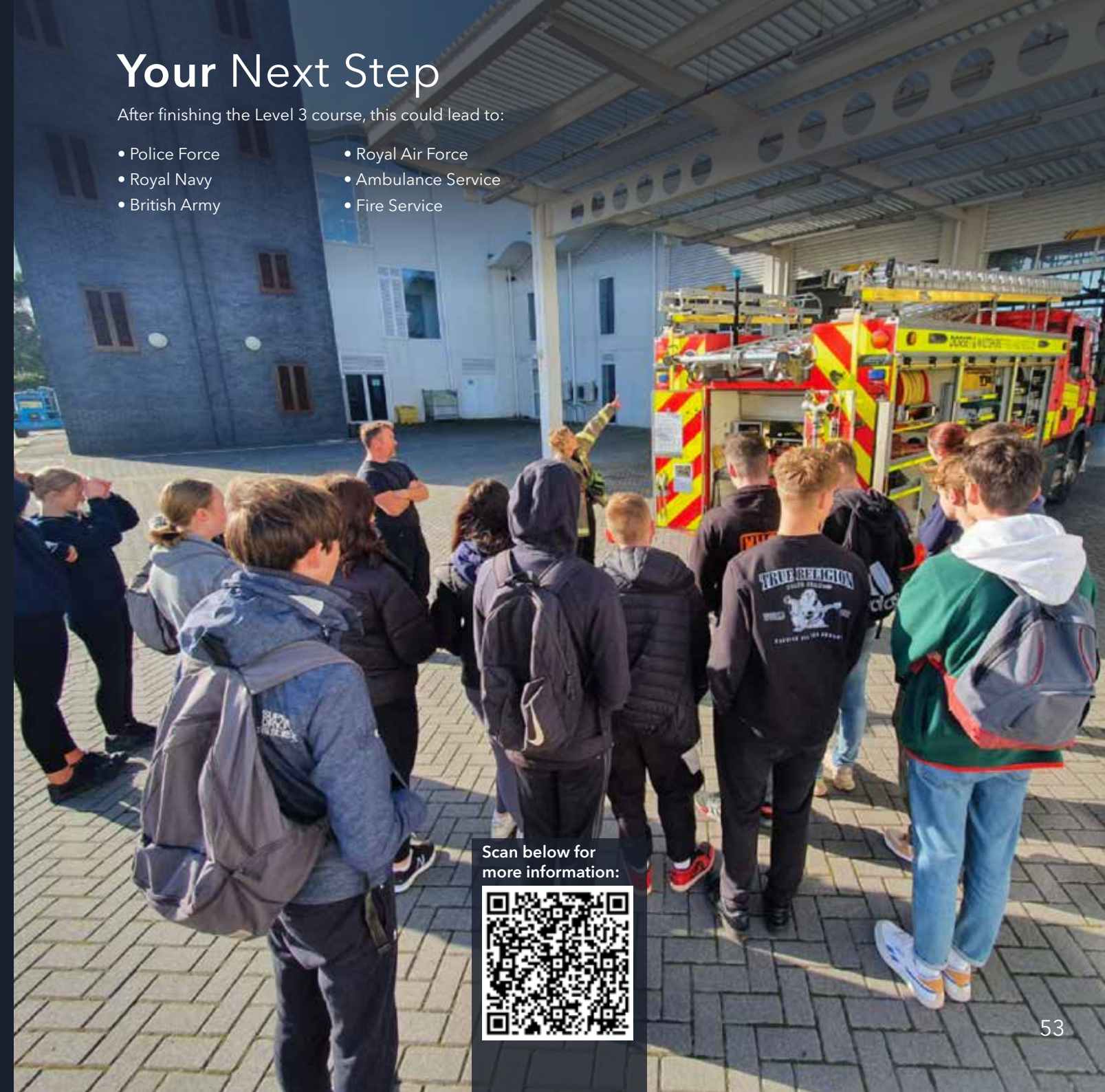
## Level 3 Diploma

This one year course is designed to equip learners with the knowledge, understanding and skills required for success when moving towards a career in the uniformed public services. Concentrating on skills such as communication, personal development, fitness, sport, leadership and outdoor adventure, you will learn about career opportunities within all the public services and gain the skills that could lead to sports fitness, outdoor adventure and public service pathways.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 course, this could lead to:

- Police Force
- Royal Navy
- British Army
- Royal Air Force
- Ambulance Service
- Fire Service





# WELDING FABRICATION & BLACKSMITHING

This course will develop skills in both blacksmithing and welding whilst you work towards a recognised qualification. You will be able to learn from skilled and expert staff whilst working in a well-equipped forge and welding bays to develop the skills and knowledge to move forwards with an apprenticeship, Level 3 qualification or employment.

## Full-Time Courses:

**Level 2**  
Blacksmithing & Welding

**Level 3**  
Blacksmithing & Welding





# WELDING, FABRICATION & BLACKSMITHING

During the course you will develop your knowledge on Manual Metal Arc (MMA) and Metal Inert Gas (MIG) welding. You will learn to set up and to use the equipment safely in welding booths which are all equipped with extraction units. You will also learn further fabrication skills such as, gas cutting and gas welding, safe use of the forge, safe use of tools and equipment, blacksmithing techniques, your knowledge of metals and their uses for different applications in manufacturing. You will also need to have a good knowledge of maths as you need to calculate areas of shapes, volumes and surface areas of shapes. A high degree of Health and Safety is observed in all workshops, where students will form their own risk assessments.

## Level 2 Diploma

This one year study programme thoroughly covers Welding and Thermal Cutting Processes, The Forging Process, Metallurgy and Heat Treatment, Technical and Freehand Techniques, Researching, Designing and Making Blacksmith Products, Fabrication Techniques and Forge Work and Construction Techniques. Work experience is included with a local employer and guest speakers co-deliver your course.

## Level 3 Diploma

This two year study programme will challenge the learners to develop skills and knowledge in key technical areas such as Understanding Detailed Workshop Practice for Blacksmithing and Metalworking, Using Forging Techniques, Undertaking Drawing Practice and Design, Welding and Fabrication along with Business Management. You will have the opportunity to work and network with local employers, take part in work-experience and be taught by industry experts.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 2 course, this could lead to a career as a:

- Mechanical Engineering Technician
- Welder
- Engineering Operative
- Fabricator
- Metalworker
- Blacksmith



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# WILDLIFE, ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION

The College is within walking distance of ancient woodland and internationally rare heathland. Chalk streams flow through the estate, and Kingston Maurward is within a short drive of the Jurassic Coast. Students learning with us benefit from being at the centre of one of the most biodiverse counties in the UK.

Our courses, including the Level 3 (shortlisted by The Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) as Programme of the Year), combine teaching by staff formerly employed within the sector, with the ideal environment to familiarise you with the ideas and practises at the heart of modern conservation work.

## Full-Time Courses:

### Level 1

Horticulture/Countryside

### Level 2

Countryside Studies

### Level 2

Forestry and Arboriculture

### Level 3

Diploma in Countryside Management  
Extended Diploma in Countryside Management

### Level 3 T Level

Trees and Woodland Management





# WILDLIFE, ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION

Our learning takes place at College but also out and about in the best locations Dorset has to offer, including Arne, Studland, Kingcombe, Cranborne Chase and many more. You will hear from industry experts about upcoming projects as well as the career paths available. If you're the kind of person who cares about wildlife conservation, then this course is for you.

## Level 1 Diploma

Learn the basic skills, knowledge and understanding of working in countryside and conservation, this course helps you prepare for progression to a more advanced course. Kingston Maurward College offers the ideal environment for students to develop countryside skills at their own pace under expert guidance.

## Level 2 Diplomas

Gain knowledge and practical skills needed for working with trees and careers in forestry, arboriculture, or related environmental fields. The content includes tree felling and ground based operations, tree planting, tree biology, identification, and maintenance techniques, alongside ecological principles. Learn about woodland management, tree planting, and working in the industry.

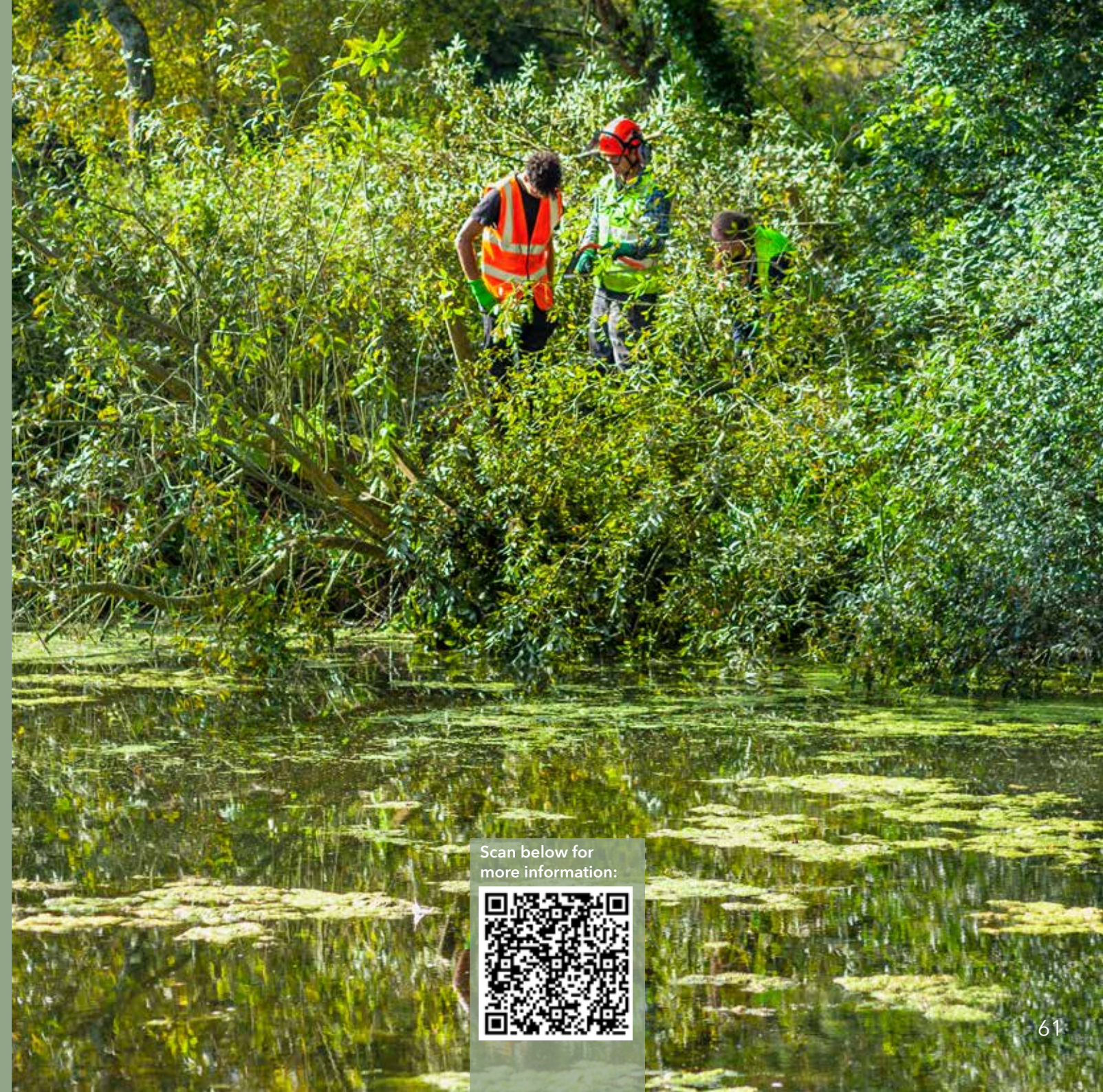
## Level 3 Diplomas and T Level

The Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Land, Wildlife, and Countryside Management focusses on ecology, wildlife conservation, and management of woodland, heath & aquatic habitats, equipping learners with skills for environmental careers. A T Level in Trees and Woodland Management equips learners with skills for sustainable forest care and management.

## Your Next Step

After finishing the Level 3 course, this could lead to:

- Environmental Education Officer
- Countryside Conservation Officer
- Estate Management
- Rural Business Owner
- Surveyor
- Tourism Management
- Countryside Ranger
- Warden



Scan below for  
more information:





## DEGREE LEVEL COURSES AVAILABLE FROM 2024:

Agriculture

Animal Behaviour &  
Welfare

Animal Management

Equine Management

Horticulture

Marine Ecology &  
Conservation

Outdoor Adventure  
Management

Public Service  
Management

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College experience  
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Further Education.**



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# WORK EXPERIENCE

Typically, between 30 to 150 hours work experience is completed during one academic year. If you are struggling to find somewhere to do your placement, please ask your course tutor for help. Work experience is a great opportunity to spend time in a real-life working environment, as it gives you a taste of what it might be like to work in that industry.

Activities may involve observing tasks, job shadowing, or following instructions to complete important tasks. Make sure you get the most out of your work experience by asking questions, being enthusiastic, and working hard.

**For more information:**

Careers@kmc.ac.uk  
01305 215251

# INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

If you are required to complete an industry placement as part of your course, you will be expected to gain a minimum of 315 hours, with an external employer, in a role directly relevant to your course. Industry placement hours can be gained over two academic years and are compulsory for some of our T Level courses: Agriculture, Animal Welfare & Science, Business Studies, Construction, Horticulture and Wildlife Ecology & Conservation.

A longer duration ensures that you are given sufficient time to master essential skills and develop your technical abilities to industry standard. They allow you to put into practice the theory and skills you are learning in the classroom. Completing an industry placement will give you a competitive advantage to securing skilled employment in the future.



# STUDENT WELFARE & SAFEGUARDING

*Come and see us on the top floor of the LRC*

We are here to support our students with a range of services to encourage and develop personal wellbeing. Our helpful and experienced team are available to talk about any concern in a confidential and non-judgemental way.

We offer services such as 1:1 counselling, mental health support, relationship advice and guidance as well as many others.

We understand the diverse range of safeguarding issues facing students today and we work hard to ensure our students are able to study in a safe and supportive environment free from harassment and abuse.

## **For more information:**

121@kmc.ac.uk  
01305 215035

# ENGLISH & MATHS

English and maths will form part of all study programmes. You may be timetabled for separate lessons for English and maths, or may have English and maths integrated into your vocational lessons. This will depend on age and previous qualifications. Your course teacher, or a member of the English and maths team will be able to discuss your particular circumstances with you.



# LEARNING SUPPORT & SENDco

*(Specialist Education Needs and/or Disabilities Coordinator)*

Kingston Maurward has a large Learning Support department that works across the campus. We offer in class learning support through our well qualified and experienced Teaching Assistant team as well as 1:1 or small group out of class learning support with our Specialist Learning Support Teachers.

Kingston Maurward prides itself on helping students with learning differences become more independent within their studies, and as such we offer training and guidance in the use of assistive technologies and helping students best prepare for exams. This includes Access Arrangements Reasonable Adjustments (AARA).

## **For general Learning Support enquiries:**

Sen@kmc.ac.uk

# THE CAREERS TEAM

KMCprepared is Kingston Maurward College's careers programme and has been designed to help students find their best next step. KMCprepared supports and inspires students to make well-informed career and progression choices, giving them the tools they need to build a positive future. Our Careers Team provides students with impartial advice and guidance which includes exploring career and progression choices, writing & improving CVs, general employability support & advice, applying for university and support finding work experience placements.

## **For more information:**

Careers@kmc.ac.uk  
01305 215037



# TRANSPORT

Kingston Maurward  
College Transport Routes



The College provides a network of transport covering Dorset and surrounding counties. It incorporates a mix of fixed routes and routes created as a best fit to the current student need.

**For more information:**  
Transport@kmc.ac.uk  
01305 215034



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each year we are allocated government money to help support students with costs associated with attending College; the support awarded is assessed based on household income. These funds (called bursaries) are administered through the Student Administration Team and can help you with costs such as transport, childcare and essential kit/equipment purchases.

**For more information:**  
Bursary@kmc.ac.uk  
01305 215034



2 Years

# QUALIFICATIONS EXPLAINED

Diplomas give students the knowledge and skills they need to ultimately progress to university or move straight into employment and are well-recognised by universities and employers.

1 Year

Length of Course

**Entry  
Level**

Equivalent to  
Pre-GCSE level  
study

Progression to  
Level 1

**Level  
1**

Equivalent to  
Pre-GCSE level  
study

Progression to  
Level 2

**Level  
2**

GCSE level  
study

Progression to  
Level 3

Intensity of Course

2 Years

Length of Course (Up to)

1 Year

**Level  
3**

Diploma  
Equivalent to 2  
A-levels

Progression to Degree  
Level Education or  
Employment

**Level 3  
Extended**

Diploma and or T Level

Equivalent to 3 A-levels

Progression to Degree Level  
Education or Employment

Intensity of Course



# T-LEVELS



**T Levels are 2-year qualifications that you can do after GCSEs as an alternative to A levels, other post-16 courses or an apprenticeship.**

They have been designed with leading businesses and employers to give you the knowledge and skills you need.

**T Level courses are for 16-19 year olds who have completed their GCSEs.**

You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a minimum 45-day industry placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for.

Your industry placement gives you the chance to learn what a real career is like while you continue your studies. When and how you complete it depends on the T Level, school or college, and employer.

Like A levels, there are no tuition fees to study a T Level if you start before you are 19.

Your T Level will be worth UCAS points and will be recognised by universities and other education providers so you can choose to continue studying if you wish.

**T Level Distinction\* = 3 A levels at A\***

**If you are interested in doing a T Level course, please go to the course-specific page and look for an option with *T Level* in the title.**

When you pass your T Level, you will get a nationally recognised certificate showing the overall grade you achieved - pass, merit, distinction or distinction\*.

It will also give details of what you learned on the course to help you move into skilled employment or a higher apprenticeship.

# T-LEVELS

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FUTURE AT

[TLEVELS.GOV.UK](https://tlevels.gov.uk)



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

We offer different levels of programmes within each subject area so there is a starting point for everyone and importantly a progression route too. These range from Entry Level to Level 3 Extended Diplomas and T Levels

## Entry Level:

No formal qualifications required but students should have a desire to work outdoors in a variety of land-based subjects.

We will also need full details of any special educational needs and reports from relevant bodies or establishments to ensure that we are able to put the correct level of support in place for each learner.

## Level 1:

Entry requirements are flexible and depend on each individual subject area. Generally 2 - 4 GCSE grades at 1 / 2 or E / F will be accepted.

## Level 2:

Generally 4 GCSEs at grade 3 / D or equivalent including English and maths.

## Level 3:

Generally 4 GCSEs at grades 9-4 / A\* to C or equivalent including English and maths. Please note: accepted qualifications are derived from those recognised in School Performance Tables. If you hold alternative qualifications e.g. iGCSEs, please discuss this with the Student Administration Team on 01305 215034.

# ALUMNI

**'Kingston Maurward is at the heart of Dorset, and one of the things that has always been a feature of the College is that students don't just come here to do a course, they join a family. That connection to friends and colleagues, working across the county and beyond is forged here, and continues for the rest of your life. We want to support you to maintain that and also have the support from us as a College to develop your skills and career as well. Join with us to create an even more vibrant experience for you over the years.'**

- Luke Rake, Principal and CEO

**For more information:**  
[alumni@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@kmc.ac.uk)



# Open Mornings

Pre-register for our upcoming events below:



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Dorchester, Dorset  
DT2 8PY

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[kmc.ac.uk](http://kmc.ac.uk)

