



Steps to Professional Courses - Academic (Level 1)

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Foundation Learning
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	CFP-TF1C-1200

Course Overview

This course is designed for learners who are interested in developing knowledge and skills in business and enterprise, with a clear progression route into further academic study such as GCSEs and higher level study. It combines practical learning with theoretical understanding to support both vocational and academic development.

Students will work towards an Open Awards Level 1 qualification in Skills for Further Learning and Employment, following a Business and Enterprise pathway. This may include units such as Introduction to Business, Enterprise Skills, Customer Service, Marketing and Promotion, Teamwork Skills, and Planning a Business Project.

Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 2 or above including English and Maths

What You Will Learn

Learning takes place in a range of settings, including classrooms and enterprise environments. Lessons are designed to be engaging and structured, helping learners to develop both practical business skills and the academic skills needed for progression. Students will explore how businesses operate, develop ideas, and take part in enterprise projects where they can plan, promote, and evaluate their own business concepts.

Alongside business knowledge, learners will develop key academic skills such as communication, research, presentation, and critical thinking. These are essential for progression onto GCSE and higher-level qualifications. Students will also build confidence in written work, discussions, and presenting ideas-supporting their readiness for more formal academic courses.

Assessment

Continual independent project-based learning is evidenced through practical application of vocational specific presentations, portfolios of evidence, speaking and listening and group discussion. Vocational learning within the subject area provides evidence of independent research, critical evaluation and development of transferrable skills, such as teamwork, communication, resilience and problem solving.

Progression

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto GCSE programmes, or other academic pathways, and careers in areas such as business management, marketing, finance, and entrepreneurship.

Career Options

Higher study in education settings

Mandatory Units

Developing Own Interpersonal Skills

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