

Employability

City & Guilds Extended Award / Certificate / Extended Certificate in Employability Skills Entry Level 2, 3 & Level 1
 OCNWM Award, Certificate & Diploma in Employability & Development Skills Entry Level 3 and Level 1

This is our dedicated transition year where all final year students develop their work skills and are supported in undertaking individual work placements with the aim of gaining paid employment.

Working alongside our Work Based Learning Team, students are supported in placements in the vocational pathway they have previously studied wherever possible. Job coaches work alongside students until they feel confident to work alone with the supervision of co-workers. To ensure that work is sustainable we train students to travel independently. Some of this year's placements include No more kennels, Toast, Bentley Motors and Macclesfield Town Football Club.

The Employability qualification includes the vital understanding to back up these practical work skills, including teamwork, applying for jobs, interview skills, personal presentation and work / life balance. Students are also supported to continually develop their independent living skills.

All students, whatever vocational pathway they take will have individualised functional skill sessions (maths & English) and undertake qualifications whenever possible. They also have weekly life skills sessions to develop independence and enrichment, where they choose from a range of leisure clubs.

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All students have individual work placements with a potential employer, ideally following their vocational pathway at college. They also take part in a range of group voluntary work with the Forestry Commission.

Functional Skills

- BKS Initial & Diagnostic assessment (Pre entry upwards)
- Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualifications for learners at Entry 1 and above
- Exemption certificates applied for pre entry learners and those who have yet to progress to higher level with bespoke FS sessions implemented.

Wider Learning

- Life Skills
- Enrichment
- Residential holiday opportunities

