

Horticulture & Conservation

City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Skills for Working Life Entry Level 2
 City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Skills for Working Life Entry Level 3
 City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Land Based Studies Level 1

On this course students work on a combination of horticulture and conservation units. Students run a 60ft greenhouse, large vegetable patch and help maintain our woodlands at Petty Pool.

As part of the course learners develop skills in sowing seeds, filling containers, planting trees and much more. The group is responsible for running 'Petty Pool Plant Sales' a pop up garden centre open to the public, selling plants that they have grown and cared for. They also help maintain the college grounds. In conservation students work in our 30 acres of woodland, maintaining paths and planting trees. We also have a tree nursery which is growing trees from sapling, ready for planting.

As part of the study programme, all learners undertake work placements. The Horticulture & Conservation group work daily with Petty Pools own social enterprise, MORE Maintenance. Alongside a job coach, learners develop their skills in the community, looking after local gardens. The project also maintains the award winning station at Delamere.

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.

Employability

Students on this course work with MORE Maintenance, our gardening service that works around the local area. They also take part in a range of group volunteer projects 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

