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Steps to Vocational Specialism - Horticulture (Entry 3)

Location	Cheadle College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Foundation Learning
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	CFP-TFEC-1700

Course Overview

Qualification: Open Awards Skills for Further Learning and Employment -Horticulture Pathway

This course is designed for students who are interested in developing skills in horticulture and working outdoors. It combines practical, hands-on learning with real-life experiences to help build confidence, independence, and employability skills.

Course Requirements

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

What You Will Learn

Students will work towards an Open Awards qualification in Skills for Further Learning and Employment, following a Horticulture pathway. This may include units such as Planting and Growing, Caring for Plants, Maintaining Outdoor Spaces, Using Tools and Equipment Safely, and Understanding Health and Safety in a Land-Based Environment.

Learning takes place in a range of settings, including outdoor growing areas, gardens, classrooms, and within the local community. Lessons are practical and engaging, allowing learners to develop their skills at their own pace. Students will take part in activities such as planting seeds, maintaining flower beds, watering, weeding, and learning how to care for different types of plants.

Alongside practical learning, students will develop communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills through group activities and project work. Learners may take part in maintaining shared garden spaces or producing plants and vegetables, helping them gain insight into real-life horticulture tasks.

Throughout the course, learners will develop important life skills such as confidence, responsibility, organisation, and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team, skills that are essential for future education, employment, and everyday life. On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto Level 1 Horticulture or Land-Based courses, apprenticeships, supported internships, or pathways into employment within gardening, landscaping, and environmental sectors.

Assessment

Continual 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 curriculum department provides evidence of transferrable skills, such as communication, teamwork, resilience and customer care.

Progression

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress onto higher-level study programmes, supported internships, or pathways into employment and independent living.

Career Options

Gardening assistant
Grounds maintenance worker
Nursery worker
Landscape operative
Greenhouse or allotment worker

Mandatory Units

Personal Action Planning

Contact Details

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