

Kingston Maurward College

# 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. 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 there, with practical sessions taking place on the College campus.

The Foundation Learning course programmes are ambitious for students as they intend to develop life skills and to feel rewarded by academic achievement through regular, individualised, focused target setting and assessment.

Facilities include one to one 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



# OUR COURSES

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. There are no entry requirements, but you must love the outdoors and being active.

## We offer the following levels:

- Introduction to Skills for Working Life - Entry 2
- Award in Skills for Working Life - Entry 3
- Preparation for Life - Entry Level
- Work Based Pre-Internship
- Preparation for Level 1

After completing these courses, Foundation Learning students can consider Level 1 routes into the following areas:

Agriculture, Animal Welfare & Science, Construction, Equine Studies, Horticulture & Plant Science, Outdoor Adventure, and Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation.

For more information, use the QR code below:

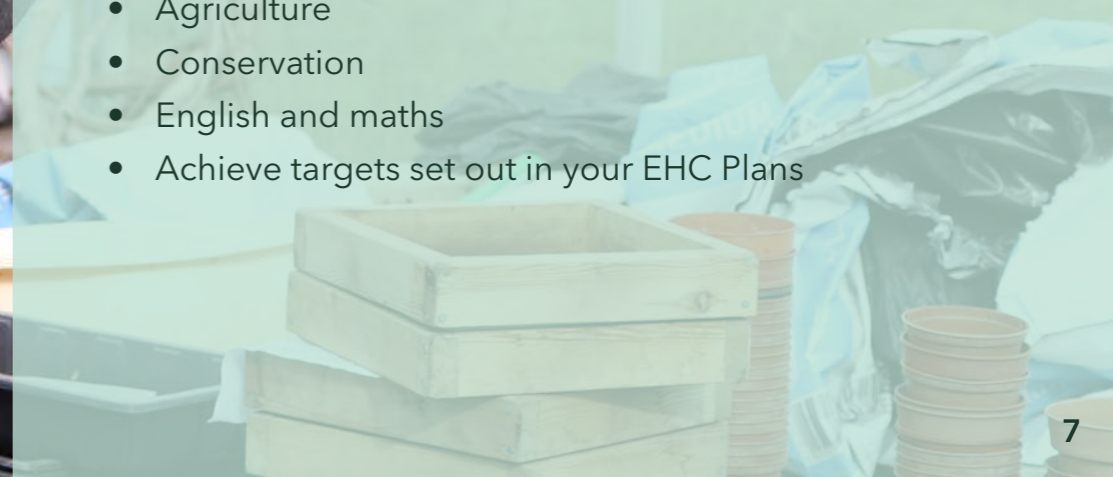


# INTRODUCTION TO SKILLS FOR WORKING LIFE - ENTRY 2

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

Examples of what you will learn:

- Outdoor Education and Sport
- Preparation for Adulthood and Independent Living Skills
- Animal Welfare & Science
- Amenity Horticulture, Plant Science and Floristry
- Agriculture
- Conservation
- English and maths
- Achieve targets set out in your EHC Plans



# AWARD 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, activity levels, and employability skills.

## Examples of what you will learn:

- Animal Feeding and Housing
- Animal Health & Science
- Horticulture & Plant Science
- English & maths
- Outdoor Education / Sports
- Horticulture
- Floristry
- Preparation for Adulthood & Employability Skills
- Working towards targets set out in EHC Plans



For more information, use the QR code:



# PREPARATION FOR LIFE

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, skills, knowledge, and to develop confidence. They will study a range of land-based subjects whilst developing their personal, social and employability skills.

**Examples of what you will learn:**

- Vocational Skills in Animal Care and Horticulture
- Life Skills Including Healthy Living and Cooking
- Employability Skills
- English & maths
- Preparation for Adulthood
- Work towards your EHCP Outcomes

For more information,  
use the QR code below:



# WORK BASED PRE-INTERNSHIP

This course is open to all students with EHCPs and is a stepping stone towards a Supported Internship or employment.

On this course, you will spend one day a week learning about employability, English and maths, tutorial subjects and working towards completing your ECHP outcomes. As well as this, you will complete a weekly two-day placement in one of our commercial outlets to help you develop the essential skills needed for meaningful and sustained employment. Work experience placements include:

- The Animal Park & Gardens Shop
- Animal Park
- The Barn Café and Canteen
- Kingston Maurward Gardens

For more information, use the QR code below:





# 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 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.

The underpinning theory of land-based studies will also be covered, including basic animal biology and nutrition, plant biology and ecology. The 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, preserves and much more to sell throughout the academic year. The produce is sold within the College to members of staff and also to the public in the Animal Park & Gardens Shop. The enterprise project is a key element to the courses and students will be involved in all aspects including:

- Customer Service
- Budgeting
- Advertising
- Cooking
- Growing & Planting
- Pricing
- Woodwork Skills

‘Peakhill Produce’ 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.



# CASE STUDIES

We are so proud of the stories we hear from our Foundation Learning students, we wanted to take this opportunity to share their experiences with you!



## FELIX FELTON

Felix came to one of the College's open events and he 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 the future. He loved coming into College as he enjoys working outside, and being at the farm with the animals makes him happy.

While he was at College, Felix improved his maths and English so that he could pursue a career in agriculture.

After completing Skills for Working Life Entry 2 and 3 and Preparation for Life, Felix had enough personal and professional skills to achieve his dream job working at his local dairy farm. Felix is now in paid employment and loves every minute!

# LUCY SMITH

Lucy first completed the Entry 2, Entry 3 Skills for Working Life programmes and the Preparation for Level 1 programme.

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 at Kingston Maurward was being selected for the women's football team, as she was the first female Foundation Learning student to make the College team.



# DANIELLA BELK

Daniella, from Christchurch, is currently completing a Work based Pre-Internship course at Kingston Maurward College, working in our Animal Park & Gardens shop. Daniella heard about Kingston Maurward from a vocational support worker at Dorset Council and wanted to learn all about land-based subjects.

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 continue developing her skills, which will help her gain full-time employment.



# HARRY ACTON

Harry, from Poole, chose the Skills for Working Life course to gain experience in working with animals, horticulture, and tractor driving. Harry would like to work with animals in the future and says that the teachers at Kingston Maurward College have been kind, supportive and motivating in helping him achieve his goals.

Harry went on to complete the Skills for Working Life Entry 3 course and will be progressing to the Level 1 course in Animal Care.



# TRANSPORT

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.

To find out more, please call  
**01305 215034** or scan the QR code below:



## Kingston Maurward College Transport Routes



| ROUTES               |     |     |     |
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| 1                    | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 5                    | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| DOUBLE-DECKER ROUTES |     |     |     |
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# SUPPORT

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

## Learning Support at KMC - We're here to help!

As standard, we support students in class with our dedicated teaching assistant team. They are present in every class and also in the practical lessons outside, so support is never far away. Based in the Learning Resources Centre (LRC), we can also offer learning support for study programmes and maths and English. We welcome discussions about how we can support you best. Please email us if you have any questions [Lst@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:Lst@kmc.ac.uk)

**Taking Exams?** We can offer support in exams and assessments. Our assessors are on hand to discuss your needs and put the support in place.

**Do you have an EHCP?** If so, we'd like to hear from you as early as possible. In partnership with your Local Authority, we will receive your EHCP and confirm that we can meet your needs. Once confirmed, we encourage transition visits and tours to ensure you are familiar with the site and your area of study before you start. We welcome questions and discussion regarding potential placements, contact us via [sen@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:sen@kmc.ac.uk)

## Student Welfare and Counselling

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 121 counselling, mental health support, relationship advice and guidance as well as many others.

[121@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:121@kmc.ac.uk)  
01305 215035

# DEDICATED PASTORAL SUPPORT

We have a full-time Pastoral Support Lead who will support you and your family/carers throughout your time in the Foundation Learning Department. We can also work with you prior to your start to make your transition to Kingston Maurward as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Pastoral Support will often be first on hand to help you with any concerns or issues and help to support you all the way.

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each year we are given government money to help and support students with financial difficulties or those 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.

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# ENGLISH & MATHS

You will continue to study English and maths on your course. These subjects will be taught depending on your previous levels and you will be fully supported to progress.

## THE CAREERS TEAM

KMCprepared is Kingston Maurward College's careers programme and has been designed to help students find their 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

# FOOD & DRINK

At the heart of campus, The Coach House Café serves a wide variety of hot meals, salads and tasty snacks to both students and staff. Food is homemade onsite and caters for a wide variety of dietary requirements including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free. Classroom 4 Café sits on the eastern side of the campus allowing students further afield to get their lunch in good time. This serves the same broad range of food as the Coach House Café at the same affordable prices.

Join us and share our passion for locally sourced food and seasonality, allowing you to enjoy the finest produce from our own estate and other local suppliers, prepared and cooked by our onsite catering team.

We believe in tasty, nutritious food and we make nearly everything ourselves. This way we choose the best ingredients and do not compromise on quality. We now also use 100% compostable catering ware - made from special 'vegetable plastic'.



# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government, through the Education and Skills Funding Agency, has extended free school meals into Further Education Colleges.

For eligible students, a free meal to the value of £3.50 will be provided each day you are at College. These will be available when you are timetabled to be at College, including any off-site trips, and work placements within term time.

To find out more, scan the QR code:



# Open Events

For the latest information about our events, please visit



Course Enquiries: 01305 215000

Email: [fulltimecourses@kmc.ac.uk](mailto:fulltimecourses@kmc.ac.uk)



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