SPARSHOLT
CAMPUS



RAISING ASPIRATIONS

COURSE GUIDE 23/24

Welcome to SPARSHOLT CAMPUS

As Principal and Chief Executive, I'm delighted to introduce you to our wonderful Sparsholt Campus in the countryside which offers **fantastic study programmes and apprenticeship opportunities** to help you to be successful in your chosen career.

Our learners are at the heart of everything we do, which is why we continue to invest in our facilities to ensure that we provide an **exceptional learning environment** where you can thrive, developing your subject knowledge, skills and behaviours for today and for your future. Sparsholt College is a **diverse and inclusive environment**, and we are wholly committed to ensuring that every learner who chooses to study with us, at whatever level, is fully supported throughout their unique and personalised journey with us to realise their ambitions and be successful. Our **student support facilities** are outstanding and will empower you to make positive decisions about your **health and mental wellbeing** alongside your academic studies.

You will be taught by an **excellent teaching team** who have both **current industry experience** and **extensive employer links** ensuring that you gain the skills most relevant within your chosen subject. This will equip you to compete successfully in the workplace or to go on to higher education. You will engage extensively with employers throughout your study programme – giving you the very **best start to your future career** as part of a highly skilled, specialist workforce. We really **care about our environment** and are well on our journey towards a carbon neutral campus, and as a Sparsholt College Group learner there will be plenty of opportunities to contribute to this agenda in order to protect and enhance the environment for future generations to enjoy.



We look forward to welcoming you and helping to **raise YOUR aspirations**, to **unlock YOUR potential** and **advance YOUR future** with us!

JULIE MILBURN

PRINCIPAL AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE





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My College Checklist



PULL OUT AND USE TO PLAN YOUR FUTURE

Name

Courses I want to know more about

Course title

Questions to ask

Course title

Questions to ask

First impressions	Pluses (+) and Minuses (-)
	+
	-
	+
	-
	+
	-
	+
	-

What else do I need to find out?

Decision **YES** **NO** **UNDECIDED**

Next steps

Experience Sparsholt at an Open Event

The best way to find out about Sparsholt is to experience it for yourself! At our **OPEN EVENTS** you can tour our amazing campus facilities and get a real taste of our courses. Meet our friendly students and expert staff, find out about transport, finance, learning support, accommodation, and get to know us!

Saturday
8 Oct 2022

Saturday
12 Nov 2022

Saturday
4 Feb 2023

Saturday
4 Mar 2023

Wednesday
3 May 2023

Thursday
15 Jun 2023

Always check our website for the latest event information

Ofsted Good Provider

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Residential Services

matrix
quality standard for information, advice and guidance services
approved by the matrix Accreditation Body

SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK

For further information, dates and times of our upcoming Open Events.

Experience more @sparsholt_coll

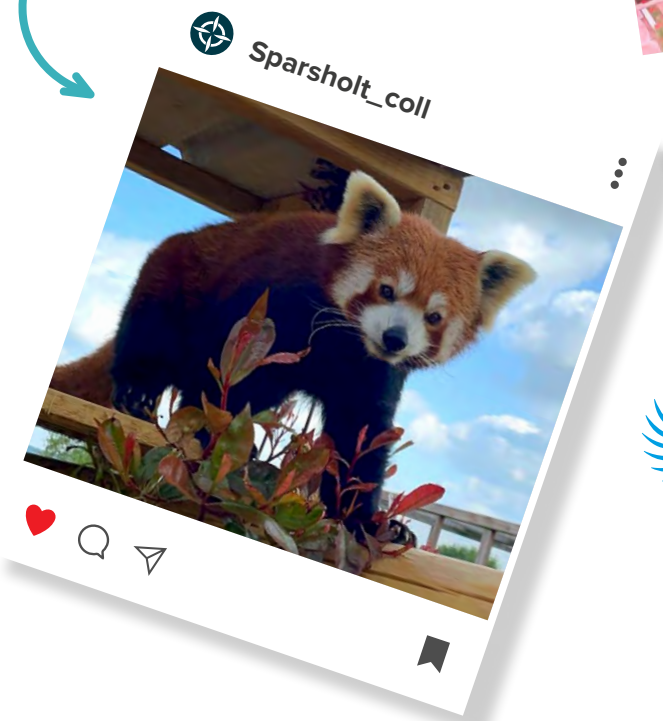
Sparsholt students get to experience new technologies and environments with so many activities and visits. Our social media will show you more, and you can see Sparsholt through our students' eyes on Instagram with **#studentview**

We also love to keep in touch with our alumni and share where they are now!



#Studentview

We believe our students have the best student views around! Take a look at one of our Red Pandas enjoying some sunshine at the new Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre.



Apprenticeships

Meet Butchery Apprentice Jake, who has been awarded gold in the young sausage maker category in this year's Great Hampshire Sausage and Pie Competition!

Planning my future

Where do you want to be in the future? Doing a job you love, studying at university or running your own business? **GET INSPIRED** and use this space to make some notes about what interests you and any careers questions you may have.

It's easy to **APPLY** online at **sparsholt.ac.uk**

TRIPS AND VISITS from industry experts provide information about careers after college and **STUDY TOURS** are educational and fun.

Once you're **ON THE COURSE** our Flying Start programme means there's lots of flexibility in your first few weeks. We give you time and support to make sure you're on the right course and level.



Choose the course area you're interested in, do some **RESEARCH** and check the entry requirements to see which level is best for you.

We have Open Events throughout the year so you can VISIT our beautiful campus for yourself and meet our expert tutors and students! Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk

You'll be invited to **ENROL** just after GCSE results day (we'll contact you in the summer with the details).

We love to **CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT** and keep in touch with our students. Many progress on to University Centre Sparsholt and other universities, and they often return to inspire our current learners!

PROGRESS COACHES provide support throughout your course, helping you to plan your future.

We'll invite you to our **APPLICANT WELCOME EVENTS** – you can see your subject facilities as well as meet your tutors and classmates-to-be!

Gain the **SPARSHOLT CERTIFICATE** if you demonstrate outstanding attendance, effort, engagement and have immersed yourself in College life by taking part in further activities and events as part of the Study+ programme.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL QUALIFICATIONS could boost your employability with practical skills for your future.



Our Careers Team can **SUPPORT WITH NEXT STEPS** such as UCAS applications, employment search and interview preparation.

Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses.*

*Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre

Exciting Opportunities

Horticulture students were absolutely delighted with a Silver-Gilt medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2022 for their garden 'Home from Home', in support of local cancer care charity Maggie's in Southampton.

#OnlyatSparsholt

Our Outdoor Adventure students have had a busy few weeks welcoming local primary schools onto the Sparsholt Campus Lake for their leadership sessions, learning leadership skills for life!

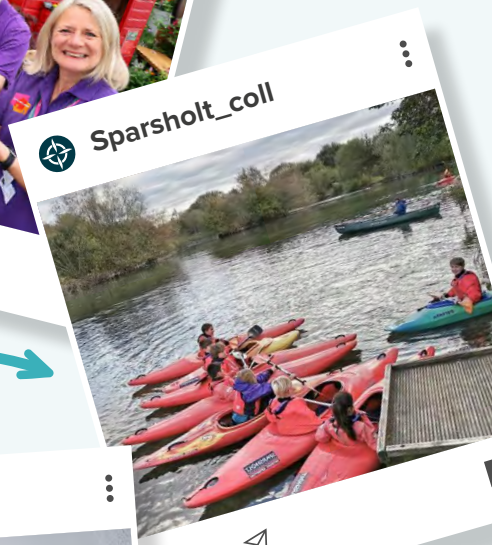
Accommodation

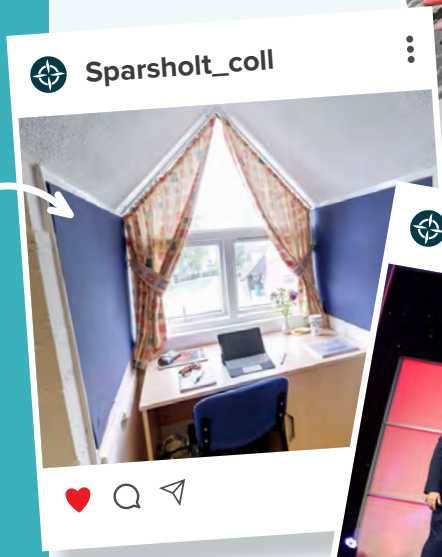
Only four miles from Winchester and five minutes from the classroom – each year 400 students make Sparsholt their term-time home in our outstanding on-site accommodation.

New Technologies

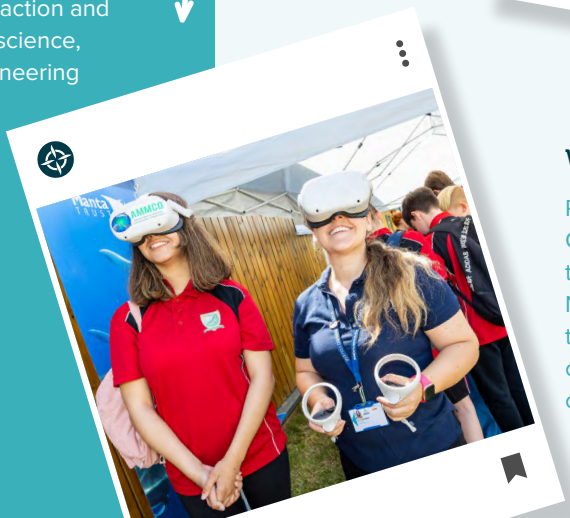
At our Sparsholt Futures event we welcomed around 1,500 Year 8s and 9s from local schools onto campus to see cutting-edge tech in action and explore the exciting science, technology and engineering opportunities in the land, environment animal and recreation sectors.











Where are they now?

Previous Sparsholt student Charlotte was presented with the BALI Chalk Fund Award for National Landscape Student of the Year, beating other tough competition from across the country to secure the top prize!

What's New at Sparsholt



Endangered Visayan Hornbills arrive at Sparsholt

Our Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre is now home to a pair of Endangered Visayan Hornbills. Visayan Hornbills are endemic to the Philippines, and it is thought that there are less than 1000 individual birds left in the wild.

These stunning birds form part of a European Breeding Programme for the species, which we are very proud to be able to contribute towards.

Visayan Hornbills are one of four species of hornbill housed at the AHWRC. The intelligent and charismatic nature of these birds make them an ideal species for our learners to work with and study.



See our new £2.5 million Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre

Development has just finished on our new leading edge centre - facilitating advanced welfare practices and digital technology to add to the range of techniques, skills and industry know-how of our students.

Features include the newly renovated Veterinary Nursing Centre and a brand new state-of-the-art hydrotherapy pool.



Introducing the DigiHub



Our new DigiHub is an innovative, dedicated space designed to support students and staff with developing their digital skills ready for the future.

This investment brings an undeniable professional edge to the whole college community and will deliver professional development opportunities through workshops, demonstrations and one-to-one bespoke sessions for staff and students, readying them for an ever-changing digital landscape.

The DigiHub features a selection of digital equipment such as interactive touchscreen boards, immersive technologies (Virtual and Augmented Reality) and video production equipment, all to enrich our learning and teaching experiences at the college.

Explore Sparsholt

A campus in the countryside just four miles from the city of Winchester with all the resources you need to succeed.

Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre housing a range of exotic and warm water aquatic species.

Sports Centre with a full size sports hall, climbing wall, gym, fitness suite and sprung-floor dance studio.



Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice including tropical glasshouse and an established orchard.





Sika Deer Herd

Student Accommodation

Library

Engineering Centre



Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre with BIAZA zoo licence, home of the National Zoo Academy and nationally recognised for its collection.

College shop and restaurants around campus.

Specialist industry standard laboratories and equipment.

Equine Centre with Rider Performance Studio and Racewood eventing simulator, indoor and outdoor arenas, cross country schooling field, horse walker and extensive stabling.

Salmonid Rearing and Nutrition Trials Centre.

Industry-standard Veterinary Nursing Training Centre.

180 hectare farm including dairy, sheep, pigs and arable enterprises.

BBC Radio 4 Gardeners' Question Time garden and the famous 'Potting Shed'.



One hectare lake

Game and Wildlife Centre

In-house sawmill

Four football pitches







Indoor and outdoor
Rifle Ranges.

Enjoy Sparsholt

There is so much to being a Sparsholt student – fun things to do, great places to eat and sociable accommodation. Whether you live on campus or travel in every day, there is always something going on.

Each year around 400 students make our **ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION** their home. Our residential provision was recently again rated as 'OUTSTANDING' by Ofsted, so you'll be well looked after by our 24-hour Residential Support team.

Depending on your age, you can choose between a range of en suite and shared facilities with an inclusive meal package.

Visit **sparsholt.ac.uk/accommodation** for more information on fees and the financial support available to help towards accommodation costs; bursaries are also available.







Pick from a full range of sandwiches and snacks or get a takeaway Costa at our shop. Bytes Café has breakfast, lunch and dinner available, along with a Starbucks outlet.

Our on-site bar is open in the evenings with soft drinks, milkshakes and alcohol (strictly for the over 18s) and Joe De Frango, our very own Peri Peri Chicken restaurant is right next door, where you can grab a bite to eat too.

Struggling with transport or accommodation costs?

Find out more about bursaries on page 152.



Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Our residential provision is rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted

"Living in is really good because the social life is great and you just make so many friends."



With a fully equipped gym and sports centre, a purpose built 8m x 30m indoor climbing wall, sports fields for football and lots of space for **FUN AND FITNESS** on our beautiful campus, now is the time to get involved and keep fit!



Close to the historic city of Winchester, Stonehenge, on the edge of the New Forest and just an hour from London, Sparsholt College's reputation attracts **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS** from across the world. See page 150 for information about fees and eligibility.

STUDY+

Study Plus is Sparsholt Campus' enrichment programme which aims to enhance your college experience. By participating in Study Plus, you could meet and befriend fellow students from outside your course and build your confidence. This is a great opportunity to further your current interests or develop new ones!

Why join Study Plus?

Employability – Extend your CV and develop the vital skills that employers are looking for when recruiting.

University readiness – Prepare for university life and stand out on your UCAS applications.

Wellbeing – look after your wellbeing by giving yourself time for having fun with friends and connecting with others.

Have fun – Learn a new hobby or share your passions with others!



Study Plus is divided into four categories; Explore, Active, Creative and Skills. So, whatever your interests there's something for you.

You could explore your future with career workshops and university trips, get active on our climbing wall or walking the nature trails around campus, express your creativity in our college magazine or photography society, or learn a new skill such as British Sign Language or by joining the Student Government.

EXPLORE+

ACTIVE+

CREATIVE+

SKILLS+



Sparsholt Certificate

Gain the Sparsholt Certificate if you demonstrate outstanding attendance, effort, engagement and have also immersed yourself in College life by taking part in further activities and events as part of the Study Plus programme!

Student Events

Sparsholt students are also invited to a number of events for example Freshers Fayre in the Autumn, WellFayre in the Spring, and Pride in the Summer term. Plus, there are termly party nights held in our student bar, charity events, and more!





STUDENT WELLBEING SUPPORT

Starting college and studying a subject you are passionate about is exciting but it can be daunting too. We know how important it is to stay focused on your studies but recognise that life can get in the way sometimes.

That's why we have a highly experienced Student Wellbeing Team to ensure you are able to cope with any obstacles life throws at you. The team includes specialist wellbeing practitioners as well as a counsellor and a nurse. The team are dedicated to listening and empowering you to resolve any challenges you might face to enable you to be as successful as possible at college and beyond.

The Wellbeing Team is focused on enabling learners to become increasingly independent, with the resilience to cope with the challenges they face now and in the future. The Wellbeing Team provide our students with additional support and information to help with any worries or difficulties you have which are affecting your time at college including:

Emotional health and wellbeing

Relationships

Supporting Children in Care (CiC)

Supporting young carers

Bursary forms and student funding

Home

Alcohol and drugs

Medical healthcare plans

Sexual health information





OUR SPECIALIST TEAM

Our specialist team are always on hand to help and support students, if you have any concerns or need support please contact **wellbeingteamsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk** for further details.

Progress Coaches

You will be allocated your own Progress Coach when you start college. The Progress Coach's sole responsibility is to ensure that you have all the support required to fulfil your potential.

We believe in appointing experts to the role who will liaise with teaching staff and the Wellbeing Team to provide tailored support. Your Progress Coach will help you with any issues you have and will provide the coaching you need to succeed. The programme also offers extensive support for Higher Education, employment and social welfare.

Wellbeing Hub

Our new Support hub includes a wellbeing lounge, counselling room, medical treatment room, meeting rooms and is staffed throughout the college day. It is a safe space which fosters positive wellbeing and personal growth and independent self-help strategies.





WELLBEING TIPS

Balance studying with other activities you enjoy

Accept yourself! Don't compare yourself to others

Keep in touch with friends and family

Unplug from technology every now and then

Focus on the effort you put in more than the outcome

Maintain a healthy, balanced diet for optimum wellbeing

Talk and share your feelings. It doesn't help keeping them bottled up

Make time for rest and keep a good sleeping pattern

Reward and treat yourself when good things happen

LEARNING SUPPORT

We have a dedicated Learning Support Team, who want to help you reach your potential. The team includes:

- Learning Support Workers
- Key Workers
- Team Leaders
- SpLD Assessor/Specialist
- SEN Officer

All students with an Education, Health and Care Plan will be allocated a key worker and will have weekly sessions to help reach EHCP outcomes. We work closely with the learner's local authority to access all aspects of the services available in the area.

We prepare learners for adulthood, including employment, independent living and accessing the local community. Person-centred reviews are carried out to help set aspirational goals.

Within the Support Hub we have a drop in lounge area, which is always supported, access to computers and 1:1 rooms.

We aim to remove barriers to learning ensuring students achieve their outcomes. All of our support programmes are personalised to meet the needs of the learner as well as fostering independence in learning.

Our staff work across the college teams, organising and implementing a wide range of support programmes, each tailored to the learner.

Support could include:

- In-class support
- One-to-one support sessions
- Study and assignment workshops
- Access arrangements
- Assistive technology

We also work closely with a variety of different partner agencies to ensure the best experience for our students.

If you would like further information on the support we can offer please contact **EHCPSparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk**




FURTHER EDUCATION

Careers

We are serious about preparing students for life after college. We want each student to aim high. No matter what your goal is – university, apprenticeship or full time employment, we will support you every step of the way. We do understand that some students are unsure, so we actively encourage exploration through a range of career activities including:

- Uni-Bound – Higher Education Progression event
- Employer and industry insight talks
- The Great Big Careers Day
- UCAS Trips
- OxBridge representative talk
- Apprenticeship information sessions

In addition, each student can expect specialist support with:

- The UCAS application process
- Personal statements
- Employability skills
- CV Checks
- Apprenticeship search and application

Students can book an hour long 1:1 appointment with the Careers Advisor or the Southern University Network Progression Mentor. Those with a quick careers query can stop in to the Careers Hub during one of our designated drop-in sessions. In terms of online resources, students have access to the eClips and Pathways Career platforms, and the Careers Hub information pages on our intranet.

For more information go to **sparsholt.ac.uk/careers-support**



Mature Students

We have lots of mature students due to the specialist nature of the courses we offer. Whether you're returning to study or choosing to retrain with our expert staff in our industry-standard facilities, you will not be alone. Come along to an Open Event to discuss the course and your qualifications and experience, funding such as an Advanced Learner Loan, and whether your work experience can count towards your qualification.



Industry Placements

As part of our Level 3 qualifications (Level 3 Advanced Certificate, Diploma & Extended Diploma), full-time students aged 16-18 will complete a compulsory industry placement across an academic year with a relevant external employer or voluntary organisation, providing opportunities to:

- Apply the knowledge learned at college to the workplace
- Develop communication, teamwork, confidence and problem-solving skills
- See how a business operates in the real world
- Identify key technical strengths and skills you will need at work
- Test your career choices and aspirations
- Line up an employer reference and achieve an additional college certificate for future use
- Develop your placement into part-time work alongside your studies or full-time employment after completion

Students on a full-time Level 2 land-based course can also get involved with industry placements on a voluntary basis. Get in touch to let us know you're interested.

One dedicated placement day per week will form a part of our students' weekly timetable across the academic year. You can complete your placement hours using this placement day, non-college study days, weekends, out of term time and holiday periods, as long as you keep up with your college work. An attendance plan will be agreed at the start of your placement and our Industry Placement team will be here to support you from start to finish, also hosting classroom sessions through the year to monitor progress with placement activity and completion of online timesheets and learner journals.

Get ahead of the rest and get your industry placement sorted before you start your course with us!

See more information about this on the Industry Placement pages on our website - **https://www.sparsholt.ac.uk/industry_placements/**

If you have any questions or would like some further assistance with your search, please email the team **ip@sparsholt.ac.uk** and we will be happy to help.



FRASER, LAND AND WILDLIFE STUDENT (FISH)

"With Sparsholt you also have the great opportunity of an industry placement. I'm going to Calverton Fish Farm and this will help me network in the industry and gain contacts for the future."

LOOK OUT FOR ↑↑ ON COURSES WHICH INCLUDE AN INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

T-LEVELS COMING SOON!



We are looking forward to introducing new T Levels into our wide variety of qualifications on offer at Sparsholt campus.

T Levels are a great new qualification if you have completed your GCSEs and want to go into a chosen profession either directly or via university.

WHAT ARE T LEVELS?

T Levels are a new qualification available to school leavers. The qualification is equivalent to 3 A Levels and offers students a balance of classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement, to ensure that students gain hands-on experience. When taking a T Level qualification, you will spend 80% of your time in the classroom and the other 20% in an industry placement.

WHY CHOOSE T LEVELS?

These two-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and providers to meet the needs of their industry and to prepare students for work. When taking a T Level qualification you will have the opportunity to see what a career is like in your chosen industry and gain experience that will look good on your CV or UCAS application and put you ahead of your peers.

When you complete your T Level you will gain a nationally-recognised certificate which shows your overall grade. You will also receive an overview of the work you have completed during your T Level as evidence to help with future employment.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Successful competition of a T Level qualification will prepare you to enter the industry through employment or as an apprentice. It also gives the opportunity to progress to higher education courses and training.



Introducing the DigiHub



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Your tech toolkit

In our library you can find specialist books and online journals, jump onto one of our many drop-in computers for research or focus on your work in a quiet, dedicated study space. All students also get access to the following online facilities to support your studies anytime, anywhere:

MOODLE / MICROSOFT 365

Your Virtual Learning Environment including Moodle and Microsoft 365 where you can also communicate with your teachers and progress coaches.

DISCOVERY

Access our library catalogue, ebooks, videos and thousands of online journals through one easy access platform.

TECH ACCESS AND SUPPORT

Access PCs and laptops within the library and receive support with your resource needs from our Learning Resources Team.

OPENATHENS

Access our online resources off-campus through the Athens gateway.

MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION

Take your study skills to the next level with our short, free course to become a Microsoft Office Specialist. Widely recognised by employers this certificate will validate and prove your skills in universally used packages like Excel, PowerPoint and Word. Not only that – it will help you present your coursework and assignments professionally, getting you ready for your next step into employment or further study.

ENGLISH AND MATHS

You will need English and Maths for most jobs and if you want to go on to university. So if you are 16–18 and haven't achieved a GCSE Level 4/grade C in English or Maths we will provide additional study time for you to re-sit the course alongside your main programme of study. For more information, please see page 77.

Choosing the right level

Please check individual courses for entry requirements.

LEVEL 3

ADVANCED TECHNICAL DIPLOMA/EXTENDED DIPLOMA

DIPLOMA – 1 YEAR

Could lead to: Advanced Technical Extended Diploma, university or employment including apprenticeships.

EXTENDED DIPLOMA – 2 YEARS

Could lead to: University or employment including apprenticeships.

LEVEL 2

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Could lead to:
Employment, Level 3 course or apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1

CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Could lead to:
Employment, Level 2 course or apprenticeship.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

For students who need to develop confidence and social skills

Could lead to:
Level 1 course, employment, work-based training.



GET UCAS TARIFF POINTS FROM LEVEL 3 COURSES TO TAKE YOU TO UNIVERSITY

Did you know Level 3 Advanced Technical qualifications and BTECs give you valuable UCAS points just like A Levels so they are a solid route to university.

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma	UCAS Points †	A Level
D*	112–168	A* A*/A* A* A*
D	96–144	A A/A A A
M	64–96	C C/C C C
P	32–48	E E/E E E

† The number of UCAS points you can gain depends on which Diploma pathway you take.
Talk to our Careers team to find out more.

Advancing Futures

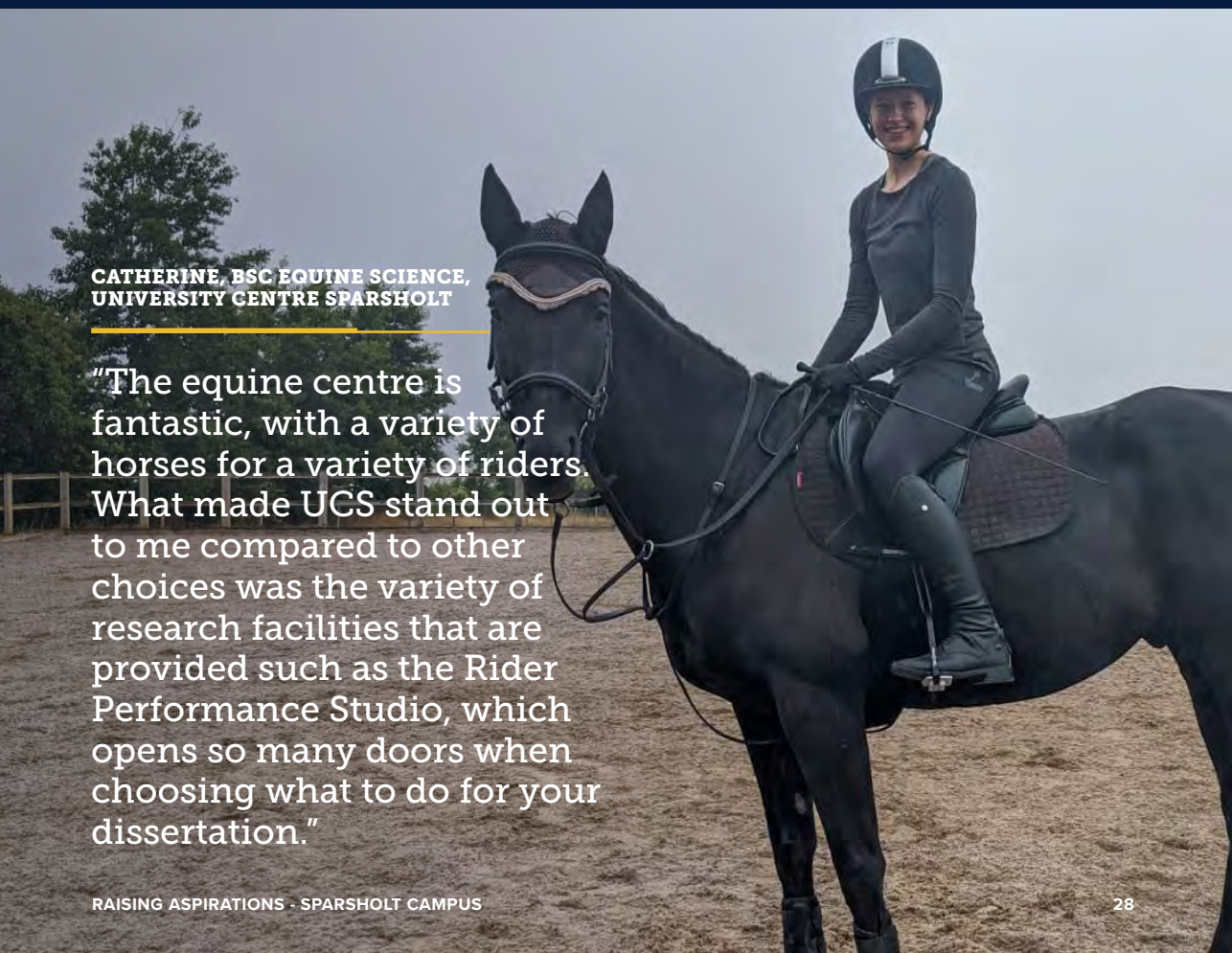
Stay here, go far and progress from your Level 3 or Access Course on to a degree.

We have a thriving degree programme at Sparsholt so it is natural for our Level 3 students to continue their higher-level studies at our University Centre.

The Centre offers Foundation, Bachelor and Master's degrees so you can go much further than you think at Sparsholt. Our degrees are validated by the prestigious University of Portsmouth (UoP).

During your time studying further education at Sparsholt you will also benefit from the higher-level facilities and equipment used for degree level study and will attend lectures and presentations from our expert University Centre lecturers. **Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk/university-centre**

UNIVERSITY OF PORTSMOUTH



CATHERINE, BSC EQUINE SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY CENTRE SPARSHOLT

"The equine centre is fantastic, with a variety of horses for a variety of riders. What made UCS stand out to me compared to other choices was the variety of research facilities that are provided such as the Rider Performance Studio, which opens so many doors when choosing what to do for your dissertation."

Gold standard
degree teaching and facilities





Degrees at Sparsholt

EQUESTRIAN SCIENCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

FdSc and BSc (Hons) Equestrian Performance Management
BSc (Hons) Equine Science
MSc Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training

FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND MARINE STUDIES

FdSc Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture
FdSc Marine Ecology and Conservation
BSc (Hons) Aquaculture and Fishery Management

VETERINARY NURSING SCIENCE

FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science

WILDLIFE ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

FdSc and BSc Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

AGRICULTURE

FdSc and BSc (Hons) Agriculture

ANIMAL SCIENCE AND ZOO BIOLOGY

FdSc Animal Management and Applied Science
FdSc Applied Zoo Science
BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Science
BSc (Hons) Applied Animal Behaviour
BSc (Hons) Zoo Biology
MSc Applied Zoo Biology

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SPARSHOLT

SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK

For full list of specialist degree courses and further information on University Centre Sparsholt.

FIRE IT UP Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money and gain a nationally recognised qualification through a mix of training in college and in the workplace. Sparsholt and Andover College work with over 1,100 employers across more than 40 different industries.

For current apprenticeship vacancies and to learn more, visit apprenticeships.gov.uk or contact the Apprenticeships Team at:

apprenticeships@sparsholt.ac.uk

0845 850 0916

ANDOVER CAMPUS

SPARSHOLT CAMPUS

Andover Campus

Standard Level 2
Accounts/Finance Assistant
Adult Care Worker
Autocare Technician
Carpentry and Joinery
Early Years Practitioner
Hair Professional

Standard Level 3
Assistant Accountant
Business Administrator
Engineering Fitter
Early Years Educator
Advanced and Creative Hair Professional
Lead Adult Care Worker
Installation Electrician/Maintenance Electrician
Teaching Assistant
Metal Fabricator
Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician (Light Vehicle)

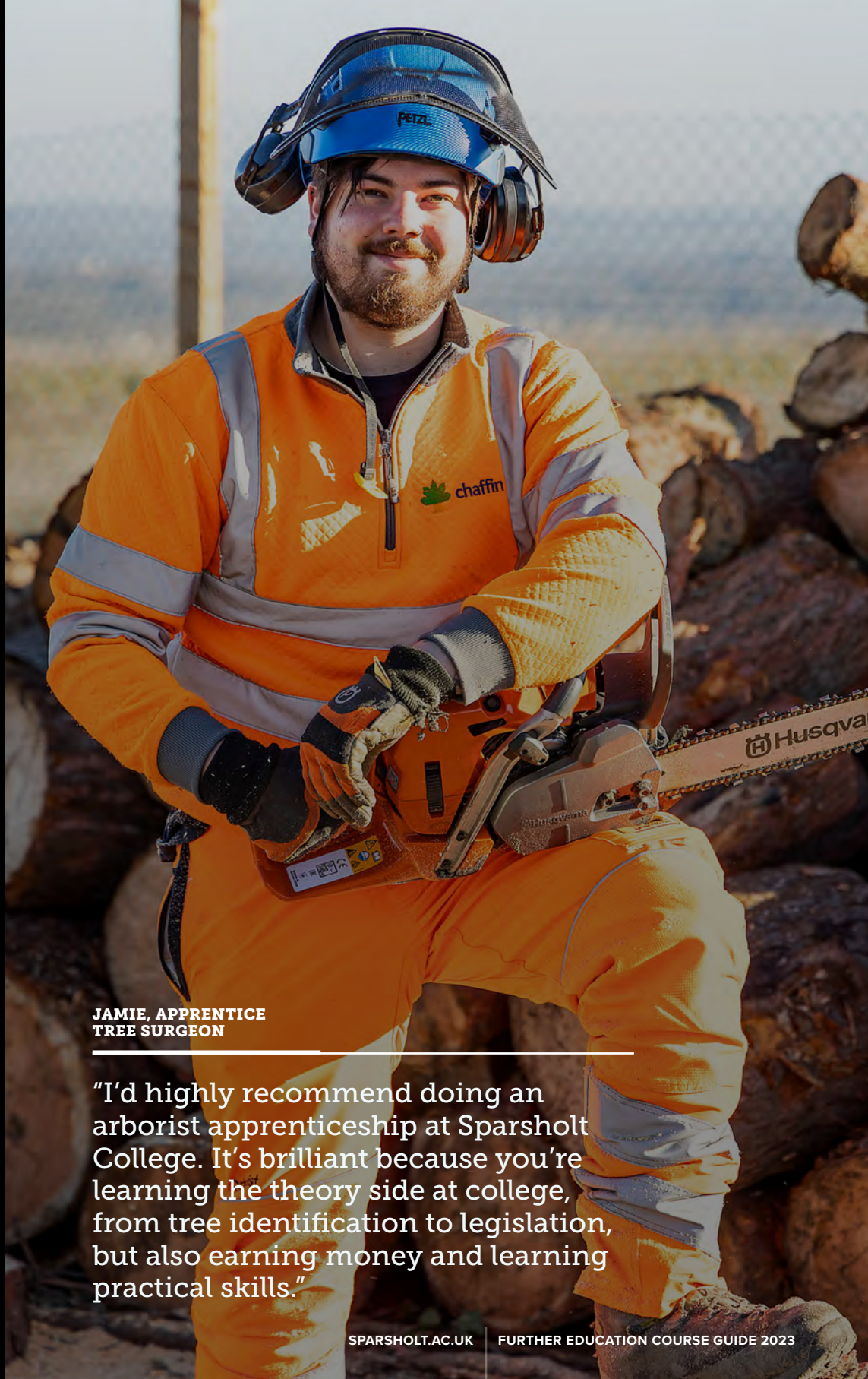
Standard Level 4
Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician

Sparsholt Campus

Standard Level 2
Animal Care and Welfare Assistant
Arborist
COMING SOON - Forest Operative
Butcher
Countryside Worker
General Farm Worker
Equine Groom
Horticulture Operative
Landscape Operative
Greenkeeper
Underkeeper

Standard Level 3
Advanced Golf Greenkeeper
Keeper and Aquarist
Crop Technician
Junior Content Producer
Senior Equine Groom
Information Communications Technician
Veterinary Nurse
Landscape or Horticulture Supervisor
Engineering Fitter
Metal Fabricator
COMING SOON – Livestock Unit Technician

Standard Level 4
Countryside Ranger



JAMIE, APPRENTICE TREE SURGEON

"I'd highly recommend doing an arborist apprenticeship at Sparsholt College. It's brilliant because you're learning the theory side at college, from tree identification to legislation, but also earning money and learning practical skills."



Access to Higher Education (Land-Based Studies)

LEVEL 3

ONE YEAR

This one-year course prepares adult learners who want to study at degree level but do not currently have the qualifications to apply. This course is specifically designed to give you the foundation skills and knowledge, with a strong science focus, for studying a land-based degree.

WHY CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

Provides a fast-track route to higher education

95% of students progressed to degree study in 2020

Continuous assessment with no end of year exams

Gain important GCSE English or Maths alongside this course

Includes three weeks' work placement

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The course includes elements of chemistry, plant and animal biology and bio-science, along with the specialist study skills needed to study at higher education, and undertake a small scale research project.

You will study a range of core subjects and follow some specialist units in either animal studies, equine studies, ecology and conservation or fishery studies. Teaching is delivered through a supportive mix of taught sessions, seminars, tutorials and practical lessons, which will help you build your knowledge and understanding of your chosen specialism, while gaining the ability to research and present your ideas as reports and presentations.

MEET THE STUDENT

"I worked on a fish farm for a while and wanted to study a degree in the subject but needed to boost my academic background first. So I joined the Access to Higher Education course and then went on to the Foundation Degree in Sports Fisheries and Aquaculture followed by the BSc (Hons) Top-up. The experience all tutors have really shows during lectures, with help available when you need it. The facilities are also brilliant."

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This intensive programme is assessed throughout the course, without final exams. Assessment will include essays, presentations, class assessments and reports – all of which will prepare you for higher education.

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

WHERE CAN I GO FROM HERE

By the end of the course you will be fully prepared to progress on to a range of FdSc or BSc (Hons) degree programmes and take the next step towards your career goals.

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are over 19 you can apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover tuition fees. if you go on to complete a full degree after your Access course then the Access loan will be written off.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applications will be assessed on individual merit and whilst no formal qualifications are required, evidence of previous study is essential. Most students will progress to a relevant degree at Sparsholt and you will be supported by your tutors.

You will need to have either English or Maths at GCSE (or Level 2 equivalent) and will be offered the opportunity to study the other if required. Most students are aged 19 or above at the start of the course, however entry at 18 may be possible – **please contact the College for more details**.

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Agriculture



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Join us and learn all about modern farming techniques for the next generation, alongside hands-on experience on our working commercial farm and in our workshops. Getting involved in industry events and visits to Agricultural suppliers, machinery dealerships and shows enhances learning and practical skills in all aspects of the industry.

Agriculture Level 1

Agriculture Level 2

Agriculture with Options Level 3

Agricultural Engineering Level 2

Agricultural Engineering Level 3

CAREERS

Farm Manager
Agricultural Retail and Merchandise
Skilled Machinery Operator
Stock Person

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Degree courses also available, find out more here.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
Harper Adams University
Royal Agricultural University
University of Reading

INDUSTRY LINKS

LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)
NIAB
Tenant Farmers Association (TFA)
NFU
RABI
Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

MEET THE EXPERT

"I have worked extensively in agriculture, predominantly within the dairy sector. As an agricultural lecturer at Sparsholt College, I enjoy the opportunity to use my knowledge and experience to educate and encourage new entrants into the industry."

FACILITIES

180 hectare College farm

Sheep and lamb production

Pig, dairy and beef units

Arable production

Drone for crop growth analysis

Tractor Driving Plot



AGRICULTURE LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

Working on the College farm's sheep, beef, dairy and pig units, you'll learn valuable skills in a variety of farm tasks to help make you ready for employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You may be accepted directly after leaving school and previous experience is not essential. You'll be expected to achieve GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above.

CAREERS

Working with livestock on a farm

Working on an arable farm

Tractor driving

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll be involved in tractor driving and working with modern machinery, livestock handling and daily work with cattle, sheep and pigs, as well as general farm maintenance. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary to increase your future course and career options.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Agriculture

Apprenticeship in Agriculture

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JACK,
AGRICULTURE STUDENT

"Sparsholt has given me a strong understanding of the fundamental areas of the industry so I can move on to higher education with confidence in my current knowledge."

AGRICULTURE LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

This course will give you an insight into the modern agricultural industry through work placements, visits to local farms and estates and trips to events.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, English and Maths at grade 3 or a Level 1 qualification in a relevant subject with either units at a Merit or recommendation for the course.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Working on the College farm's beef, dairy, sheep enterprise, arable and pig unit you'll also learn valuable skills and get the hands-on experience needed for employment. If necessary, we'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English.

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Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.

CAREERS

- Tractor driver
- Stock-person working with cattle, sheep or pigs
- Contract farming

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 courses
Level 2/Level 3 Agricultural Engineering
Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Agriculture student - Jack talking about his experience.

AGRICULTURE WITH OPTIONS - LEVEL 3

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

On this modern and exciting course you'll gain the knowledge, understanding and skills the agricultural industry needs.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

In the first year you'll develop practical knowledge and techniques so that in the second year you'll be ready to concentrate on enterprise management and specialise with optional livestock and arable units.

The course includes three weeks work experience in the first year – giving you real industry experience and the opportunity to put your skills learnt on the College farm, beef, dairy, arable, sheep and pig units into practice. Visits to businesses and events will provide an in-depth view of national and international agriculture and you'll also get involved in busy College events which is great fun and the ideal opportunity to develop vital communication and customer facing skills.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information.

CAREERS

Farm manager or assistant farm manager

Industries such as agronomy, nutrition consultancy, contract farming, grain merchandise, machinery dealing, feed sales, supply trade

Livestock or arable unit manager

Head tractor driver

Head stock-person working with cattle, sheep or pigs

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc or BSc in Agriculture or other Land-based subject

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

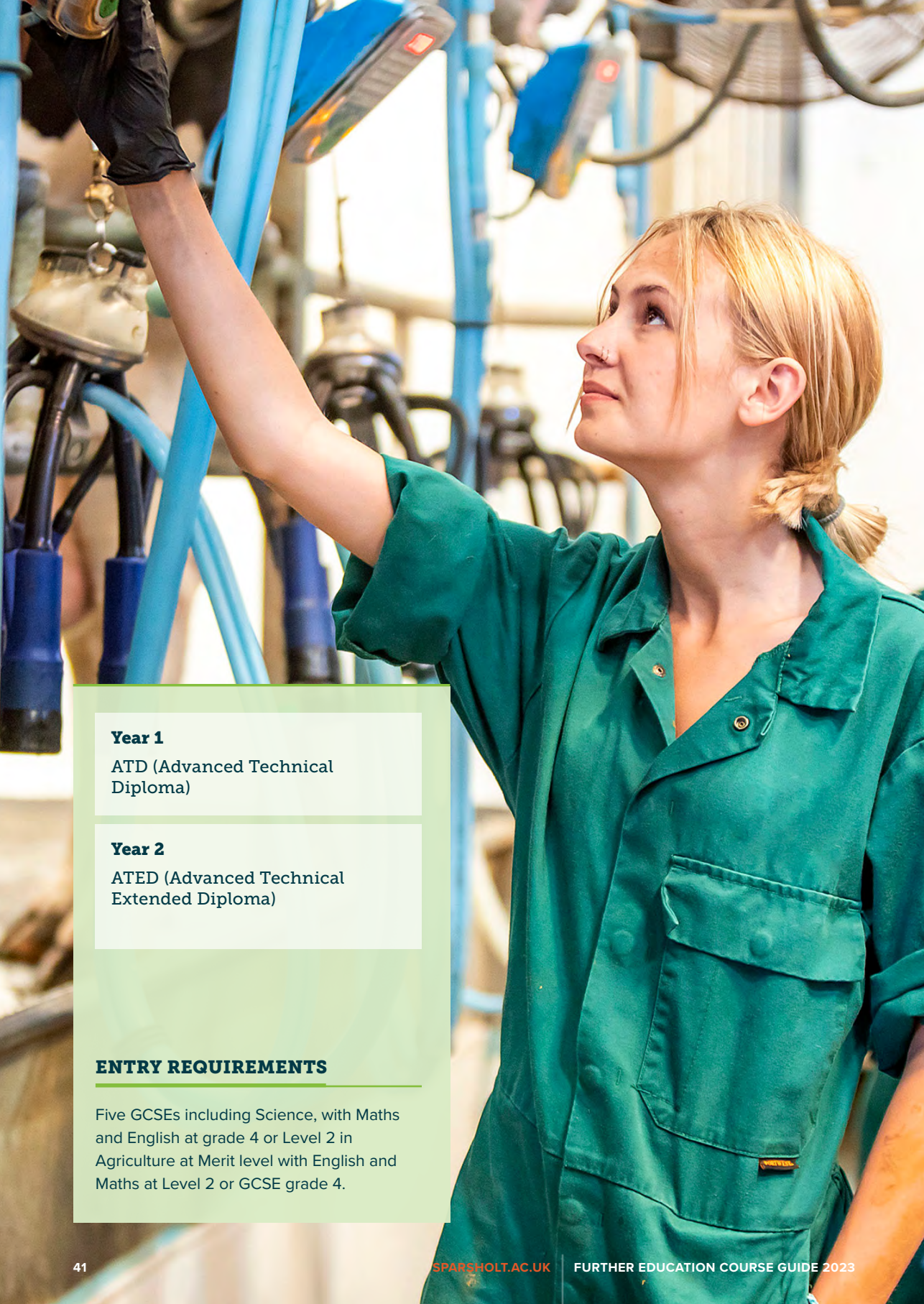
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Year 1

ATD (Advanced Technical Diploma)

Year 2

ATED (Advanced Technical Extended Diploma)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit level with English and Maths at Level 2 or GCSE grade 4.



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

This course will give you the essential technical knowledge and practical skills to confidently work with modern machinery.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English and Maths at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification plus Functional Skills English and Maths at Level 1.

CAREERS

Assistant technician working with:

Ground care machinery such as mowers or cultivators

Fixed plant such as grain driers, vegetable handling and packing

Large machinery such as tractors and combines, fabrication and construction

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Work placements, visits to industry events such as the LAMMA Show and demonstration days plus trips to machinery manufacturers and dealers will give you a real insight into the industry, supported by our specialist staff and state-of-the-art facilities. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 courses
Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.


TEXA

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING
LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

TWO YEARS

Taught by specialist staff in our exciting Motor Vehicle and Agricultural Engineering Centre, this course is designed to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and skills the land-based technology industry needs.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll enjoy work placements, trips to machinery manufacturers and dealers and industry events such as the LAMMA Show and Grassland event, as well as the opportunity to work on a wide range of land-based machinery – both at the College and at local dealers.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc or BSc in Agriculture or other Land-based subject

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

CAREERS

- Farm mechanic
- Dealership technician
- Contractor operator mechanic
- Fabrication technician
- Parts person/manager in dealership
- Machinery sales

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths/Level 2 in Agriculture at Merit with English and Maths at GCSE grade 4.

Animal Studies



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Sparsholt is the ideal starting point for a career in this highly competitive industry, with an international reputation for animal studies.

Our specialist Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre houses 623 animals from 131 species including species of conservation importance, domestic, exotic and large farm animals – enabling you to gain theoretical and practical experience relevant for most careers in animal care.

Animal Care Level 1 (Work-Based)

Animal Care Level 1 (Theory-Based)

Animal Care Level 2 Technical Certificate

Animal Management Level 3 with a pathway in Zoos & Wildlife

Animal Management Level 3 with pathways in Science, Zoo and Animal Management

CAREERS

Zoo Keeper/Zoo Educator
Animal Trainer
Animal Behaviourist
Dog Grooming
Animal Retail
Veterinary Nurse
Animal Rehabilitator
Animal Conservationist
Cattery/Kennel Technician
Animal Physiotherapist
Animal Nutritionist

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Degree courses also available, find out more here.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



KATIE GUNN
LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
Harper Adams University
University of Manchester
Liverpool John Moores University
University of Nottingham
Oxford Brookes University
University of Southampton
Royal Veterinary College London

INDUSTRY LINKS

The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
The National Zoo Academy
The Living Rainforest
The World Pheasant Association
The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS)

MEET THE EXPERT

"I studied both my BSc and MSc at Sparsholt. I have also worked in a variety of roles within industry including zoo keeping, dog walking, on a farm, animal science and in a veterinary surgery before joining the Sparsholt lecturing team. My main interests are animal health and livestock."

FACILITIES

Wide variety of herptile, bird and mammal species, many part of conservation breeding programmes

New Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre

£2.5 million investment in new facilities including Hydrotherapy Pool which will benefit the learning of Sparsholt students for years to come

Research rooms

Paddock section including mara, wallabies, dwarf zebus, rheas, alpacas, goats and donkeys

Exotic species – red pandas, meerkats, tenrecs and lemurs

Nutritional and animal behaviour areas

360-degree cameras to study captive welfare of our animals



ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 1 WORK-BASED

ONE YEAR

If you perform better practically than academically then this could be the course for you.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that learners will have functional skills qualifications or Entry 3.

CAREERS

Kennel or cattery worker

Dog walker

Pet shop assistant

Animal care assistant

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will learn how to care for and look after a range of animals, from housing and feeding requirements, to handling, behaviour, health and exercise. You will learn the theory behind the what, when, why and how and then carry this out in practical sessions.

The majority of your learning will take place at the Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre and you will complete tasks and build a portfolio of evidence with photograph and candidate reports. This is complemented with some time in theory lessons where you consolidate your learning and build up your understanding of theory shown through various tasks that also help to build your portfolio.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

An Apprenticeship or internship



ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 1 THEORY-BASED

ONE YEAR

This course encompasses both practical assignments and theory-based assignments – with a higher proportion of theory content and theory assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two or more GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above.

CAREERS

- Kennel or cattery worker
- Dog walker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal care assistant

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will learn how to care for and look after a range of animals, from housing and feeding requirements, to handling, behaviour, health and exercise. You will learn the theory behind the what, when, why and how and then carry this out in practical sessions.

Assignments are all completed under supervised conditions and must be done without the use of the internet or external support. There are also 2 online multiple choice exams that must be passed. We hope to be able to offer the opportunity for a residential to either the New Forest or the Isle of Wight as well as day trips to see different zoological collections.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 in Animal Care



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Animal Studies students - Erin and Cody talking about their experience.



XANTHE,
ANIMAL MANAGEMENT STUDENT

"The lecturers have widened my knowledge of different aspects of animal care due to their previous work backgrounds and have pushed me to achieve my full potential.

Within practical and theory lessons and work experience I have learnt important husbandry skills which I will need when looking after animals in a zoo, and I have also enjoyed meeting others with a similar interest and becoming close friends."


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ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

The course will focus on developing your skills and knowledge of animal husbandry through a mix of engaging classroom sessions, practical animal handling and work experience.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and Maths at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Animal Care with theory assignments showing work at a Merit level, Functional Skills Level 1 in English or recommendation for the course.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will learn how to care for and look after a range of animals, from housing and feeding requirements, to handling, behaviour, health and exercise. You will learn the theory behind the what, when, why and how and then carry this out in practical sessions.

The course consists of 1 practical day per week and 2-3 days of theory lessons. The units are assessed in different ways such as written assessments, synoptic assessments and synoptic exams. During your practical sessions you will have the opportunity to develop your practical skills which form part of your overall assessment, therefore attendance and correct PPE are important.

You will gain hands-on experience with the farm livestock, exotic animals, domestic pets and birds of the College's Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre. We also hope to offer an optional three day study trip to Wales focusing on the collection and identification of indigenous species.

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.

CAREERS

- Kennel or cattery worker
- Dog walker
- Pet shop assistant
- Animal care assistant

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 in Animal Management

Apprenticeship – Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Standard Level 2/Keeper and Aquarist Standard Level 3

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Scan code for full list of course topics covered and much more.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
LEVEL 3 WITH A PATHWAY IN ZOOS & WILDLIFE

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

This two A Level equivalent course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or for further study at university. This course will also allow you to resit either your Maths or English GCSE to gain a grade 4 or higher.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry and then in the second year you will follow the pathway in Zoos & Wildlife with its associated units.

We hope to be able to offer you the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa, giving you the chance to work with wild animals as well as making valuable industry contacts.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc in Animal Management

Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing

This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to University.

CAREERS

- Veterinary Assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Keeper or Education Officer in animal collections

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management (360)

Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths or English at Grade 4 or above or Level 2 in Animal Care with Biology and Health units at Merit level and Maths or English at grade 4 or above.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

LEVEL 3 WITH PATHWAYS IN SCIENCE, ZOOS, ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

TWO YEARS

This three A Level equivalent course will give you the skills, knowledge and practical understanding to progress into employment or higher level study at university. Next steps may include dedicated animal husbandry roles, volunteer conservation placements abroad and a full range of higher education courses including Veterinary Science degrees.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

In the first year you'll gain a solid foundation in animal science and husbandry before selecting a pathway for your second year. There are three pathway options in Year 2; Zoo, Animal Management & Science. Some higher education courses will require the Science pathway.

We hope to be able to offer the opportunity to attend residential study tours both in the UK and South Africa, giving you the chance to work with wild animals as well as making valuable industry contacts.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

CAREERS

- Veterinary Nurse or Assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres (wild and domestic)
- Animal training and behaviour
- Veterinary sciences
- Animal conservation
- Keeper or Education Officer in animal collections

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WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Examples of HE courses include:

Animal Science, Behaviour and Conservation at FdSc or BSc level

Zoology at BSc level

Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing

Veterinary and Bio-Veterinary Sciences

Veterinary Nursing BSc

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540)

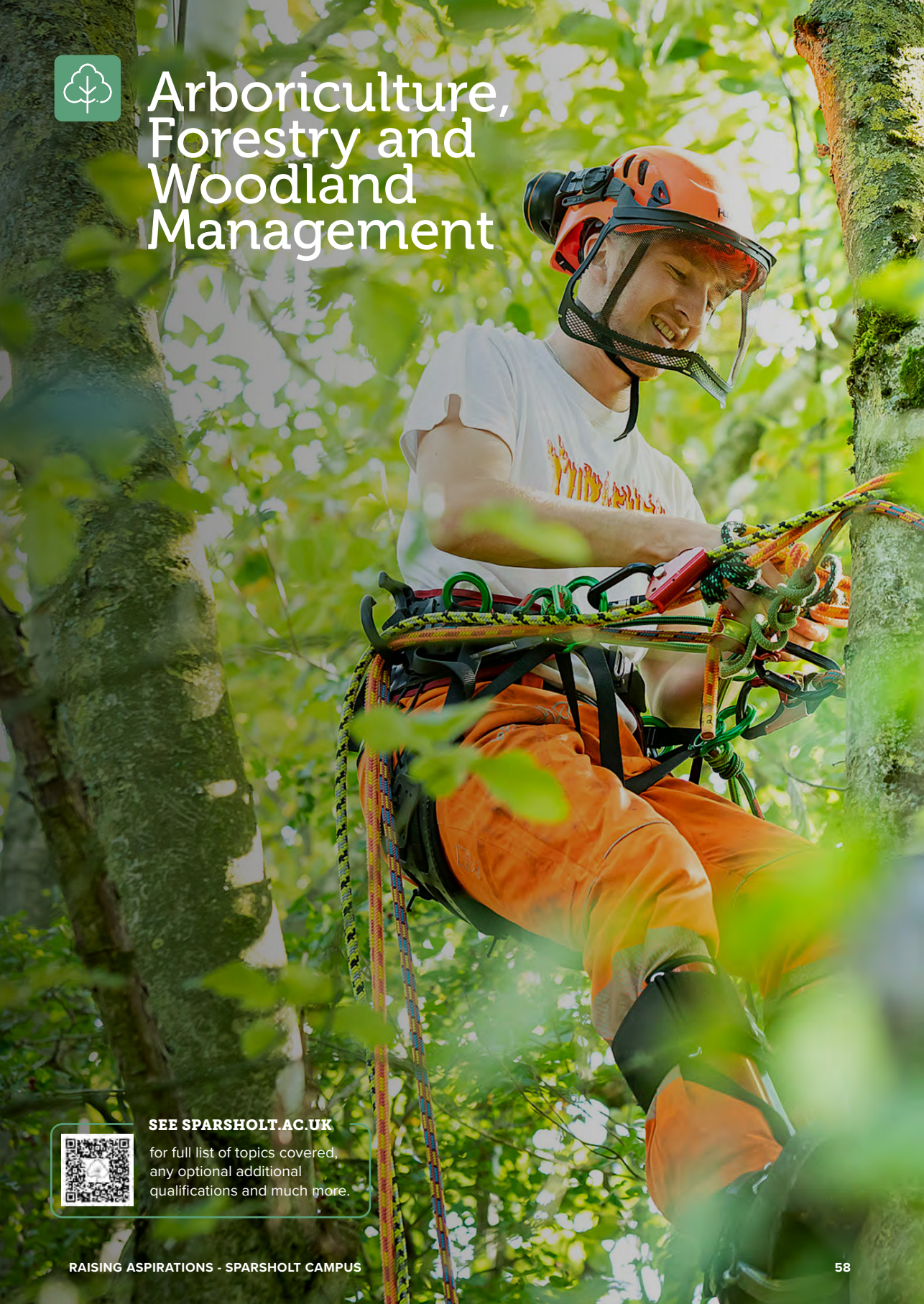
Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above to include Maths, English and Science or Level 2 qualification in Animal Care with Biology and Health units at distinction level and Maths and English GCSEs at grade 4 or above.

Arboriculture, Forestry and Woodland Management



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Using a combination of on and off-site facilities, we provide training for the people who will manage and work in our forestry industries for timber production as well as those who look after and manage individual trees in parks, streets and private gardens. Learning from experts in the field, our students will acquire all the practical and scientific skills to work in the industry or to study at an advanced level.

Land-Based Operations Level 1

Arboriculture and Forestry Level 2

Arboriculture Level 3

Forestry Level 3

CAREERS

Arborist
Forester
Tree Surveyor
Woodland Conservation

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
Harper Adams University
Royal Agricultural University
University of Reading

INDUSTRY LINKS

Royal Forestry Society
LANTRA
Institute of Chartered Foresters
Confor – Confederation of Forest Industries
International Society of Arboriculture
Arboricultural Association

MEET THE EXPERT

"I have a wide variety of industry relevant experience in a range of positions, starting as a climbing arborist prior to spending 18 years as a planning based arboricultural officer. I have a passion to inspire learners to reach their full potential here at college and in the diverse and varied industry of forestry and arboriculture."

FACILITIES

Sawmill and timber processing area

Maintenance workshops

Safe tree climbing practice areas

Digital clinometer to measure tree heights, the latest chainsaws tuned to minimise emissions



LAND-BASED OPERATIONS

LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

ONE YEAR

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the woodland and tree care industries, as well as basic estate management skills – all with conservation in mind.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 3-1, and be recommended by your school.

CAREERS

This introductory course leads on to further education and will set a basis for future employment in a range of land-based industries; tree work in particular.

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

The course is very practical and involves work in local Forestry Commission and private estate woodlands. You'll also work in the College sawmill and timber processing area, learning how to operate different types of machinery to produce timber and timber products for use around the College grounds and estate.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 or 3 qualifications in Arboriculture or Forestry

BEN
ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY STUDENT

"We've been going out off site to loads of different places and it's great experience. The lecturers are always looking out for you and making sure that everything you're doing is correct, the way they talk through it is just so clear. I would 100% recommend Sparsholt to people. You can come here and feel like you're actually working towards something. Everything I'm learning now is basically going to set me up."



ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

If you are interested in working in the trees and timber sector, then this course could be for you. Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or higher level courses.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including Maths and English at Grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

CAREERS

- Climber or grounds person
- Self-employment
- Utilities work
- Forester
- Conservation work

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working in a tree work setting, via an extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off site facilities – from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest.

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WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 in Arboriculture or Forestry

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Arboriculture student - Ben talking about his experience.

ARBORICULTURE
(LEVEL 3) ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA (1080)

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

If you have a head for heights, then this course could be for you. While being taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the arboriculture industry or higher education.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and the New Forest. You'll also get the opportunity to see guest lectures from leading industry experts.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

CAREERS

- Climbing arborist
- Tree Surveyor
- Conservation work
- Local authority (assistant tree officer)
- Arboretum/woodland/estate work

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc/BSc in Arboriculture
Level 4 Arboriculture
Level 6 Arboriculture

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus Maths and English at grade 4.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

FORESTRY
(LEVEL 3) ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA (1080)

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

Taught by industry and academic experts, you'll develop the practical skills and underpinning knowledge needed to go into the forestry industry, especially lowland woodland, or into higher education.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll perfect your skills in our extremely well equipped on-site arboriculture and forestry department, as well as a variety of local off-site facilities, from a private arboretum to Forestry Commission woodland and The New Forest. Field trips to the Savernake Forest, Westonbirt Arboretum, and Stourhead Western Estate will fully immerse you into the arboriculture and forestry industry.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

CAREERS

- Forester
- Conservation work
- Local authority employment
- Employment with the Forestry Commission or Woodland Trust

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc in Woodland/Forestry Management
BSc in Woodland/Forestry Management

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus Maths and English at grade 4.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

You must be aged 17 or over at the start of the course due to age restrictions on chainsaw use. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Conservation, Countryside and the Environment (Land and Wildlife)



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Conservation is at the heart of everything we do and our courses provide routes into the conservation and countryside management industries, both nationally and internationally, for school leavers and adults seeking a career change. Our strong industry links, expert staff and outstanding natural facilities make Sparsholt College a natural choice for the study of countryside and conservation management.

Land-Based Operations Level 1 Rural Skills (Woodland)

Land and Wildlife (Conservation) Level 2

Land and Wildlife (Countryside and Conservation) Level 3

CAREERS

Countryside Ranger
Education Officer
Reserve Warden
Ecological Surveyor

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SPARSHOLT

Degree courses also available, find out more here.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
University of Aberystwyth
University of Bournemouth
University of Reading
University of Bangor
University of Plymouth
Royal Holloway, University of London
University of Stirling

INDUSTRY LINKS

Forestry Commission
The Wildlife Trusts
Natural England
RSPB
Environment Agency
Butterfly Conservation
Hampshire County Council Countryside Services
The Vincent Wildlife Trust

MEET THE EXPERT

"After my time as a Sparsholt student, I worked on both national and international conservation projects. A keen naturalist fascinated by the living world, I have a particular interest in ecology, practical habitat management and environmental science."

FACILITIES

College Farm Estate

Lake, associated wetland habitats and species-rich grasslands

Semi-natural ancient woodland

Greenwood crafts area

Chainsaw training areas

Game and Wildlife Centre

Laboratories and specialist surveying equipment



LAND-BASED OPERATIONS
LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

ONE YEAR

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the woodland and tree care industries, as well as basic estate and habitat management skills – all with conservation in mind.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two or more GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Assistant Warden/Countryside Ranger
- Countryside Recreation assistant
- Practical Habitat/Estate worker
- Conservation Volunteering/Internships

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

The course is very practical and involves work in local Forestry Commission and private estate woodlands. You'll also work in the College sawmill and timber processing area, learning how to operate different types of machinery to produce timber and timber products for use around the College grounds and estate.

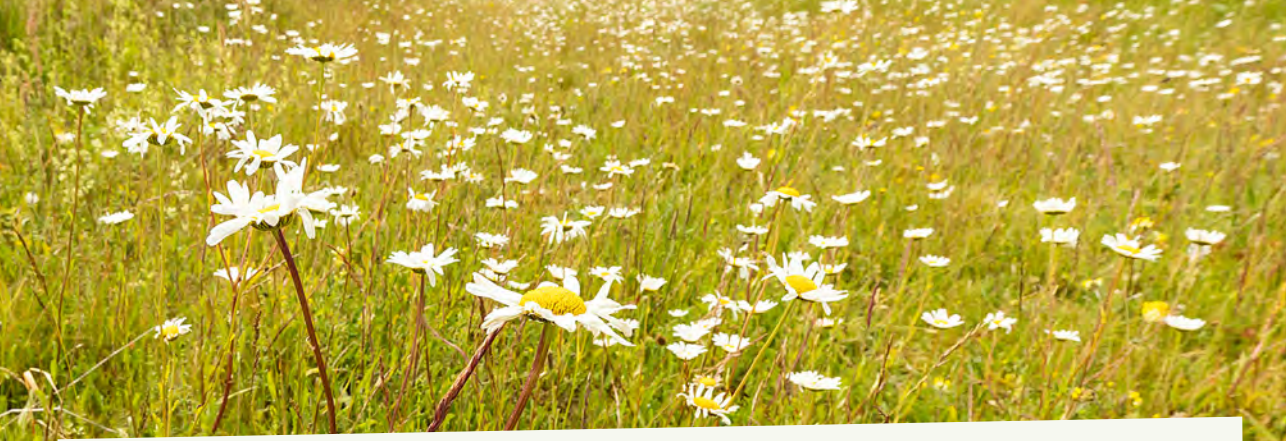
WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Conservation student - Sophie talking about her experience.



LAND AND WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION)
LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

If you enjoy practical work in a rural setting and have a keen interest in conservation this course will give you a range of countryside skills and you will learn about the wider countryside industry including aspects of conservation, fisheries and gamekeeping.

CAREERS

Assistant warden/countryside ranger

Countryside recreation assistant

Practical Habitat/Estate worker

Conservation Volunteering/Internships

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

By studying this course you will learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats for wildlife (including game and fish species). Through practical teaching you will learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. This will give you the foundation knowledge needed to work in the countryside or progress to the Level 3 Land and Wildlife course.

You'll be introduced to a range of UK habitats, surveying plants and animals and will gain first-hand experience of managing these different environments for the benefit of wildlife and people. As a Sparsholt student you'll also benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Environmental Conservation

Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Countryside)

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.



SOPHIE,
LAND AND WILDLIFE
STUDENT (COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION)

"I chose Sparsholt because of the opportunity to board and it also has lovely facilities. The atmosphere here is really busy, there's always something going on. We learn a lot of skills and do a lot of networking with other people. I hope to become an ecologist and this course has definitely helped me get closer to that. I can't recommend it strongly enough."

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at Grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3, or Level 1 in a relevant subject plus a good school or college reference.

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION) - LEVEL 3

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

TWO YEARS

This A Level equivalent course will teach you the fundamentals of conservation, wildlife management and the environment. You will develop both your practical countryside skills and your understanding of ecology and the environment.

CAREERS

- Assistant conservation officer
- Nature reserve warden
- Countryside ranger
- Ecological surveyor
- Practical Estate Ranger/Worker
- Environmental education officer
- Self-employed habitat contractor
- Ecologist

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Degree courses in Ecology and Conservation, Environmental, Land Management, Countryside Management, Environmental Management and Marine Conservation

This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to University.

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll work both on the 450 acre College estate and off-site on work placements with conservation organisations and you may also take part in fascinating study tours and site visits to places such as the World Heritage Dorset coastline, the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, the Cairngorms National Park and the London and Oxford Natural History Museums. You will also visit and be involved with the day-to-day management of a range of local conservation sites working in conjunction with a range of countryside professionals and organisations.

You will learn the principles of ecology and environmental science providing you with a strong base of knowledge in addition to acquiring invaluable practical skills that will significantly enhance your employability and opportunities to continue your studies in higher education.

As a Sparsholt student you'll benefit from our lecturers' strong links with conservation organisations including the National Trust, RSPB, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Hampshire County Council – some of your potential future employers.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4 or a Merit grade at Level 2 with Maths and English at grade 4.

Applications from mature students are encouraged and will be considered on an individual basis.

English and Maths





Most employers, colleges and universities are now asking for a minimum of a GCSE grade 4 and above in English and Maths, which is why at Sparsholt, we ensure you work towards achieving this as part of your course. This will be through GCSE classes or Functional Skills in Maths and/or English.

ARE YOU 16–18?

If you have a GCSE grade 3 in English/Maths, you will study the GCSE course alongside your main programme of study to raise your grade to a 4 or above.

ARE YOU 19–25 YEARS OLD WITH AN EHCP?

If you do not have a GCSE grade 4 in English and Maths, you will be required to continue working towards improving English and Maths and, if appropriate, gaining qualifications.

COURSES

Mathematics GCSE
English Language GCSE
Functional Skills in English and Maths



MATHEMATICS GCSE

ONE YEAR

The course aims to give you greater knowledge in essential mathematical skills that can be used in day-to-day activities. We offer two levels: foundation or higher, depending on your current grade and aspirations. It is essential that you are committed to studying Maths at GCSE.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Functional Maths.

Some students will progress to Functional Maths Level 2.

We expect you to attend every session and work hard to develop your mathematical skills and aptitude for the subject.

Interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.

Acquire and use problem solving strategies. Select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real world situations.

Reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions.

Develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

GCSE Maths at grade 4 is required by many employers and for entry to higher education. Employers in all sectors like you to have maths qualifications as it demonstrates ability in a core subject.

The skills learned in this subject are useful for progression on to further areas of study.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE ONE YEAR

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This course is for you if you are 16–18 years old and on a course at Sparsholt and do not hold GCSE English Language at grade 4 or above. You will be taught by an experienced team of specialist English teachers.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Functional English.
Some students will progress to Functional English Level 2.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

GCSE English at grade 4 is required by many employers and for entry to higher education. Employers in all sectors like you to have English qualifications as it demonstrates ability in a core subject. The skills learned in this subject are useful for progression on to further areas of study.



CALLUM,
ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE

"My teacher has helped me understand more clearly everything I struggled with in school. The techniques she uses are very effective and the lessons are educational yet fun. Achieving English will help me massively with more opportunities in the future."

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS ONE YEAR

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The level you study will be determined by your previous achievement and an assessment during your induction.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Level 1 or Level 2 English and/or Maths qualifications are required for entry on to higher level college courses. These qualifications are recognised and valued by employers in all sectors as well as universities.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

If you are an Entry Level or Level 1 student and do not have a GCSE grade 3 or above you will take either Functional Skills or GCSE Maths and/or English as part of your programme of study.

These are building block qualifications that enable you to build on your existing skills and achieve a nationally recognised qualification.

TOPICS COVERED

Functional English

You will gain skills and a qualification recognised by employers in reading, writing, speaking and listening - essential for working life.

Functional Maths

You will focus on analysis, working on scenario-based problems using Maths. You will gain skills and a qualification, recognised by employers, needed for everyday life and employment.

Equine Studies



The British Horse Society Approved Centre

BHS PROGRESSIVE RIDING TESTS

On all of our courses the Progressive Riding Test course content is embedded as part of the practical and theory instruction. There are opportunities for students to use the knowledge gained to obtain up to L6 in these tests.

If you achieve all 6 Progressive Riding Test levels you will advance to the BHS Stage 2 exam (exam fees apply) after completion of your Ride Safe Exam.

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



Our BHS highly commended facilities mean we can provide an excellent start to your career in the equine industry. The purpose built Equine Centre hosts a variety of resources and opportunities for learners and our enthusiastic staff are committed to providing the very best learning experience. Choose the right course for you – up to Master's level – and you'll be learning in an environment dedicated to success.

Equine Studies Level 1

Equine Studies Level 2

Equine Studies Level 3

CAREERS

Competition Groom or Rider
Equine Nutritionist
Equine Veterinary Nurse
Riding Instructor
Equine Behaviourist
Racing Industry
Animal Physiotherapist/ Osteopath/Chiropractor

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SPARSHOLT

Degree courses also available, find out more here.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



AMY ROBBINS
LECTURER

MEET THE EXPERT

"I gained my BSc in Equine Science and MSc in Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training at Sparsholt alongside my BHS coaching qualifications. I lecture on all of the equine courses, with my specific fields being biology, nutrition, behaviour and rider performance. I take great satisfaction in passing my knowledge on to others and encouraging them to do their very best."

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
Royal Agricultural University
University Centre Hartpury
Moulton College
Writtle University College

INDUSTRY LINKS

British Dressage
British Showjumping
The British Horse Society (BHS)
The British Equestrian Federation
Racing to School
Simple Systems
Liphook Equine Hospital
The Barn Equine Hospital

FACILITIES

Equestrian performance studio

Stabling for up to 66 horses

Indoor arena (60 × 23m) and three outdoor arenas (60 × 30m, 60 × 30m, 70 × 50m)

Covered horse-walker

Grass rides

Cross country schooling field

Weighbridge

Equine Stocks

Natural horsemanship pen

Full sized equine skeleton

BHS qualified riding instructors

BHS practical instruction embedded in training

Various livery and loan options available

Charisma, our Racewood Eventing Simulator



EQUINE STUDIES (RIDING AND NON-RIDING PATHWAYS AVAILABLE) - LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

This course is ideal if you have little or no formal qualifications and you want to start your journey into a career with horses.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above, or evidence of studying Entry Level 3.

If you wish to pursue a Riding Pathway, we will invite you to a riding assessment, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

CAREERS

- Competition Groom
- Groom
- Yard Assistant
- Stud Worker
- Retail
- Ride Leader
- Coach (with BHS qualifications)
- Racing Industry

WHAT WILL I LEARN

As a land-based course you will be based at the Equine Centre undertaking a lot of practical lessons and industry experience. You will also spend some time developing your English and Maths and writing some tasks that are based on what you have been learning in your practicals.

You will spend multiple days a week at the Equine Centre, caring for the horses and undertaking daily duties, as well as spending a term working at the College's Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre. During the course you'll visit a range of equine businesses and take part in trips to event venues such as The London Horse Show and Blenheim and a study tour of the Brecon Beacons, helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Equine Studies

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EVE,
EQUINE STUDIES STUDENT

"I have been given the opportunity to run events as well as groom for the college, which will set me up in the industry. The facilities are amazing, we have a variety of horses to ride and the opportunity to build showjumping courses as well as dressage arenas. I would recommend Sparsholt to anyone – it's such a great place to learn."

EQUINE STUDIES (RIDING AND NON-RIDING PATHWAYS AVAILABLE) - LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE CARE

ONE YEAR

This course is ideal if you want to enhance your practical skills and knowledge for future employment in the equine industry or for higher level study.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 3 or a Level 1 qualification plus GCSE English and Maths at grade 3 or Functional Skill L1 English and Maths.

If you wish to pursue a Riding Pathway, we will invite you to a riding assessment, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

CAREERS

- Competition Groom
- Groom
- Yard assistant
- Stud worker
- Retail
- Ride Leader
- Racing Industry
- Farrier Apprentice
- Saddler Apprentice
- Coach (with BHS Qualifications)

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll enjoy practical and theory sessions to learn how to handle a variety of horses, develop your riding and husbandry skills and broaden your knowledge of subjects such as horse biology. During the course we hope to offer visits to a range of equine businesses, a study tour to the Brecon Beacons and trips to international events such as Olympia, Badminton, and Blenheim, helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

If you are not a confident rider or do not wish to ride, a non-riding option is also available.

This qualification covers the skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work in the equine industry.

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WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 Equine Studies



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Equine Studies student - Eve talking about her experience.

EQUINE STUDIES (RIDING AND NON-RIDING PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

LEVEL 3 - ADVANCED TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

You'll gain detailed academic knowledge and understanding of horse management and equitation through both theory and practical sessions.

CAREERS

- Riding instructor
- Farrier Apprentice
- Stud or stable manager
- Equine veterinary nurse or technician
- Equine nutritionist
- Journalist
- Retail
- Event management
- Groom
- Racing Industry

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working with horses. You will develop further practical skills and gain an understanding of business skills which are important for progression into a wide and diverse range of employment opportunities.

This qualification will also equip you with a wider range of more specialist skills and knowledge related to the equine industry. As a college we work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training by providing demonstrations, talks on the industry and where possible work placements. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the equine industry or specialist further study.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc or BSc degrees in Equine Science or Equestrian Performance Management, either at University Centre Sparsholt or another institution.

This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to University.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate – Four GCSEs including English or Maths at grade 4 or Level 2 at a Pass plus GCSE at a 4 or above or a Functional Skills Level 2 in English or Maths.

Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma – Five GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE at a 4 or above or a Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

If you wish to pursue a Riding Pathway, we will invite you to a riding assessment, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

Fishery Studies & Aquatics (Land and Wildlife)



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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



As a leader in Fishery and Aquatic studies recognised worldwide for our expertise in providing fishery studies training, our on-site facilities and our industry links, we have everything you need to start your career in this sector, offering the best training for a career working with freshwater fisheries and fish farming, and exotic and ornamental fish.

Land-Based Studies (Fisheries and Game) Level 1

Land and Wildlife (Fish) Level 2 Technical Certificate

Land and Wildlife Management (Fish) Level 3

CAREERS

- Fish Farming
- River Keeping
- Fishery Manager
- Conservation Ranger
- River Restoration Worker
- Angling/Fishing Equipment Sales
- Aquatics/Ornamental Retail

UNIVERSITY CENTRE SPARSHOLT

Degree courses also available, find out more here.



JAMES WATSON
LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
University of Portsmouth
University of Plymouth
University of Stirling
Aberystwyth University

INDUSTRY LINKS

Institute of Fishery Management
Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)
British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
British Trout Association
Environment Agency
Wild Trout Trust
Angling Trust

MEET THE EXPERT

"I was a Sparsholt student and after qualifying I worked in fish husbandry, river management and as a fish farmer. My specialist areas are fishery management, warm water and marine aquaculture, fishery mechanisation and cyprinid farming."

FACILITIES

The Aquatic Research and Conservation Centre

Salmonid Rearing and Trials Centre

Coarse Fishing Lake

Electrofishing equipment to take surveys of stock



LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISHERIES AND GAME) - LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the land-based industries (including gamekeeping and fisheries). You will also develop basic estate and habitat management skills and will learn about how to look after game birds, fish and other wildlife.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant keeper
- Game farm assistant
- Conservation worker/volunteer
- Estate worker
- Assistant river keeper
- Aquatics retail

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The course is very practical and involves working on the college estate and at the Game and Wildlife Centre. You'll learn how to operate different types of machinery, power and hand tools. You will also look at topics relating to your specific area of interest, either gamekeeping or fisheries management.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)
Level 2 Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



FRASER
LAND AND WILDLIFE STUDENT (FISH)

"The course is the perfect mix of practical and classroom. My highlight is definitely the practical side. We go out to sites all over the south of England learning about fish in the workplace. With Sparsholt you also have the great opportunity of an industry placement. I'm going to Calverton Fish Farm and this will help me network in the industry and gain contacts for the future."

LAND AND WILDLIFE (FISH)
LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

If you enjoy practical work and have a keen interest in fishing and fishery management this course will give you a broad range of knowledge and skills.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSEs at grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3 or Level 1 qualification and a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

Trout, carp or ornamental fish farms

Sport fisheries

Aquatic retail shops

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

By studying this course you will learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats to encourage healthy fish populations and other wildlife. Through practical teaching you will learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. As a student on the Land and Wildlife (Fish) pathway, you will have a specific focus on both the game and coarse fishing industries acquiring the knowledge and skills you will need. You'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at fish farms, local rivers and stillwater fisheries.

You will also look at aspects of conservation and game keeping. This will give you the foundation knowledge needed to work in the countryside/fisheries industry or progress to the Level 3 Land and Wildlife course.

You'll also put your skills into practice during a work placement, either with an industry-based employer or at the College, which will help you to build up valuable contacts and potentially gain employment.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma/Extended Diploma Land and Wildlife Management

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Fisheries student - Fraser talking about his experience.

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISH) - LEVEL 3

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

This A Level equivalent course will provide you with the knowledge and skills you will need to work safely in the Land and Wildlife industries.

CAREERS

- Assistant fishery or fish farm manager
- Environment Agency technician
- River keeper
- Tackle and bait retail and manufacturing
- Angling coach
- Pond design and building
- Aquatic retail industry
- Research and conservation
- Sport fishery manager
- Aquarium curator

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc in Sport Fisheries and Aquaculture or Marine Ecology and Conservation

BSc (Hons) in Aquaculture and Fishery Management, Marine Biology, Aquatic Biology or Aquatic Zoology

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Through a combination of theory and practical field-based sessions you will learn about the core subjects of ecology and conservation, machinery and estate maintenance. In addition, as a Fisheries student you will also be taught by industry experts covering fishery management; including stillwater and rivers, the angling industry or aquatics management, aquarium systems and exotic animal husbandry. Off-site practicals, external speakers and industry visits will also give you the opportunity to develop valuable industry contacts.

You'll also be expected to undertake a placement within the fishing/fisheries sector giving you the opportunity to build your industry and employment contacts.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4, plus three other GCSEs at grade 4 or a Merit grade at Level 2 with Maths and English at grade 4.

Foundation Studies Programme



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These are specialist programmes designed for students aged 16–24 who need to develop confidence and social skills and may require extra support or time to complete set work within a mainstream environment. Students may have attended a school for those with SEN, have an Education, Health and Care Plan, had learning support at school, or not achieved the grades to move to a vocational Level 1 programme. All of our courses involve working outdoors in all weathers and accessing the whole of the campus.

Courses available:

- Focus on Life Skills
- First Steps to Animal Care
- First Steps to Land-based Studies
- First Steps to Sport and Outdoor Education

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The programmes offer a flexible curriculum that prepares young people for working life, independence and further study. We follow a learner-centred approach, enabling students to take responsibility for their own learning. Foundation Learning programmes are studied at entry level. All timetables include practical vocational sessions, personal and social development, employability skills, on-site work experience and independent living skills. Programmes also include English, Maths and Digital Skills.

Students have access to a wide range of excellent, high-quality vocational experiences, specialist resources and facilities across our campus, giving the opportunity to learn in appropriate contexts. These include the Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre, Farm, Equine Centre, Horticulture facilities and Sports Centre.

Moving into further education can seem a big step but don't worry, the college supports students with transition. This includes meeting the learner, parents, carers, school staff and external agencies to ensure the course is right for each individual. There will also be taster sessions at college enabling learners to understand the next steps. We also support learners to transition out of college into the next phase of their development – further education, work based training, supported or paid employment and/or independent living. Students will take part in a learner-centred review where next steps can be planned.

HOW TO APPLY

Once students have applied to Foundation Learning online using the college website, the college will contact your school and any other professionals you are working with to find out a little more about you. We will then invite you in for an interview where we can discuss the best options for you from our courses and tell you more about what you can expect from the college.

To discuss applying, please email: askfoundation@sparsholt.ac.uk

Focus on Life Skills

The aim of this study programme is for learners with a range of Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) to develop independence and successfully transition into adulthood. The programme aims to provide a differentiated and individualised approach to each learner's programme at college in order to work towards outcomes and aspirations for the future. Learners will learn about all aspects of our curriculum offer, animal care, agriculture and horticulture and will have the opportunity to do lots of practical work experience within the college.

LEARNERS WILL

- Develop communication skills
- Work towards individualised goals
- Develop independent living skills
- Develop employability skills
- Be an active member of the college community
- Have opportunities to try all aspects of the vocational offer

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

No formal entry requirements are needed within Foundation learning. All learners are considered on an individual basis and matched to a course that is best placed to meet their needs, support their outcomes and move them towards their aspirations.Students should have an interest in one of our vocational areas and attend an interview and a taster day as part of their transition.

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

Supported Internships provide an individualised programme of study for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), who want to move into employment and need extra support to do so. The programme has one primary aim which is to: wherever possible support young people to move into paid employment.

A TIMETABLE FOR AN INTERN COULD INCLUDE:

- English and Maths development
- Personal and social development
- Employability skills
- Workplace training
- College Learning Company Students will have a personal tutor to help with job coaching
- Interns will have with a specialist job coach that visits them on their placement

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is available to students who have studied one of our Foundation or Mainstream courses here at the college and have completed a successful work experience. Students will need to be able to get to the work placement on the internship, college will not provide transport to placement.



COLLEGE LEARNING

A one-year study programme where you can develop employability and independence skills through our college learning company, social enterprises run by staff and students here at the college. Students will have a uniform and be expected to conform to work expectations and will be completing practical tasks around the college campus.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is available to students who have studied one of our Foundation or Mainstream courses here at the college and have completed a successful work experience.

PATHWAYS TO...

The aim of this study programme is for learners who may have attended a school or college provision for students with additional learning needs, or attended a mainstream school with an EHCP, to develop skills to successfully transition to another college course or supported/paid work. All of the group sizes are small and have dedicated learning support in the sessions and students are supported to navigate the college both in and out of lessons. Students will develop the personal independence, confidence, skills and knowledge they need to progress to Level 1 in their chosen vocational area or one of our work-based learning courses.

LEARNERS WILL

- Develop English and Maths Skills
- Develop independence skills
- Work towards individualised goals
- Complete a vocational qualification in their chosen area





ENTRY 3 - PATHWAYS TO...

ANIMAL CARE

This study programme provides the ideal introduction to working with animals. You will work towards a City and Guilds accredited qualification that enables the correct practical skills and knowledge for caring for companion animals.

You will learn about the different types of animals within the British Pet Trade and farming industry and carry out a range of practical activities, from cleaning animal housing to walking and exercising dogs and generally learning how to catch and restrain them for health checking and grooming. The course is assessed through practical observations and learners are required to complete knowledge evidence to achieve units.



LAND-BASED STUDIES

If you have an interest in being outside and want to get a job working in agriculture, gardening or landscaping this study programme is for you! This course will teach practical skills that help you to learn basic principles of caring for plants, cutting back hedges, maintaining woodland and looking after livestock. You will get a chance to try out different equipment and develop your practical skills.

SPORT AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

This study programme is designed to provide you with the basic knowledge to prepare you for further study or employment within the sport and outdoor industry. The course will be highly practical with a big emphasis on being active and healthy. As part of the course learners will get to try a variety of different sports and outdoor activities and begin to develop skills such as coaching and teamwork.

To discuss applying, please email:
askfoundation@sparsholt.ac.uk

FOUNDATION LEARNING at SPARSHOLT campus

PROGRESSION ROUTES

All of our study programmes are designed around the preparing for adulthood agenda.

FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS - YEAR 1

A study programme for young people who have attended a specialist SEN School. The focus is on being independent, being part of the local community, being healthy and is all linked to employability skills within the land based sector. There are smaller groups and high staff to student ratio

Need longer to develop your skills?

YEAR 2

Increased transition to life after college, voluntary work, work experience. If relevant, college can help with assessment for adult services.

FIRST STEPS TO ANIMAL CARE

An entry level study programme, for young people who are interested in working with animals. Students have the opportunity to work with a wide range of animals in our specialist facilities. It also includes an internal work experience, English, Maths and digital skills. You are taught in smaller groups with a high staff to student ratio

Need longer to develop your skills?

NEXT STEPS TO ANIMAL CARE

For students who need a bit longer in Foundation. Increased work experience continued vocational practical sessions

Need longer to develop your skills?

PAID WORK VOLUNTEERING SUPPORT FROM ADULT SERVICES

COLLEGE LEARNING COMPANY

A one-year study programme where you can develop employability and independence skills through our college learning companies, social enterprises run by staff and students here at the college

FIRST STEPS TO LAND BASED STUDIES

An entry level study programme, for young people who are interested in working outdoors. Students have the opportunity to learn about horticulture and woodland skills and work across our amazing campus. It also includes an internal work experience, English, Maths and digital skills. You are taught in smaller groups with a high staff to student ratio

FIRST STEPS TO SPORT & OUTDOOR EDUCATION

An entry level study programme, for young people who are interested in working in sport or outdoor education. Students have the opportunity to try a number of practical activities and work across our amazing campus. It also includes work experience, English, Maths and digital skills. You are taught in smaller groups with a high staff to student ratio

LEVEL 1

Vocational Study Programme
1 YEAR

NEXT STEPS TO LAND BASED

For students who need a bit longer in Foundation. Increased work experience continued vocational practical sessions

NEXT STEPS TO SPORT & OUTDOOR

For students who need a bit longer in Foundation. Increased work experience continued vocational practical sessions

Have the appropriate qualifications and found a vocational area you are interested in?

Want to get a job but need extra support? Have an EHCP?

SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

A one year study programme where you are in a workplace 3 days a week training for work

APPRENTICESHIP

Level 2

LEVEL 2

Vocational Study Programme
1 YEAR

Game and Wildlife Management (Land and Wildlife)



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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



Game and Wildlife Management at Sparsholt College has an enviable reputation in the industry as a centre for the training and development of outstanding students, who progress to a successful career in the industry. This success is built on the outstanding facilities that students use, and links with an international network of industry contacts, to develop knowledge and skills that are valued by employers.

Land-Based Studies (Fisheries and Game) Level 1

Land and Wildlife (Game) Level 2 Technical Certificate

Land and Wildlife Management (Game) Level 3

CAREERS

Gamekeeper or Beatkeeper
Wildlife Ranger
Deer Manager/Stalker

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



ROD GREENWOOD
LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
Harper Adams University
Royal Agricultural University

INDUSTRY LINKS

Remington
Raytrade UK Ltd
Spartan Precision Equipment
Promatic International Ltd
Forestry England
Public Health England
The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
Natural England
Zeiss UK Ltd
The National Gamekeepers' Organisation
The British Deer Society
The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)
Shooting Times
Owton's traditional family butchers

MEET THE EXPERT

"I gained a degree in Rural Resource Development and have managed game and wildlife in France, Belgium and the UK before teaching. I am passionate about deer management in the wider landscape and enjoy fly fishing."

FACILITIES

Game and Wildlife Centre

Indoor and Outdoor Rifle Ranges and Clay Shooting site

Game and Deer Larder

Deer and Estate Management

A herd of Sika

Incubators and Hatchers for Game rearing



LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISHERIES & GAME)
LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

During this course you'll develop basic practical skills and receive an introduction and insight into the land-based industries (including gamekeeping and fisheries). You will also develop basic estate and habitat management skills and will learn about how to look after game birds, fish and other wildlife.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above, plus a good reference from your school or college.

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant keeper
- Game farm assistant

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

The course is very practical and involves working on the college estate and at the Game and Wildlife Centre. You'll learn how to operate different types of machinery, power and hand tools. You will also look at topics relating to your specific area of interest, either gamekeeping or fisheries management.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife (Game) or (Fish) or (Countryside)

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping



JOSH,
LAND AND WILDLIFE STUDENT (GAME)

"Being here is a big difference from school because you get to experience what it's like in the workplace and get ready for a job, which will be soon to come. After college I want to ideally become a head keeper on an estate. Sparsholt have really upped my skill levels. I would recommend Sparsholt highly to everyone because it makes you work ready."

LAND AND WILDLIFE (GAME)
LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

By studying this course you will learn about the British countryside and how to safely manage a range of UK habitats for both game species and other wildlife.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Maths and English GCSEs at grade 3, plus two other GCSEs at grade 3 or Level 1 qualification plus a good school or college reference.

CAREERS

- Beatkeeper
- Underkeeper
- Pest controller
- Estate worker

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Through practical teaching you will learn the basics of estate maintenance and land-based machinery. As a student on the Land and Wildlife (Game) pathway, you will also have a specific focus on the Game and Wildlife industry and you will acquire the knowledge and skills you will need to successfully manage wildlife for the benefits of both field sports and conservation. You'll be involved in a range of practical activities both at the College and off-site at local shooting estates, where you'll be working alongside gamekeepers and wildlife managers.

You'll also put your skills into practice during a placement with an industry-based employer, which will help you to build up valuable contacts and potentially gain employment.

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WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma Land and Wildlife Management (Game) or (Countryside)

Apprenticeship in Gamekeeping at Level 3



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Land and Wildlife student - Josh talking about his experience.

LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (GAME) - LEVEL 3

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

This A Level equivalent course will provide you with the knowledge and skills you will need to work safely in the Land and Wildlife industries.

CAREERS

Underkeeper or beatkeeper working on a sporting estate

Wildlife ranger with the Forestry Commission

Deer manager

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Degree courses in Ecology and Rural Estate Management

Level 4 Apprenticeships

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Through a combination of theory and practical field-based sessions you will learn about ecology and conservation, machinery and estate maintenance. In addition, as a Game and Wildlife student you will also be taught by industry experts covering subjects such as game and deer management, firearms and pest and predator control via both practical and theoretical teaching.

Off-site practicals, external speakers and industry visits will also give you the opportunity to develop valuable industry contacts.

You'll also be expected to undertake placements on sporting estates, giving you the opportunity to build your industry and employment contacts.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information.

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 plus three other GCSEs at 4 or Level 2 at Merit with Maths and English at grade 4.

Horticulture



RHS CHELSEA SILVER-GILT MEDAL WINNERS 2022

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With a national reputation for excellence in horticulture and garden design and excellent industry links, Sparsholt will provide you with the valuable knowledge and training to launch you directly into the industry or higher study at university. Our expert teaching team is renowned within the industry, regularly winning Gold Medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Horticulture Level 1

Horticulture Level 2

Horticulture Level 3

CAREERS

Garden Design
Landscaping
Commercial Production
Garden Maintenance

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

University Centre Sparsholt
University of Sheffield
University of Gloucester
Nottingham Brooks University

INDUSTRY LINKS

The Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI)
The Chartered Institute of Horticulture
The National Trust
Association of Professional Landscapers
Thompson & Morgan
Gilbert White's House & Gardens
The GTC & BIGGA
Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
Hillier Nurseries Ltd
The Eden Project
Marwell Wildlife
Hinton Ampner

MEET THE EXPERT

"I have always been interested in plants and their arrangement and work closely with outside organisations, such as Plant Heritage, the RHS and the National Trust, to promote their use. Since 1998 I have co-ordinated the College's display for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, winning 23 medals including nine Gold and six 'Best in Category' awards."

FACILITIES

BBC Gardeners' Question Time garden

Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice

Production polytunnels

Garden design studio

Tropical glasshouse

Laser levels for surveying, hydroponics for use with propagation

National Collection of Hampshire & IOW Apples



HORTICULTURE - LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

This course will give you a practical introduction to horticulture, allowing you to learn and develop the skills needed for employment within the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above/successful completion of an Entry Level course.

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE or Functional Skills if you do not hold sufficient English and Maths qualifications.

CAREERS

Amenity horticulture

Garden centres

Nurseries

Greenkeeping

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Plant identification and science is introduced gradually over the year allowing you to develop knowledge, ready to progress on to Level 2. Units such as Turf Maintenance, Hard Landscaping and Machinery Operations are all introduced at Level 1. A range of visits to support the curriculum will be arranged over the year including Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and National Trust Gardens. You will also take part in work experience across the College grounds.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture/ Landscaping or Greenkeeping



HORTICULTURE
LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

This practical and theory-based course will give you the skills and knowledge needed to progress into a specialised and increasingly sophisticated industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above with Maths and English at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 qualification.

You will be required to work towards Maths or English GCSE if you do not have a grade 4 or above.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping
- Hard landscaping

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will gain knowledge and skills in plant identification, machinery operations and plant establishment and maintenance.

You'll also take part in weekly work experience on the College campus to familiarise yourself with a true working environment. A range of visits to support the curriculum will be arranged over the year including RHS Garden Wisley, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and the National Trust Gardens.

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WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Horticulture

Other Level 2 Technical Qualifications

Find out more about how an industry placement can increase your workplace knowledge – see page 23 for more information.



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Horticulture student - Jessica talking about her experience.

HORTICULTURE - LEVEL 3

TWO YEARS

INDUSTRY PLACEMENT

UCAS POINTS

As previous gold medal winners at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, our students have enormous opportunities open to them, including other competitions such as the Chartered Institute of Horticulture's Young Horticulturalist of the Year.

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Greenkeeping
- Garden design
- Commercial production
- Hard or soft landscaping
- Botanic and heritage gardening
- Science and research
- Therapeutic or social gardening

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

FdSc and BSc courses in Horticulture, Landscape Architecture and Garden Design

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Our students have enormous opportunities open to them and take part in and contribute to high profile shows and competitions wherever possible around curriculum and examination tables. Previous experiences include RHS Chelsea Flower Show and the Young Horticulturalist of the Year.

This course will help you develop the skills, knowledge and understanding needed for progression into the horticulture industry. You will cover aspects of landscaping, amenity and commercial horticulture as well as taking part in 150 hours external placement to develop contacts and gain experience.

Throughout the year you may visit RHS Garden Wisley, National Trust gardens such as Stourhead and local enterprises to immerse yourself in the horticulture industry.

As part of the course you will take part in industry experience at gardens and horticultural organisations such as Hinton Ampner and Marwell Wildlife Park.

This course requires you to complete an industry placement alongside your studies – see page 23 for more information.

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Year 1

Advanced Technical Diploma (540)

Year 2

Advanced Technical Extended Diploma (1080)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 Horticulture at Merit level with GCSE English and Maths grade 4 or above.

Mature students may be considered with alternative qualifications or experience.

JESSICA, HORTICULTURE STUDENT

"The course is so broad and focuses on Horticulture for industry, it opens so many doors. Every day I am able to share what I've learnt at Sparsholt with my family, and I am glad I chose to study something I really like and enjoy."

Motor Vehicle



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Our talented team of staff are all industry trained and therefore ensure you have the practical knowledge and skills to work in the industry or progress to higher level study. The department has achieved outstanding results for the past five years. Level 1 and 2 fitting principles students take part in a 'Top Gear Go-karting' fastest lap challenge throughout the year. The courses and activities will develop personal and life skills, and include a community project helping local charities.

Vehicle Maintenance Level 1

Vehicle Fitting Principles Level 2

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 2

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 3

CAREERS

Service Adviser
Armed Forces
Body Repair Shop
Fast-fit Technician
Parts Adviser

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



FRANK POULSON
LECTURER

INDUSTRY LINKS

Silverstone
Motorparts Direct
Santa Pod Raceway
Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands
Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)

FACILITIES

Three new workshops

Welding and fabrication workshop

Fast-fit tyre and exhaust workshop

Technical testing equipment for use with electric and hybrid cars

MEET THE EXPERT

"My passion for motor vehicles began on a Youth Training Scheme in Cyprus in the late 1980s. I spent 18 years in HM Forces as a Vehicle Mechanic/Instructor in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

I have taught Mechanical Engineering for 10 years in further education. I am committed to passing on my knowledge and skills to enable students to follow their chosen path."



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE LEVEL 1

ONE YEAR

This course is a great starting point for your career in the motor vehicle industry, giving you the chance to use the equipment found in any motor vehicle workshop and learn the basic health and safety needed in the workplace.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSEs at grade 3-1 or above/successful completion of an Entry Level Course.

CAREERS

Fast-fit workshop

Tyre fitting

Body repair centre

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

As well as learning basic driving techniques using the College's dual control car and building and driving go-karts, you'll also have the opportunity to go on trips to Teamsport go-karting, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, Silverstone Education Centre and Moto GP, Mercedes World and MACH Engineering Show.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Fitting Principles

IMI Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

Level 2 Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship



VEHICLE FITTING PRINCIPLES LEVEL 2

ONE YEAR

This course will develop your skills for the fast-fit industry. Alternatively, if you need some time to develop your practical and academic skills, it is also a great grounding for the Level 2 Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles course. As part of the course you'll also take part in some work experience to develop your employability.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, with Maths and English at grade 3 or relevant Level 1 Diploma in Motor Vehicle and minimum of Level 1 Functional skills in English and Maths.

CAREERS

Fast-fit fitter

Semi-Skilled vehicle fitter

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

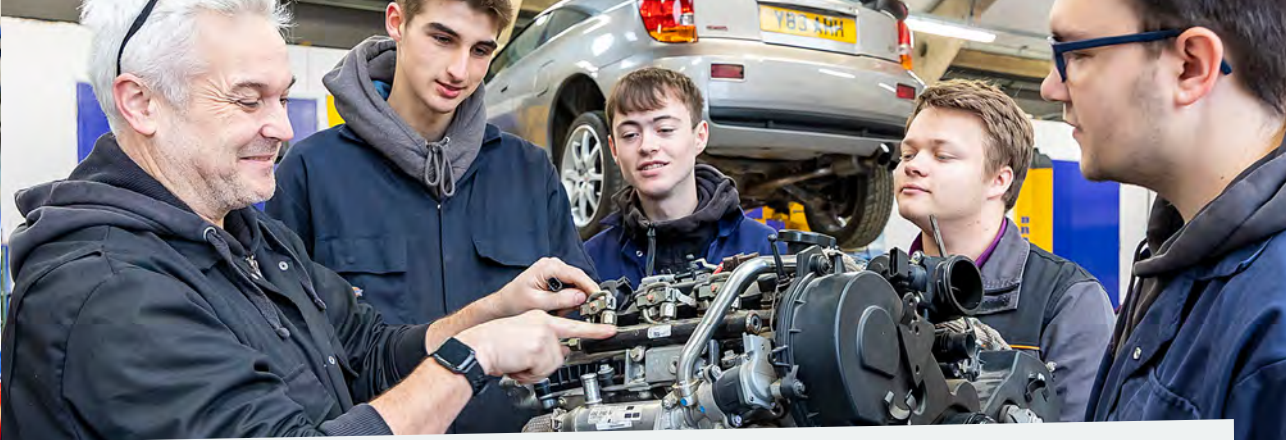
WHAT WILL I LEARN

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Level 2 Maintenance Service and Repair
(with English and Maths GCSE grade C/4 or above)

Level 2 Apprenticeship in Vehicle Fitting- Fast Fit



LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

ONE YEAR

You'll learn to identify light vehicle components, understand component and unit operation, remove, check and refit components and adjust and maintain components and units.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs including Science, Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 Vehicle Fitting Principles plus 4 in English and Maths following resits.

CAREERS

Semi-skilled service technician

Vehicle parts, sales and store keeping

A range of practical skills-based roles using industry standard tools for removing and refitting components

Service Advisor

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles, Level 3 Diploma

Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship



GEMMA,
MOTOR VEHICLE STUDENT

"Our practical lessons show us a realistic work environment and it's good to study the theory of a topic and then put it into use."

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES - LEVEL 3

UCAS POINTS

ONE YEAR

This course covers the theory part of the Advanced Apprenticeship in Light Vehicle Service and Repair and is a mix of theory and practical work.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 2 IMI Diploma in Vehicle Service and Repair Principles (or other awarding body equivalent qualification)/relevant industry experience and English and Maths at grade 4.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll study the understanding, diagnosis and repair of light vehicle system faults. Our dedicated industry staff work with our students to achieve results consistently above the national average and encourage a real team spirit. You'll take part in trips and visits to places such as World Rally Championships in Wales, Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, MACH Engineering Show and Beaulieu Motor Museum to broaden your knowledge of the industry ready for employment.

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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.

CAREERS

Semi-skilled service technician

Service adviser

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Higher Education: Level 4 Motor Sport Courses

Light Vehicle Apprenticeship



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Motor Vehicle student - Mark talking about his experience.

Outdoor Adventure



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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



Passionate about outdoor adventure?
So are we! On our career-focused courses you'll be getting prepared for your future in this exciting industry with a wide range of practical learning experiences using our modern facilities and equipment, whilst learning the theoretical knowledge needed from our expert tutors. Our strong relationships with employers in the industry will give you an edge when it comes to finding your dream job in the sector.

Extended Certificate In Sport BTEC Level 2

Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3

CAREERS

- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Water Sports/Paddle Board Instructor
- Rescue Services
- University



SCOTT FANCOURT
LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Oxford Brookes University
University of Bath
Cardiff Metropolitan University
University of Loughborough
Southampton Solent University

INDUSTRY LINKS

The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)
British Canoe Union
Institute of Outdoor Learning
Andover Town Football Club

MEET THE EXPERT

"As a previous Sparsholt student, I went on to represent Great Britain in canoe polo. I am a keen kayaker and enjoy winter mountaineering. I worked at the QE2 Activity Centre with children and adults with additional needs and am passionate about passing on my knowledge and expertise."

FACILITIES

Indoor Sports Centre

Large purpose-built indoor climbing wall

High quality fully equipped fitness suite and exercise studio

Low ropes course for leadership training and instruction

Exclusive access to on-site and local lakes for kayaking and canoeing



SPORT - BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

This course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of sport and provides the opportunity to progress on to our different Level 3 courses, or directly on to employment, as well as enjoying all the industry standard facilities of our state-of-the-art Sports Centre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3, Maths and English at grade 3, Level 1 Diploma or equivalent at grade Merit.

CAREERS

- Leisure Assistant
- Sports Coaching
- Uniformed Protective Services
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Gym Instructor

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Whilst studying on this course you will learn the underpinning knowledge of anatomy and physiology, principles of fitness training and exercise programme writing along with performance analysis. You will explore concepts involved in sports psychology and apply different sports performance skills and technique in team and individual sports.

This course also has a unique addition of outdoor adventure activities subjects to include water and land-based sports from kayaking to climbing and mountain biking, community coaching projects and much more.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

CHARLOTTE,
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE GRADUATE

"I learnt many skills on the course, from Climbing and Canoeing qualifications to simple everyday tools such as how to engage and talk to participants from age 3-83. I now work in an Outdoor Nursery, so I use my people skills and love for the outdoors all the time."



SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

UCAS POINTS

This is a career-focused qualification with industry endorsement and accreditation, most notably from the Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL), which will allow you to enter employment directly into the outdoor activities sector. There are many transferable skills learned in adventure training appropriate for the emergency services and armed forces.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Assistant Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Centre Manager
- Water Sports Instructor
- Paddle Sport Instructor
- Armed Forces and Emergency Services

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Throughout the course you will learn both water-based and land-based sporting disciplines, where you will master the practical skills, application and theories of climbing, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing, amongst others.

Your first year of study will develop the personal skills required for water-based and land-based sports, to include a strong focus on health and safety factors involved in outdoor learning. The second year focuses on the applied leadership aspect of each sport, instructing participant groups from local secondary schools. Practical industry experience is essential and in the second year you will carry out an extended industry work placement on a seasonal paid contract as an Assistant Instructor, potentially leading to further training and employment.

As part of the course you will take part in trips and expeditions to North Wales, South Wales and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Study at University at FdSc or BA/BSc (Hons) level.

Popular degree choices:
Adventure Education and Facilitation
Outdoor and Adventure Education
Leisure Management
Outdoor Adventure and Environment
Water Sports Management
Outdoor Adventure Leadership and Management
Sports Coaching and Development



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Outdoor Adventure Student - Phoebe talking about her experience.

Sport



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for full list of topics covered, any optional additional qualifications and much more.



Set within 450 acres of Hampshire countryside, the Sparsholt sports department provides outstanding facilities for high standards of learning. The sport and fitness industry is a dynamic and fast growing sector, with a wide and innovative range of career paths becoming available every year. From participating in a variety of sport and fitness activities, to learning about anatomy, physiology and the psychology of sport, our purpose-built Sports Centre provides the ideal learning space.

Extended Certificate In Sport BTEC Level 2

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3

Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Level 3

CAREERS

Gym Instructor progressing to Personal Trainer
Multi-Sport Coach
Professional Athlete
Physiotherapist
University

FOUNDATION



SAMANTHA VOKES
CURRICULUM LEADER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Oxford Brookes University
University of Bath
Cardiff Metropolitan University
University of Loughborough
Southampton Solent University

INDUSTRY LINKS

The Chelsea Football Club Foundation
The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)
Sport England
UK Anti-Doping (UKAD)
Andover Town Football Club

MEET THE EXPERT

"I have played in the FA Premier League for Southampton WFC as a right back/centre back depending on the team's tactical system, so am very up-to-date with the professional game. I had a season in management when injured in 2016, managing Southampton Women's Reserves in an undefeated season and winning the side promotion to the Southern Regional Division."

FACILITIES

Indoor Sports Centre with modern spacious sports hall

High quality fully equipped fitness suite and exercise studio

High quality football pitches and training areas

Modern gym equipment



SPORT - BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

ONE YEAR

This course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of sport and provides the opportunity to progress on to our different Level 3 courses, or directly on to employment, as well as enjoying all the industry standard facilities of our state-of-the-art Sports Centre.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3, Maths and English at grade 3, Level 1 Diploma or equivalent at grade Merit.

CAREERS

- Leisure Assistant
- Sports Coaching
- Uniformed Protective Services
- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Gym Instructor

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

Whilst studying on this course you will learn the underpinning knowledge of anatomy and physiology, principles of fitness training and exercise programme writing along with performance analysis. You will explore concepts involved in sports psychology and apply different sports performance skills and technique in team and individual sports.

This course also has a unique addition of outdoor adventure activities subjects to include water and land-based sports from kayaking to climbing and mountain biking, community coaching projects and much more.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

SPORT, FITNESS AND PERSONAL TRAINING

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

UCAS POINTS

Taught in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre by dedicated industry professionals, you will gain a detailed knowledge of the sports and fitness industry. This course has been developed in line with the CIMSPA standard of Gym Instructor and Personal Trainer. This means you will leave us employment ready to take on the fitness industry.

CAREERS

- Gym Instructor/Personal Trainer
- Sports Physiologist
- Exercise Class Instructor
- Sports Therapy
- Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Sports Rehabilitation

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Study at University at FdSc or BA/BSc (Hons) level.

Popular degree choices:

Sports Rehabilitation
Strength and Conditioning
Exercise and Fitness Management
Applied Sports Science
Nutrition and Exercise Science

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

The subjects allow you to develop technical skills in working with clients in a gym environment, carrying out gym inductions and leading small-group-based exercise, supported by underpinning knowledge of the body and specific populations.

You will work with talented athletes training on our other sports programmes, devising fitness programmes, advising on injuries, nutrition, and performance enhancement techniques to develop your knowledge of real clients when working in industry situations, and you will also have the opportunity to take part in trips. The course involves a mix of theory and practice relating to sport, fitness, leisure and personal training. You will also benefit from work experience, visits to local fitness centres and guest speakers, as well as the opportunity to run your own sporting events. This qualification also offers UCAS tariff points for those aspiring to go on to a degree course.

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.



FITNESS PATHWAY

An added extra of studying on the Sport, Fitness and Personal Training level 3 course is that you become part of our Fitness Programme where you will receive a wider range of fitness industry experiences. Our industry expert, Jo Todd, will lead you through a catalogue of fitness training practices to include:

CrossFit
Les Mills Fitness Classes
Circuits
Step
Indoor cycling
Kettle bells
Boogie bounce and much more

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths and English or Level 2 Diploma at Merit Level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.



ZOE,
SPORT STUDENT

"Through the course we get to coach a range of different students and there's a good balance between the practical and theory sides. The facilities are great. Being at Sparsholt feels like being part of a family."

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SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

UCAS POINTS

This is a career-focused qualification with industry endorsement and accreditation. It enables you to develop underpinning knowledge, to gain experience as a coach and to build skills to impact positively on sports development programmes.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English or Level 2 Diploma at Merit Level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 or above in English and Maths.

CAREERS

- Semi-Professional football
- Careers in Coaching
- University
- Scholarships in USA
- Employment in the Sports and Leisure Industry
- Sports Development
- Health Practitioner

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The qualification is endorsed by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA), who have confirmed that the qualification is fully mapped to its professional standards of 'Coach' and 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children'. Taught in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre by dedicated industry professionals, you will gain a detailed knowledge of the sports and recreation industry.

On completion of this course each learner will become a qualified sports coach and will have mastered specific skills in improving a participant's experience of sport and physical activity by providing specialised support and guidance aligned to their individual needs. You will learn how to lead the planning, preparation, delivery, continuous evaluation and review of a series of sport and/or physical activity sessions. The course involves a mix of theory and practice relating to sport, coaching and development. You will also benefit from work experience, visits to local sport and recreation centres and guest speakers, as well as the opportunity to run your own sporting events.

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Study at University at FdSc or BA/BSc (Hons) level.

Popular degree choices:

Sports, Coaching and Physical Education
Football Studies
Performance Analysis
Sport and Exercise Psychology
Sport and Exercise Science
Sports Strength and Conditioning



VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt Sport Student - Aidan talking about his experience.

SPARSHOLT COLLEGE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Our esteemed Academy invites talented football players, throughout the UK and overseas, to be a part of a fantastic football programme, alongside their studies on a leading Sports course. Across the Girls' and Boys' Football Academies, students on our programme will have a wealth of opportunities to progress their career within this ever-growing industry, in association with one of the country's leading Charitable programmes.

Sparsholt College Football Academy has collaborated with the Chelsea Football Club Foundation – the charitable arm of Chelsea Football Club that empowers communities and individuals to achieve their goals through football.

MALE FOOTBALL ACADEMY PATHWAY

An added extra of studying the Sports courses with us is that you become part of our respected Sparsholt College Football Academy Programme. We recognise that players develop at different times and as a result have a tiered programme for players of all abilities. Our coaches regularly evaluate performance, giving a target to improve individual performance and move into the next tier.

All players train at least three times per week and play in a comprehensive match programme. Our teams compete in the following leagues and competitions: National Football Youth League under 19's, National League Youth Alliance, Hampshire Colleges' Football League, FA Youth Cup, Hants Midweek Floodlit Cup and English Colleges' Cup.

CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION: SPARSHOLT SQUAD - MALE

This new exciting association brings a new wealth of opportunities, including:

Represent CFCF: Sparsholt in the Chelsea FC Cobham Cup, held annually at the Chelsea FC Training complex in Cobham

Take part in training sessions held at the Chelsea FC Training Complex in Cobham

Access to CFC Academy fixtures throughout the season

Opportunities to visit the Chelsea FC Stamford Bridge Stadium

Take their first steps in Coach Education courses delivered by the FA

Players qualified to a minimum FA Level 1 coaching in football standard during their time at the college will be able to access the CFCF Employment pathway

Players employed by Chelsea FC will have the opportunity to build their coaching experience working, locally, nationally and internationally

GIRLS' FOOTBALL ACADEMY PATHWAY

An added extra of studying a Sports course with us, you'll become part of our Girls' Football Academy. We work closely with a number of local football clubs to ensure your progression up the football leagues, with the opportunity to play in the Association of Colleges' Ladies' Futsal League and the Super 7s College League.

The Academy also boasts links to American universities where scholarships can be offered for players seeking international playing experiences. Training will focus around our playing style and philosophy, technique and skills application, performance video analysis and strength and conditioning training – all at our state-of-the-art Sports Centre.



FOUNDATION

CHELSEA FC FOUNDATION: SPARSHOLT SQUAD - GIRLS

This new exciting association brings a new wealth of opportunities, including:

Train 3 times a week

Play competitive fixtures Wednesdays Enrolment into the British College 11's League

Compete in the National Futsal League

Represent CFCF: Sparsholt Women's Football Academy in national competitions

Take part in training sessions held at the Chelsea FC Training Complex in Cobham

Access to CFC Women's 1st team fixtures throughout the season

Opportunities to visit Chelsea FC's Stamford Bridge Stadium

Take their first steps in Coach Education courses delivered by the FA

Players qualified to a minimum FA Level 1 coaching in football standard during their time at the college will be able to access the CFCF Employment pathway

Players employed by Chelsea FC will have the opportunity to build their coaching experience working, locally, nationally and internationally

All academy players will be issued with CFC Training kit and match wear

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Sparsholt College's Development Squad is for talented young footballers aged 16–19 to develop their footballing potential alongside gaining national qualifications in sport at Levels 1–3. Players in the Development Squad have the opportunity to play in the National League Youth Alliance.

COLLEGE FIRST TEAM

This programme allows players to train in a high quality, competitive environment and play at the highest level of college football in Hampshire. There are opportunities for players to progress into the Sparsholt Development Squad and to attach to external clubs for weekend football to develop further.

COLLEGE SECOND TEAM

Most of our College Second Team will take part in college football as well as gaining all the benefits of a full-time training environment.

For international students, full FA/ FIFA international clearance will be required prior to playing in FA-registered matches.

Uniformed Protective Services



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Committed to a uniformed protective services career? So are we! On our career-focused courses you'll be getting prepared for your future in this exciting industry with a wide range of practical learning experiences using our modern facilities and equipment, whilst learning the theoretical knowledge needed from our expert tutors.

Our strong relationships with employers in the industry will give you an edge when it comes to finding your dream job in the sector.

Public Services BTEC Level 2

Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3

CAREERS

- Emergency services
- Armed forces
- Third sector roles
- Prison service
- Security services



ANTHONY TEW
CURRICULUM LEADER

MEET THE EXPERT

"I am the Public Services Curriculum Leader, delivering both Level 2 and 3 courses, and the Troop Commander of the Cadet Force. I have been a teacher since leaving the armed forces in 2012 (Sgt in the Royal Engineers (EOD) Reserves). I love the outdoors and am a Bear Grylls Survival Instructor."

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Oxford Brookes University
University of Bath
Cardiff Metropolitan University
University of Loughborough
Southampton Solent University

INDUSTRY LINKS

Armed Forces
Emergency Services
Hampshire Constabulary
Hampshire Fire and Rescue

FACILITIES

Indoor Sports Centre

Large purpose-built indoor climbing wall

High quality fully equipped fitness suite and exercise studio

Low ropes course for leadership training and instruction

Exclusive access to on-site and local lakes for kayaking and canoeing



PUBLIC SERVICES
- BTEC LEVEL 2

ONE YEAR

This new and exciting BTEC course covers the practical and theoretical aspects of the Uniformed Public Services and provides the opportunity to progress on to our different Level 3 courses, or directly on to employment, as well as enjoying all the industry standard facilities of our state-of-the-art Sports Centre, including our climbing wall.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3, Maths and English at grade 3, Level 1 Diploma or equivalent at grade Merit.

CAREERS

Uniformed Protective Services

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WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will learn the underpinning knowledge of the different roles and work of the public services. This course boasts fantastic enrichment opportunities, with visits to local blue light and military services.

You will also experience physical preparation for entry requirements into the different public services as well as full access to the on-site gym to ensure your health, wellbeing and personal fitness is maintained.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

Sport, Fitness and Personal Training BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Sport and Outdoor Activities BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

Uniformed Protective Services BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES
BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

TWO YEARS

UCAS POINTS

This course will effectively prepare you for application and career success in the Uniformed Protective Services. You will increase your knowledge, skills, level of fitness and discipline ready for a career in the uniformed protective services or the private sector.

CAREERS

Fire and Rescue Service

Armed Forces (British Army/Royal Navy/Royal Air Force)

HM Prison Service

Customs/Border Control

Rescue Services

Policing

Criminology

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This course encompasses a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and sports based units, as well as a wide variety of protective services subjects. You will be involved in, and exposed to, a range of activities that will support your development and progression to employment or Higher Education, including extra-curricular trips to Bournemouth Airport Training Facility for anti-terrorist combat training, as well as meeting a variety of Protective Service employees to aid you in successful application to your chosen service.

The course involves a mix of theory, exams and practices relating to different uniformed protective services. You will also benefit from visits to local fire stations, 999 call centres and police training events along with guest speakers. This qualification offers UCAS tariff points for those aspiring to go on to a degree course.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT

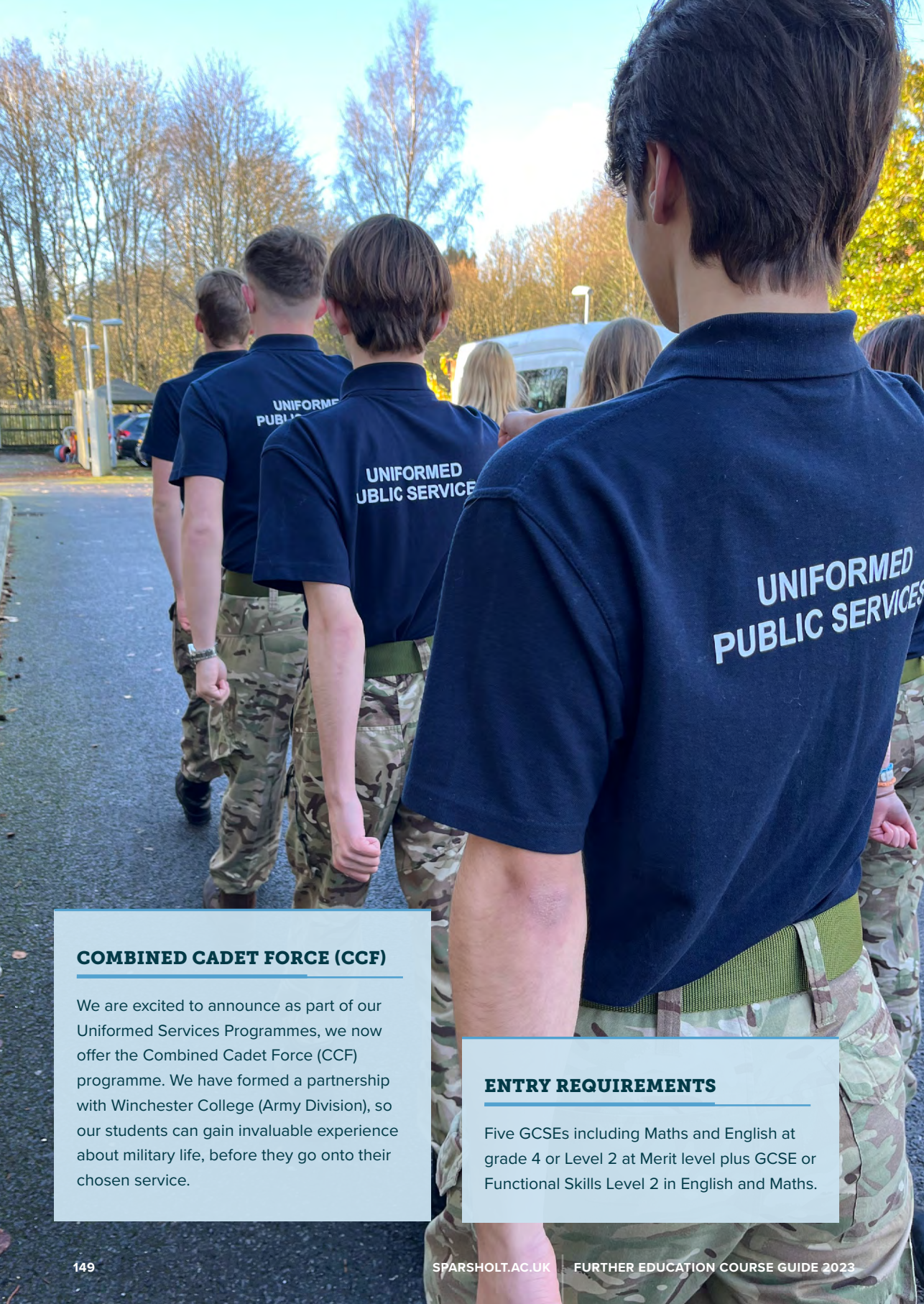
Degree (BSc) or Foundation Degree (FdSc) courses
BSc Police Studies
BSc Criminology/Forensics
Officer Training in the Armed Forces
Enlistment into the Uniformed Protective Services

This course gives you **UCAS** tariff points towards entry to University.

Combined Cadet Force

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COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

We are excited to announce as part of our Uniformed Services Programmes, we now offer the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) programme. We have formed a partnership with Winchester College (Army Division), so our students can gain invaluable experience about military life, before they go onto their chosen service.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs including Maths and English at grade 4 or Level 2 at Merit level plus GCSE or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Maths.

Money Matters



COURSE FEES

UNDER 19?

No tuition fees! If you're under 19 on 31 August in the year you start your course and are a UK resident, you won't need to pay tuition fees or examination fees for your course. Depending on your household income, you may also be able to get help towards travel, accommodation, essential equipment or childcare costs.
See our Financial Support section on page 152 for more details.

OVER 19? LOOKING TO STUDY AT LEVEL 2 OR BELOW?

Fees usually apply, but you may be eligible for free tuition, depending on the course you want to study, your existing qualifications and your financial circumstances – please contact us for more information on **01962 797280.**

LOOKING TO STUDY AT LEVEL 3?

Get ahead with an Advanced Learner Loan. Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Tuition fees may apply

Student Visa may be required

If you have not been normally resident in the UK for three years before the start of your course of studies, you will need to pay international fees. Sparsholt College Hampshire is on the UK government's Register of Education and Training Providers and has Highly Trusted Sponsor status. Our Sponsor Licence Number (SLN) is G0J84DCF3.

For information about visa requirements and international study at Sparsholt visit sparsholt.ac.uk/international or email international@sparsholt.ac.uk

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PAYMENT

This payment contributes towards the many extra-curricular activities offered by the College and is payable by all students, whether paying tuition and examination fees or not. As a guide, the payment for 2019–20 was £89. A one-off higher payment of approximately £550 applies to our Outdoor Adventure course due to the nature of their course activities, which include trips and expeditions to North Wales, South Wales and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes.

PAYMENT OF FEES

Fees are payable at or before enrolment, or through our interest free instalment plan. To find out more call 01962 797280.

REFUNDS

In normal circumstances, you will not be eligible for a refund of your fees if you withdraw from your course before you complete it. If payment is made by instalments, any outstanding amounts will continue to be taken.

TALK TO US FIRST

If you are experiencing financial difficulty that may force you to withdraw your application to your chosen course please discuss your situation with the Student Funding team before making any decisions, call **01962 797267**.





All course information is correct at time of print. However, changes may take place throughout the year and the website will hold the most up-to-date information. The College reserves the right to change or amend a course as necessary. If you require this guide in an alternative format, please contact us.

Financial support



RESIDENTIAL BURSARY

This helps towards accommodation costs for students who need to live on-site because they are not on a travel route. If eligible, your accommodation costs will be reduced by the amount of funding awarded to you*. You can also pay the remaining balance in monthly instalments. Generally, to qualify, you need to be living in college accommodation or have moved into rented accommodation in the area in order to study with us. There must not be similar local provision within 15 miles of your home.

***For example, if you are a 16 year old and your household income is under £32,960, you could receive a discount of up to £4,000 on accommodation costs – or up to £4,500 if your household income is under £25,750.**



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There is a range of funding available to help you attend college. After applying for your course, you can apply for funding as part of your registration process.

We will ask about your household income – including all forms of benefits except Disability Living Allowance, PIP or Child Benefit – and ask you to supply supporting documents such as P60s, wage slips, tax credit notices or self-assessment accounts.

For further information please see below or contact our Student Funding team on 01962 797267 or student.funding@sparsholt.ac.uk



FREE COLLEGE MEALS

If you're aged 16–18 (or 19–24 and with a Learning Difficulty Assessment and Education, Health and Care Plan) and you or your parents already receive certain benefits, you could also be eligible for free college meals.

To check your eligibility and find out more, please visit Hampshire County Council's website: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/freeschoolmeals/furthereducation

16–18 BURSARY FUND

If you're 16–18 and in care, a care leaver, or are in receipt of Income Support and support yourself or any dependents financially, or receive both Employment Support Allowance (ESA) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA), you may be eligible for a bursary of up to £1,200 to help you meet the costs of coming to college.



CHILDCARE SUPPORT

If you're under 20 and have a child you may be eligible for help with Ofsted-registered childcare and some other college-related costs through the Care to Learn scheme.

Further details can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/caretolearn or from the National Careers Service. If you're 20 or over and have a household income of less than £32,960 childcare support may be available from the College's Support to Study Funds mentioned below.



SUPPORT TO STUDY BURSARY

We provide a discretionary fund for learners that do not meet the criteria for the 16-18 Bursary Fund or are aged over 19. If your household income is under £32,960 the College's Support to Study Bursary may be able to help with the costs of travel, books, equipment or any other cost which may make it difficult for you to attend college.

You could receive up to 100% off transport costs, as well as being able to pay the remaining balance on a monthly basis. If your household income is under £25,750 you may be eligible for the transport cost to be fully covered by the fund. The income threshold of £32,960 is increased by £1,648 for each dependent child living in the same house as the bursary applicant.

Please note: Financial limits may be subject to change by Student Finance England and/or the College Group.


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GET AHEAD WITH AN ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

Advanced Learner Loan

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS

NO UPFRONT FEES

IMPROVE YOUR CAREER OPTIONS

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit sparsholt.ac.uk and search Advanced Learner Loans or call 01962 797280.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply to college as normal. Once you receive an offer letter complete a loan application at: gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan

If you are 19 or over and thinking of improving your career options you can cover the cost of tuition fees with an Advanced Learner Loan. Repayments don't begin until you finish the course and are earning at least £27,295.

This loan can fund many Level 3 and 4 courses, including Access courses, Diplomas, Extended Diplomas and Advanced and Higher Apprenticeships.

Loan eligibility doesn't depend on your income, there are no upfront fees or credit checks. What's more, if you complete an Access to HE Diploma and then go on to complete a degree you will have your Advanced Learner Loan written off.

How to find us

TRANSPORT

Students travel to Sparsholt from across the region, so we aim to make the journey as easy and cost effective as possible.

We'll help you find the best way to get into College, whether you're getting the train from Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton, Basingstoke or Portsmouth or the bus from across Hampshire and the county borders.

Please check the map below for your nearest location. If you need further information please contact our Transport team on **01962 797346** / **transport@sparsholt.ac.uk** or visit **sparsholt.ac.uk/transport**

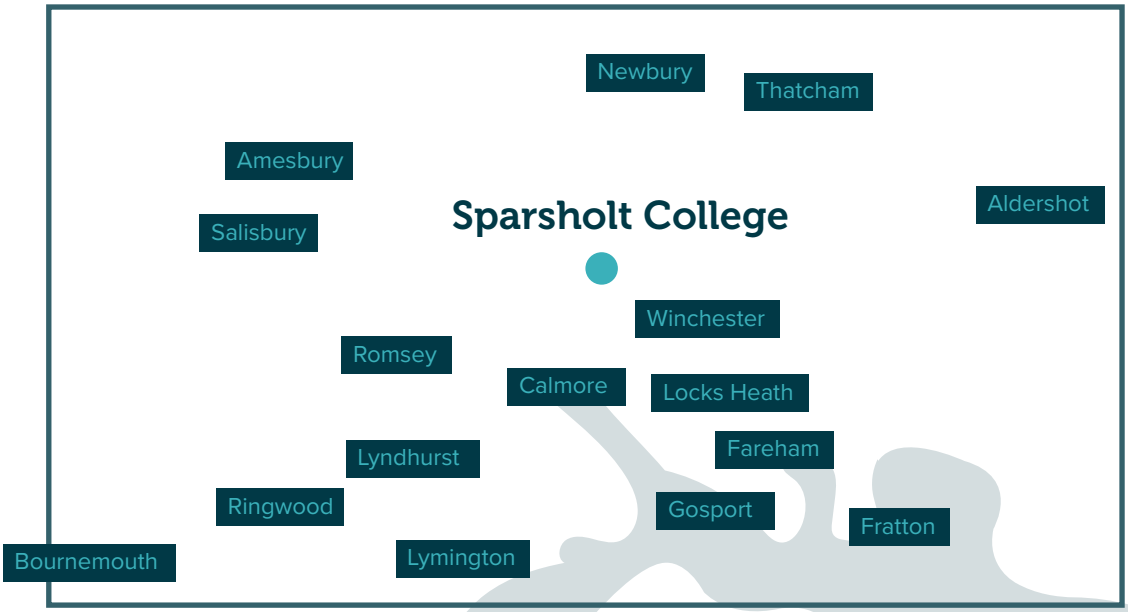
If you live further away, find out about our Ofsted 'Outstanding' accommodation, and residential bursaries are also available **see more information on page 152.**

CAMPUS BUS TRAVEL

We offer a range of options including Campus Bus Travel, which is our private fleet of buses that will pick up from the areas below. For those not on the campus bus routes, there are public transport options with train and connecting buses straight to campus.

We offer a range of passes which enable you to pay for your travel effectively including a combined bus and train pass. Payment for bus passes can be spread over nine months by card instalments at no extra cost. An initial deposit payment is required on application.

There is parking on campus for registered vehicles.





HELP TOWARDS TRANSPORT COSTS FOR STUDENTS

Don't forget that the College may be able to offer free or reduced cost travel!

If your household income is under £32,960 you could receive up to 100% off transport costs from the Support to Study Bursary fund, as well as being able to pay the remaining balance on a monthly basis.

If your household income is under £25,750, transport costs on public and campus buses are also covered by the Support to Study Bursary fund.

After applying for your course, you'll automatically be sent information on how to apply for funding as part of the registration process.

OUR OPEN EVENTS

Saturday 8 October 2022

Saturday 12 November 2022

Saturday 4 February 2023

Saturday 4 March 2023

Wednesday 3 May 2023

Thursday 15 June 2023

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