



WEYMOUTH
COLLEGE



KINGSTON
MAURWARD
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Foundation Studies in West Dorset



Do you want to develop your confidence, learn how to become more independent and improve your communication skills?

Would you like to progress to another college study programme or move into employment?

Then you should find out a little more about Foundation Studies.

At Weymouth College and Kingston Maurward College our Foundation Studies centres offer a safe and nurturing learning experience for those students who require additional support or may have special educational needs.



Weymouth College

Everybody is unique here at Weymouth College and we like to celebrate that and support learners in making decisions about how they want to live their lives.

The College is at the heart of the local community and we encourage our students to work towards making a positive contribution to that community.

We offer students the opportunity to build their confidence, explore their potential, make new friends and develop their living and work skills whilst gaining recognised qualifications.

Our range of Foundation Studies courses will help students to prepare for other courses in the College or the move into employment. We will help you develop your skills and confidence so you feel ready to take the next step.

Students learn in a safe and friendly environment and will be supported every step of the way by our experienced and dedicated Foundation Studies team.

At Weymouth College we're committed to helping our students succeed and have invested in dedicated facilities to aid students' learning and development.



Our Campus Facilities Include:

- garden centre and horticultural training area
- modern classrooms
- computer suite
- large toilet, shower and hoist accessible for wheelchair users
- a range of independent living facilities including: four kitchen stations and a bedroom area for learning and general housekeeping
- sensory garden - designed and planted by students
- sensory and quiet room with calming light and sound effects for time-out or just some peace

Plus...

- our unique Fleet Shop and Lounge Deli - both operated on a commercial basis by our Foundation Studies students - which offer an on-site and hands-on introduction to the work environment in a supported setting



Weymouth College Courses

The courses at Weymouth College have been designed to provide many varied options to suit each student's specific needs.

The College will create an individual study programme and timetable totally directed to each student's particular needs and goals.

We will work closely with students, schools and parents or carers to ensure that we are able to offer you the exact level of individual support you need.

By choosing to study at Weymouth College, students can be confident that they will have access to all of the support and facilities they need to achieve their goals.



Tyler's Story

Tyler came to study Life Skills at Weymouth College and passed a Diploma in Personal Development. He progressed through Routes into College and Work - and is now ready to develop his work skills. Tyler has just enrolled on a supported internship at the College and is looking forward to starting a work placement.

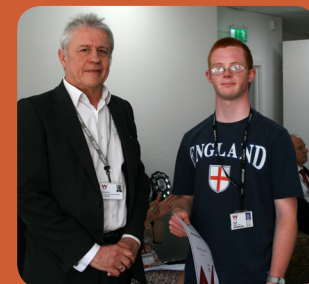
Pandy's Story

Pandy started college in 2016 as a Routes into student. In her first year she also completed ESOL (Entry 3 - Level 2) and received the College's student of the year award. Pandy has now completed Level 1 in Skills for Employment, Training and Development and Level 2 in Business. In September she will start her Level 3 Business Management and hopes then to go to university.



"Foundation Learning is a core element of our course offering here at Weymouth College and it is important that our students and their supporters can easily access all the information they need about our courses and pathways - talking fully and openly about those options with the staff who will be working with them on an everyday basis. We will continue to work to offer the right course, the right access, the right level of support and the right advice for every student in Dorset to ensure that - as they prepare for adulthood - their time at college is the most enjoyable, supported and productive it can be."

Nigel Evans - Principal & Chief Executive, Weymouth College



Weymouth College - Our Courses

Take a look at the courses available:

LIFE SKILLS NOCN AWARD IN INDEPENDENT LIVING - RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - ENTRY LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3

For students with learning difficulties who are ready to take the next steps towards being more independent and contributing positively to their local community.

ROUTES INTO COLLEGE AND WORK - ENTRY LEVEL 3

Settle into college and study for an Entry Level 3 course or develop employability skills to prepare for work. Our courses offer students access to many areas of the cross college curriculum including music, dance, drama, catering and horticulture. This course will prepare you to progress onto a Level 1 course, a supported internship or follow your individual pathways to employment, independent living, good health, friends, relationships or community.

NEW DIRECTIONS - LEVEL 1

Improve your qualifications and progress onto a vocational course at college or get ready for employment.

We also offer:

ROUTES INTO EMPLOYMENT - SUPPORTED INTERNSHIPS - LEVEL 1

Develop your existing skills and learn new ones whilst gaining valuable experience through a supported work placement in the community. Previous students have progressed to traineeships and taken up employment locally.

ROUTES INTO COURSES LEVEL 1

Routes into (Level 1) courses are offered across a range of vocational areas. Upon successful completion of your programme, you may progress to a Level 2 course, an apprenticeship or employment.

Level 1 Routes into courses include:

- Art • Dance and Drama • Hairdressing • ICT and Media
- Sport and Public Services • Horticulture, Retail and Floristry
- Music • Business • Health and Social Care • Travel and Tourism

For full details of the Weymouth College range of courses visit: www.weymouth.ac.uk/subjects/foundation-studies



KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE

Kingston Maurward College adopts an individual approach in the teaching of each student whilst creating a safe and nurturing environment for them to thrive in. The experienced and friendly team is dedicated to teaching students essential social and practical skills in a wide range of subjects, helping students to progress into further study and employment.

Our courses:

Introduction to Skills for Working Life - E2

Certificate in Skills for Working Life - E3

Practical Skills Development

Certificate in Employability and Personal Development

Level 1 Routes Into courses include:

Agriculture | Welding, Fabrication & Blacksmithing | Animal Welfare & Science

Countryside & Environment Management | Equine Studies

Horticulture & Plant Science | Construction | Outdoor Adventure



KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE

Students attending Foundation Learning courses have their own centre based in the heart of the Kingston Maurward College campus.

The Greys Loft Centre is specifically for Foundation Learning students and offers a safe and welcoming environment. Experienced staff are always available at Greys Loft and all classes start from there. We have 1:1 rooms, a common room, dining room and kitchen as well as two large IT suites and a dedicated life skills

classroom. Support can be individually provided depending on each student's needs and can include 1:1 teaching assistant support, specialist learning support, speech and language therapy as well as emotional literacy. Lunch and break time supervision is available if required.



CASE STUDIES

KINGSTON MAURWARD COLLEGE

MERCEDES

Level 4 Floristry student Mercedes has a blossoming career in floristry ahead of her. From 16, Mercedes spent three years with the Kingston Maurward's Foundation Learning department, followed by a Level 1 Diploma in Horticulture, then Levels 2 and 3 in Floristry, culminating in the Level 4. She credits the 'amazing' Foundation Learning tutors and her fellow students for bringing her out of her shell, giving her confidence to grow and progress to the Level 4 diploma she is currently studying. She said: "I would say to anyone to go to College because you don't know what might happen in future; like me, it could lead to what you want to do! Give it a go and try your best – there's lots of support from tutors and students – and I've made some amazing friends for life."



LEWIS

Lewis completed Entry Level 2 Introduction to Skills for Working Life, including Functional Skills maths and English. The course has enabled him to increase his practical skills for his CV and self-confidence. Lewis has now progressed to Entry Level 3 Certificate in Skills for Working Life and would like to specialise in Animal Care, in order to fulfil his dream of working with animals on a farm.

He said: "Come to Kingston Maurward, it's a fantastic college! Lessons are really interesting, my tutors are really supportive - they explain things so I can understand. Like me, you can have a great time learning practical skills that can help you build your self-confidence, and achieve a qualification that will lead to future employment in an industry you love."



"Foundation Learning provides genuinely life-changing experiences for students at Kingston Maurward College. They grow in confidence and progress in their independence, life skills, and wider understanding of the world, preparing them for life beyond college. Social enterprise is a core part of students' experience with us, working in the glasshouses preparing plants and other products for sale. Our students work together and build a strong team ethic, which helps them understand how to work with other people."

Luke Rake, Principal and CEO of Kingston Maurward College



Travel and Transport

Both Weymouth College and Kingston Maurward College provide coach and minibus services including:

- travel buddies/bus buddies
- coaches for students who travel from East Dorset (including Wareham, Swanage, Poole, Bournemouth, Christchurch)
- minibus services for students who live north of Dorchester (including villages)
- dedicated bus service for students travelling from Beaminster and Bridport

Travel Assistance - for more information and guidance on transport please contact www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/childrens/sen-disability/transport

For full information on our travel routes please contact:

www.weymouth.ac.uk/studying-with-us/travel-transport
transport@weymouth.ac.uk or

www.kmc.ac.uk/student-life/transport/

jason.hughes@kmc.ac.uk - Transport and Admissions Manager, Kingston Maurward - 01305 215032

The details are correct at the time of printing and may be subject to change.



Support and Communication

Communication between parents, guardians or carers and college is a two-way street and is vital in order for a student to succeed.

Students will learn in a safe and friendly environment and will be supported every step of the way by our experienced and dedicated Foundation Learning teams.

We pride ourselves on working closely with students, parents, carers and schools, to ensure we are able to offer the best support for everyone.

Students with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will have an annual review to make sure you are making progress towards your outcomes.

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The Local Offer in Dorset

All local authorities provide a single point where you can access information on support and services available for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) or for those who have a concern that a child or young person might have a disability or SEN.

The Local Offer in Dorset provides details on the skills and support available - in education, health and social care - for young people aged 0-25 years with special educational needs or disabilities across our area.

At Kingston Maurward College and Weymouth College we are committed to working with the local authority to ensure that the right course structure and services are in place for those students who require additional support.

For full details on all the support available across Dorset please visit
www.dorsetforyou.com/local-offer
01305 221066
familyinfo@dorsetcc.gov.uk



What Do I Do Now?

Come along to one of our College Open Days.

You'll find details at:

kmc.ac.uk/open-mornings/

weymouth.ac.uk/register-open-day/

If you prefer, contact the College to come in, have a look around and talk to us about your individual needs

Apply online and we will contact you to come in and see us

Talk to your school - we offer a programme of taster sessions and link courses to introduce you to College life

We look forward to meeting you!



Getting Ready

Making a Transition Plan

Leaving School



College Just Ahead

Life skills New directions
Routes into college & work
Routes into employment
Routes into courses
College courses
Apprenticeships

- Aspirations
- Employment
- Training
- Experiences



Weymouth College Open Days

Saturday 6th October 2018
Thursday 8th November 2018
Monday 4th February 2019
Saturday 8th June 2019



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Kingston Maurward Open Mornings

Sunday 23rd September 2018
Sunday 14th October 2018
Sunday 18th November 2018
Sunday 9th December 2018
Sunday 20th January 2019
Sunday 17th March 2019
Sunday 28th April 2019
Sunday 9th June 2019



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