



LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

A group of young people, likely students, are walking outdoors on a path surrounded by lush greenery and trees with autumn-colored leaves. They are wearing dark blue hoodies and green lanyards with ID badges. The focus is on two students in the foreground, with others slightly blurred in the background.

WHERE AMAZING FUTURES BEGIN

Welcome to Sparsholt College — a place where ambition, innovation and opportunity come together.

Here, you will learn in outstanding specialist facilities, supported by expert staff and inspired by significant ongoing investment in the spaces, resources and emerging technologies that shape the industries of the future. Our practical, hands-on approach brings learning to life, helping you build the knowledge, confidence and skills to make a real difference in the world around you. Whether your passion lies in science, sustainability, technical innovation or caring for people, places and the planet, your studies will connect you to work that addresses some of today's most critical global challenges — from domestic food security and environmental sustainability to health and wellbeing. Along the way, you will discover new strengths, build lasting friendships and gain the confidence to shape a successful and purposeful future.

JULIE MILBURN

PRINCIPAL AND CEO

15 COURSE
AREAS

OVER
600
ANIMALS

CONNECTED
TO
OVER
3,000
EMPLOYERS

400 RESIDENTIAL
STUDENTS

147 TEACHING STAFF

125+
YEARS OF
OPERATION

183
HECTARE
CAMPUS

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COLLEGE VINEYARD



SUSTAINABILITY IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

This prospectus is printed on FSC certified paper by a carbon balanced UK printer, using vegan-friendly inks. We have also reduced the number of copies printed. This publication is fully recyclable.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

Sparsholt students get to experience new technologies and environments with so many activities and visits.



Silver-Gilt Medal for 'Washday Hues' at RHS Chelsea Flower Show!

This exciting accolade is Sparsholt College's eighth Silver-Gilt medal adding to the collection of ten Gold medals, four Silver Lindley medals, two silver medals and three Bronze medals, alongside seven 'Best in Category' awards.

The 2026 garden is designed by Sparsholt's multiple-medal-winning-team including several full-time and part-time mature horticulture learners.



Congratulations to Sparsholt alumna Emelia O'Connell

Emelia was Highly Commended at the 2026 Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgrE) Awards for her project comparing the economic, environmental and social contrasts between small family-run and commercial dairy farms.



Success at the @schoffelcountry Countryside Awards!

Land and Wildlife alumnus, Tom Hilder, has been named as the winner of Rising Star award at the inaugural @schoffelcountry Countryside Awards in partnership with @gamewildlifeconservationtrust



A day at the races!

Our Equine students made their way to Newbury Racecourse to be flag bearers for the prestigious Coral Gold Cup 2025! This was a fantastic opportunity for the students to be at the heart of such a famous event and gain valuable real-life experience.



A nother incredible year at the Land-Based and Environmental Learner Awards!

Four Sparsholt students were nominated, with Ollie Harrison winning FE Learner of the Year in the Aquaculture and Fishery Management category, a fantastic achievement for our community!



O ur T Level students had the opportunity to observe a dog hydrotherapy treadmill session in action.

Guided by our expert staff, students were talked through each stage of the procedure, gaining a clear understanding of how hydrotherapy sessions are safely and effectively delivered. This included essential pre-session checks such as monitoring the dog's pulse, assessing muscle condition, and observing signs of tension or stress before beginning the treatment.

WE ALSO LOVE TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR ALUMNI AND SHARE WHERE THEY ARE NOW!

Check out our map on the next page for some of their recent destinations.

BUILDING AMBITIOUS FUTURES

Our Alumni go on to a wide variety of great careers and top universities, some of which are featured below.

BIOVETERINARY SCIENCE

University of Chester

PE TEACHER

Thorn Grove School

VETERINARY NURSING

Aberystwyth University

MARINE SCIENCE

University of Exeter

Hillier Nurseries

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Plymouth Marjon University

MARINE BIOLOGY

University of Plymouth

TANK ENGINEER

British Army

AGRICULTURE

Newcastle University

FOOTBALL BUSINESS AND FINANCE

UCFB

SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

DEFRA, Animal and
Plant Health Agency

FISHERIES

BIAZA

VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SCIENCE

University of Surrey

WILDLIFE RESCUE

HART

OUTDOOR INSTRUCTOR

Camp America

Agriculture, Applied Zoo
Science, Veterinary Nursing
Science, Marine Ecology
& Conservation, Wildlife
Ecology & Conservation,
Equestrian Performance
& Business Management

UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT

RIDING INSTRUCTOR

Pinkmead Farm Equestrian Centre

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

University of Portsmouth

BIOLOGIST

Wickham Micro Limited

DISCOVER OUR DIFFERENCE 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
3 OCTOBER 2026**

**SATURDAY
7 NOVEMBER 2026**

**SATURDAY
6 FEBRUARY 2027**

**SATURDAY
6 MARCH 2027**

**WEDNESDAY
28 APRIL 2027**

**THURSDAY
10 JUNE 2027**





126 hectare farm including dairy, beef, sheep, pigs and arable enterprises

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

Game and Wildlife Centre

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

In-house sawmill and tractor training centre

One hectare lake

Salmonid Rearing and Nutrition Trials Centre

Industry-standard Veterinary Nursing Training Centre

Indoor and outdoor Rifle Ranges

Sika Deer Herd plus ancient semi-natural woodland and chalk grassland

Wellbeing Team and Support Hub

College shop and restaurants around campus

Student Accommodation – rated 'Outstanding' again by Ofsted in 2025

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

Four football pitches



NEW Robotic dairy
and AgriTech Centre

Library and DigiHub with
specialist print and online
resources, excellent IT
facilities and knowledgeable
staff who are on hand to
support with your studies

Vertical Farming
Centre

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

Animal Health and Welfare
Research Centre, opened by HRH
The Princess Royal, with BIAZA
zoo licence, home of the National
Zoo Academy and nationally
recognised for its collection

Engineering Centre

Specialist
laboratories
and equipment

NEW

UCS Science &
Research Centre

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

Plentiful free
onsite parking

EXPLORE SPARSHOLT

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

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE
LATEST EVENT INFORMATION**



SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK

for further information, dates and times of our
upcoming Open Events and to book your place.

**FOUNDATION LEARNING
OPEN EVENT**

If you're looking for our specialist
Foundation Learning open event
scan here to book your place.



Residential Services



PREPARING YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL 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 start thinking about what interests you and any careers ideas you may have.

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 where you can **VISIT** our beautiful campus for yourself and meet our expert tutors and students! Find out more at sparsholt.ac.uk



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



It's easy to **APPLY ONLINE** 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).



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.



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



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.



PROGRESS COACHES provide ongoing support throughout your course, to help you advance your career goals.



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



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!



GET IN TOUCH WE'RE HERE TO HELP

ACCOMMODATION

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accommodation@sparsholt.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS

01962 797280
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01962 797267
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LEARNING SUPPORT

01962 797211
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TRANSPORT

01962 797346
transport@sparsholt.ac.uk

WELLBEING

01962 797274
wellbeings@sparsholt.ac.uk

EXAMS ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

EAAS@sparsholt.ac.uk



THE COUNTRYSIDE IS YOUR CLASSROOM

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.

LIVE AND LEARN IN OUR ON-SITE ACCOMMODATION

Each year around 400 students make our on-site accommodation their home.

Our residential provision was rated as 'OUTSTANDING' by Ofsted in our last inspection, 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/the-college/accommodation for more information on fees and the financial support available to help towards accommodation costs; bursaries are also available.

CATERING ON CAMPUS

Pick from a full range of sandwiches and snacks or get a takeaway Costa at our shop.

Our 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.

SO MUCH SPACE FOR LIFE

FANTASTIC FACILITIES

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!

THE PERFECT LOCATION

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 151 for information about fees and eligibility.



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IT'S A GREAT
COMMUNITY,
EVERYONE IS
REALLY FRIENDLY
AND LIVING
ON SITE IS A
GOOD WAY TO
GET A BIT OF
INDEPENDENCE.



STUDY+ IS WHAT MAKES YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME UNIQUE TO YOU!

IT CAN INCLUDE:

- Any extra qualifications that are offered in your programme area
- Access to UniFrog
- The Colleges Tutorial Programme (CTP)
- Any societies you may join or run including the Student Government
- Trips and Events
- Maths & English skills
- Becoming a Student Ambassador
- College-wide events



Through Study+ you could meet new friends, build your confidence, further your current interests or develop new ones.

Whatever your interests there's something for you. You could explore your future with career workshops and university trips, get active with some sport, express your creativity in our photography society, or learn a new skill such as British Sign Language or by joining the Student Government.



GET INVOLVED

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+ programme!

EXPERIENCE FOR LIFE

Throughout the year there is also a programme of student events, from Freshers Fair in the autumn term through to Pride in the summer.

We celebrate equality, diversity and inclusion with our mental health and disability awareness events as well as enjoying amazing foods at our Multicultural Food Festival.

Students are encouraged to get involved and our Student Association are always looking for charities to fundraise for. There are regular party nights held in our student bar as well as the Freshers and Summer Balls.





SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

STUDENT WELLBEING TEAM

Starting college and studying subjects you are passionate about is an exciting step - but we understand it can also feel challenging at times. Everyone's experiences are different, and sometimes things outside of college can affect how you feel, learn, and engage.

At our college, your wellbeing matters. Our Student Wellbeing Team provides a safe, welcoming, and non-judgemental space where you can feel known, valued, and supported.

Our team includes wellbeing practitioners, a counsellor, and a nurse who work alongside you to understand your individual needs. We take a compassionate, student-centred approach, recognising your strengths and giving you choice and control over the support you receive. We aim to build trusting relationships and work in partnership with you, helping you to develop confidence and resilience, equipping you with the skills to manage challenges now and in the future.

The Student Wellbeing Team offers support and information across a range of areas, including:

Emotional health and wellbeing

Support for care experienced young people

Support for young adult carers

Support for service children

Wellness Recovery Action Planning (WRAP)



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 wellbeing@sparsholt.ac.uk for further details.



If you are a looked after child, care leaver, young carer, young parent, LGBTQIA+ or GRT please let us know. Wellbeing can check in with you during transition and be a point of contact for you once studying.

If you have a diagnosed mental health condition or learning difference, please complete the Next Steps form we will send you after application in as much detail as possible. This forms a plan that is shared with the teaching team, so that you can come to college and achieve your chosen qualification.

We have a college nurse on site offering a daily clinic for our residents and care plans for those with complex medical needs, as well as a counselling service and a dedicated careers team.

SUPPORT TO SUCCESS

KNOWN – VALUED – SUPPORTED

Every learner is **KNOWN**

Understood as an individual and their needs identified

Every learner is **VALUED**

Respected, represented and celebrated within our community

Every learner is **SUPPORTED**

Through the team around the student

OUR INCLUSION PROMISE

We are committed to creating a college where everyone belongs. In line with our Sparsholt values we want to ensure that Equity, Diversity and Inclusion are at the heart of what we do. Our Inclusion Promise sets out how we will make that happen, together.



We promise to **KNOW YOU**

Understand your strengths, ambitions and support needs.



We promise to **LISTEN TO YOU**

Act on your feedback and involve you in shaping our College.



We promise to **VALUE YOU**

Respect who you are and celebrate difference.



We promise to **REPRESENT YOU**

Reflect diversity in our curriculum and community.



We promise to **SUPPORT YOU**

Provide clear, accessible academic, pastoral and wellbeing support.



We promise to **KEEP YOU SAFE**

Maintain strong safeguarding and a culture of respect.

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 role also offers extensive support for Higher Education, employment and social welfare.

SUPPORT HUB

Our Support Hub is a one stop shop for students. Our wellbeing space is located on the ground floor, with learning support upstairs.

The Hub contains 1:1 rooms, lounges and dedicated computer areas. You can also find support from our college nurse, our college counsellors, and Exam Access Arrangements. It is a safe, peaceful space.

WELLBEING: QUICK TIPS

CONNECT

Stay in touch with people who support you. Talk things through – you don't have to handle everything alone.

RECHARGE

Take breaks and make time for things you enjoy. Switch off from screens when you need to rest and find a sleep routine that works for you.

GROW

Focus on your progress, not perfection be kind to yourself - everyone's path is different Celebrate your wins, big or small.

LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

Eat regularly and stay hydrated.
Listen to what your body and mind need.





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

An inclusive teaching plan

We also work closely with a variety of different partner agencies to ensure the best experience for our students. If you have an EHCP, we are here to help you make a smooth transition to college.

Come and visit us at an open event and invite one of our team to your Annual Review so we can talk to you about the support we are able to offer.

If you would like further information please contact: **EHCPsparsholt@sparsholt.ac.uk**

AIM HIGH WITH EXPERT CAREERS SUPPORT

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:

University preparation days

Employer and industry insight talks

Careers-themed Futures, Choices and Insights weeks

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 a 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 POD during one of our designated drop-in sessions. In terms of online resources, students have access to the Pathways Career platform, and the Careers information pages on our intranet.



SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK
for more information



STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO STATE-OF-THE-ART CAREERS TECHNOLOGIES

This includes 360-degree virtual careers tours of workplaces using VR headsets, a careers map that explores careers in virtual reality, an AI Careers Bot to give quick and easy access to careers information and advice, plus immersive learning spaces to explore careers in real-life 3D environments.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Many mature students choose Sparsholt 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.

DEVELOP YOUR WORKPLACE SKILLS



WITH OUR INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

Whether you will be undertaking one of our T Level qualifications or a Foundation T Level course, full-time students aged 16–18 will complete a mandatory industry placement(s) or a shorter-term block of work experience with a relevant external employer or voluntary organisation to complement your studies. This will provide you with opportunities to:

Apply the knowledge learned at college to the workplace

Improve your 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 and/or full-time employment with your employer once you have completed your time with us.

For learners studying a T Level qualification you will undertake an industry placement and complete a minimum amount of time in industry alongside your college studies as part of your course requirement in order to develop effective workplace skills. The normal placement model is one dedicated placement day per week, as a part of your weekly timetable across both academic years. Where employers can support this, you can also utilise weekends and holiday periods to achieve the minimum placement hours required for your course.

For students completing block-week placements, you will be given time in your college calendar to complete the awarding body hours requirement for your course. Industry Placement and Curriculum staff will be here to support you from start to finish, with a combination of onsite placement visits and classroom sessions through the year to monitor progress with your placement activity and the logging and recording of your hours and experiences. Get ahead of the rest and get your industry placement sorted before you start your course with us!





**FOR MORE
INFORMATION GO TO
[SPARSHOLT.AC.UK](https://sparsholt.ac.uk)**

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

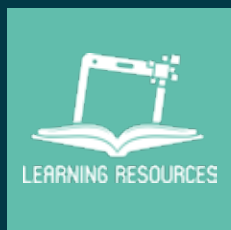
T-LEVELS

**LOOK OUT FOR
THIS SYMBOL ON
COURSE PAGES!**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO
[SPARSHOLT.AC.UK/T-LEVELS](https://sparsholt.ac.uk/t-levels)**





CUTTING-EDGE LEARNING RESOURCES

The Library holds a wide range of high-quality resources to assist you with your studies, including specialist books and magazines, eBooks and online journals.

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are available to help you find the most suitable resources, and can deliver bespoke workshops or individual support sessions. You can use one of our drop-in computers for research, enjoy our group work area or focus on your work in an individual study space.





Our state-of-the-art XR suite enables students to experience and engage with a range of environments using extended reality.

Students benefit from a continuously updated purpose-built suite of resources tailor-made to suit their course and enhance their learning. The XR suite can virtually transport learners into the middle of a jungle or deep under the sea, enabling them to work collaboratively with their peers to solve problems – such as piecing together the parts of a skeleton – and much more.

Our DigiHub is an innovative, dedicated space designed to support students and staff to develop their digital skills ready for the future, preparing them for an ever-changing digital landscape with workshops, demonstrations and one-to-one bespoke sessions.

Based in the Library, 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.

YOUR TECH TOOLKIT

Our online resources can be accessed 24/7, on and off-campus, with one simple login. Our Library and DigiEd teams can also support you with password resets and other IT queries.



MICROSOFT 365

Your Virtual Learning Environment includes Microsoft Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneDrive and so much more. Microsoft 365 is packed with accessibility features and learning tools to enhance teaching and learning.



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.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT LEVEL

Please check individual courses for entry requirements.

LEVEL 3

T LEVEL – 2 YEARS – SUITABLE FOR 16–19 SCHOOL LEAVERS

Leads to: University or employment.

ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA – 2 YEARS

Leads to: University or employment including apprenticeships.

LEVEL 2

WORK-BASED DIPLOMA – 1 YEAR

Leads to: Employment or apprenticeship.

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Leads to: Employment, T Level course or apprenticeship.

LEVEL 1

CERTIFICATE – 1 YEAR

Leads to: Employment, Level 2 course or apprenticeship.

FOUNDATION LEARNING

These are specialist programmes designed for students aged 16–24 with special educational needs (SEN) who respond best within a smaller group and may require extra support or time to complete set work within a mainstream environment.

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

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 as part of your main programme of study. For more information, please see pages 82–83.

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

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

T Level overall grade	UCAS Points	A Level
Distinction* – (A* on the core and distinction in the occupational specialism)	168	A* A* A*
Distinction	144	AAA
Merit	120	BBB
Pass – C or above on core section	96	CCC
Pass – D or E on core section	72	DDD
City & Guilds L3 Advanced Technical Ext Diploma	UCAS Points [†]	A Level
Distinction*	112–168	A* A*/A* A* A*
Distinction	96–144	A A/A A A
Merit	64–96	C C/C C C C
Pass	32–48	E E/E E E

[†] The number of UCAS points you can gain depends on which Diploma pathway you take.

**LOOK OUT
FOR THIS ICON
ON RELEVANT
COURSE PAGES**



**TALK TO OUR
CAREERS
TEAM TO FIND
OUT MORE**



Inspired by nature, driven by *discovery*

**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 as well as Higher Apprenticeships so you can go much further than you think at Sparsholt. Our degrees are validated by the prestigious University of Portsmouth (UoP) and our BSCs offer an optional additional one year industry placement (sandwich year).

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 ucsparsholt.ac.uk



As a previous student I was already familiar with Sparsholt's campus, and I knew the class sizes would allow for more personalised learning. The open days reinforced my decision, as the staff, lecturers and senior team were welcoming, supportive and clearly committed to providing a high-quality learning experience. These factors made UCS the ideal place to continue my education.



Michael

BSc (Hons) Agriculture



Degrees at Sparsholt

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

Equestrian Science and Performance Management

- FdSc and BSc (Hons) Equestrian Performance and Business Management
- BSc (Hons) Equine Science & Welfare
- MSc Equine Behaviour, Performance and Training

Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Studies

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

Veterinary Nursing Science

- FdSc Veterinary Nursing Science

Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

- FdSc and BSc Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Apprenticeships

- Veterinary Nursing Level 3
- Assistant Farm Manager Level 4
- Countryside Ranger Level 4



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for full list of specialist degree courses and further information about University Centre Sparsholt.

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UNLEASH YOUR AWESOME



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 3,000 employers across a vast range of different industries.



LEVEL 2

Animal Care and Welfare Assistant

Arborist

Butcher

Countryside Worker

Dog Groomer

General Farm Worker

Horticulture Operative

Landscape Construction Operative

Golf Greenkeeper

Sports Turf Operative

Underkeeper

COMING SOON – Thatcher

LEVEL 3

Advanced Sports Turf Technician

Crop Technician

Keeper and Aquarist

Metal Fabricator

Veterinary Nurse

COMING SOON – Laboratory Technician

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

Assistant Farm Manager Level 4

Countryside Ranger Level 4

Learning & Skills Teacher Level 5

COMING SOON - Ordnance Munitions
Explosives Technician Level 4



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for more information

We also offer a range of exciting Apprenticeships at our Andover campus.

For more information, please visit andover.ac.uk

LEVEL 2

- Accounts/Finance Assistant
- Adult Care Worker
- Autocare Technician
- Early Years Practitioner
- General Welder
- **COMING SOON**
Engineering Operative
- Lead Adult Care Worker
- Metal Fabricator
- Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician
- Safeguarding Support Officer
- Senior Healthcare Support Worker
- Teaching Assistant

LEVEL 3

- Assistant Accountant
- Business Administrator
- Early Years Educator
- Installation Electrician/
Maintenance Electrician
- Early Years Lead Practitioner Level 5
- Learning & Skills Teacher Level 5
- Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician Level 4

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIPS

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

 apprenticeships@sparsholt.ac.uk

 **01962 797526**

ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION DIPLOMA

LAND-BASED STUDIES OR VETERINARY SCIENCE

Our two Access to HE courses offer a great platform for mature learners to gain the skills and qualifications needed to continue onto land-based or veterinary sciences degrees in the future.

A variety of topics will support you moving forward into Higher Education and ensure you have a well-rounded knowledge and understanding of the disciplines prior to progressing onto your chosen degree pathway.

DURATION

One year

WHAT MAKES THESE COURSES UNIQUE?

Gain a real feel for Higher Education, building confidence alongside industry and academic connections as well as time to select the right degree course for you.

Give Learn vital skills to support your transition into Higher Education, such as referencing and other integral academic competencies.

Taught by University Centre Sparsholt's industry specialists within Higher Education, you'll also enjoy full access to our state-of-the-art facilities.



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for full information on courses, facilities and much more.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Land-based course: includes elements of biology and chemistry along with the study skills needed to study at Higher Education level, as well as a specialised research unit tailored to your individual interests and a work placement. In addition to the core subjects shown you can choose an optional Animal, Ecology or Equine unit.

Veterinary science course: provides you with the knowledge and skills to embark on a specialist course in the veterinary science sector. You'll gain in-depth core skills in chemistry and biology alongside study skills to develop your understanding of critical thinking, self-reflection and communication, plus dedicated units relating to the role and regulation of the veterinarian and a veterinary-based research project.

Land-based modules:

- Biology
- Introduction to Chemistry
- Land-Based Industry Research Project
- HE Study Skills
- Business
- Land-Based Skills

Veterinary science modules

- Biology
- Chemistry
- HE Study Skills
- Critical Thinking and Communication Skills
- Animal Handling and Client Communication
- Role and Regulation of a Veterinarian
- Veterinary Science Research Project



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

You'll gain valuable preparation for Higher Education through a variety of assessment methods such as academic posters, presentations and seminars, reports, essays, portfolios and time constrained assessments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have GCSEs at grade 4/C or Level 2 Functional Skills in both Maths and English. Our courses are respected and widely recognised for access onto land-based or veterinary degrees in the UK. Most students will progress on to a land-based, veterinary nursing or veterinary science degree, either at University Centre Sparsholt or elsewhere. Most learners are aged 19 or above at the start of the course, however entry at 18 may be possible – please contact the admissions team for more details.

WHERE CAN I GO FROM HERE?

This course gives you UCAS tariff points for entry to University and – subject to meeting entry requirements* – will enable you to progress onto a variety of relevant degree pathways. For those taking the land-based option, these may include animal management, sciences and zoo biology, equine sciences, performance and business management, marine conservation, wildlife ecology conservation, agriculture, aquaculture and veterinary nursing, whilst those choosing the veterinary science pathway would be looking to study subjects such as veterinary nursing, veterinary medicine or other veterinary or science degrees.

Complete a full Level 3 qualification with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses, subject to Admissions Terms & Conditions – for full details, go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

A work placement period is embedded into the course to support gaining industry connections, networking opportunities and guidance around degree progression to suit career aspirations. The work placement period also allows learners wanting to progress onto veterinary courses the opportunity to gain in practice experience alongside meeting the relevant entry requirements for their degree progression.

How our graduates are shaping the future:

Gaining skills needed to be successful undergraduate students, our learners typically progress onto their chosen degree pathways after completing this course.

*For example, please note that if you wish to study a veterinary nursing degree, the RCVS requires 5 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above including English and Maths in addition to the Access course.

AGRICULTURE & AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

Join us and learn all about modern farming techniques for the next generation, alongside hands-on experience on our onsite commercial farm with arable/livestock enterprises and engineering 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

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 2

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING LEVEL 3

**AGRICULTURE, LAND MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION T LEVEL:
LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION, CROP PRODUCTION AND LAND-BASED
ENGINEERING PATHWAYS**

CAREERS

- Farm Manager
- Agricultural Retail and Merchandise
- Skilled Machinery Operator
- Stock Person
- Instructor/Lecturer
- Agronomist
- Agricultural Contractor
- Livestock Nutritionist
- AI Technician



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Degree courses
also available, find
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Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available

**SHORT COURSES
ALSO AVAILABLE**

**STUDENT USING ONE OF FOUR
FULL SCALE MACHINERY SIMULATORS
TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND
PRECISION IN A SAFE, INCLUSIVE
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

**ALL ROUND
VISION**

**REALISTIC SCENARIOS TO
MASTER INDUSTRY SKILLS**

**LEARN TO OPERATE
TRACTORS,
TELEHANDLERS
AND COMBINE
HARVESTERS AS
WELL AS MACHINERY
ATTACHMENTS**



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for full information on courses,
facilities and much more.

**FULLY IMMERSIVE
DRIVING POSITION
AND CONTROLS**



MEET THE EXPERT



Having previously studied at Sparsholt, I found myself deeply inspired by the dedication and knowledge of the Agriculture staff. Their guidance lit a fire in me – to pursue a career in mixed farm management and that dream became a reality, shaping my professional life for many years farming in Hampshire.

Later I spent 16 fulfilling years farming in France. Each chapter of my journey has been rooted in a commitment to animal welfare and excellence in Agriculture and now life has brought me full circle, having returned to Sparsholt as a teacher. My aim is to help all learners unlock their full potential and thrive within our incredible industry.

GLENN PUDE

CURRICULUM LEADER



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

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

INDUSTRY LINKS

- Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE)
- Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)
- National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB)
- Tenant Farmers Association (TFA)
- National Farmers' Union (NFU)
- Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI)
- Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)
- RSPCA Assured farms
- Red Tractor – Assured Food Standards



AGRITECH FACILITIES

Wide range of state-of-the-art facilities including Robotic Milking Parlour and Agritech Centre built specifically for the T Level in Agriculture, Environment and Animal Care qualification. New dairy area includes:

- Brand new DeLaval Robotic parlour
- Brand new DeLaval conventional parlour
- Newly constructed beef barn with fixed handling unit
- New AgriTech centre including wet labs, VR rooms and interactive classrooms
- Brand new RAPPA mobile sheep handling unit and livestock trailer
- 4 full spec machinery simulators including combine, tractor and telehandler options
- Fully interactive virtual reality room
- A variety of bovine, ovine and injection simulators
- A variety of new tractors, machinery and equipment



AGRICULTURE LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA

This is an introduction into mixed farming. 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.

DURATION

One year

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 and estate skills. We'll also work with you to improve your Maths and English skills if necessary to increase your future course and career options.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Agriculture
- Apprenticeship in Agriculture

CAREERS

- Working with livestock on a farm
- Working on an arable farm
- Tractor driving



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AGRICULTURE

LEVEL 2

WORK-BASED DIPLOMA

This qualification emphasises practical, on-the-job training, enabling you to develop essential industry skills and knowledge or to progress to further study.

Units are assessed through workbooks and assignments and a multiple-choice exam, and you'll also complete a 2-week external work placement.

DURATION One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will have the opportunity to develop the skills which form part of your overall assessments, gaining hands-on experience with farm livestock and arable operations. Topics covered include safe use of machinery, loading and transporting livestock and goods, cultivation, crop establishment and animal husbandry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Agricultural Engineering
- Level 3 T Level in Livestock/Crop Production (subject to entry requirements)
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

CAREERS

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



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AGRICULTURE

LEVEL 2

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

This transition course will prepare you to progress onto the T Level the following academic year.

It will give you the opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge of the modern Agriculture industry. During the course you will complete a 2-week work placement and partake in trips to industry and working estates.

DURATION One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Working on the College farm's beef, dairy, sheep enterprise, arable and pig unit you'll learn valuable skills and get the hands-on experience needed for employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses including T Levels
- Level 2/Level 3 Agricultural Engineering
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

CAREERS

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



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



Not only have I learnt how to work on a farm but also how to manage and own my own land. I was awarded the Student Project Award – Highly Commended from the Institution of Agricultural Engineers which will benefit my future career and help me increase my links within the industry.



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LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL 2

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 courses including T Levels
- Level 2/Level 3 Apprenticeship

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



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- RAD Engineering
- D&J Hayward Growers
- Haynes Agricultural Ltd
- Manor Farm – Hampshire County Council



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AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

LEVEL 3

ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

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.

DURATION

Two years

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

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
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

CAREERS

- Farm Mechanic
- Dealership Technician
- Contractor Operator Mechanic
- Fabrication Technician
- Parts Person/Manager in dealership
- Machinery sales



Find out more about how you can develop your skills and knowledge by engaging with employers – see page 26 for more details.



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VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt students talking about their experience.



AGRICULTURE, LAND MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION

T LEVEL (AGES 16–19)

The T Level Agriculture, Land Management and Production provides a unique opportunity to undertake a qualification that requires a mandatory industry placement, to gain industry experience and develop effective workplace skills. Including core content such as Health and Safety, sustainability, diseases, disorders, health plans, nutrition, technology, equipment, data and information, your work placement throughout the two years will then enable you to put into practice your knowledge and understanding.

PATHWAYS AVAILABLE:

CROP PRODUCTION PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll develop knowledge of and skills in:

- Biosecurity and environmental impacts within the arable sector
- Estate maintenance and field management
- Plant and Soil Science
- Crop establishment machinery and new technology
- Crop Science and nutrition
- Machinery operations (Tractor, ATV and Telehandler)
- Operate and maintain harvesting and forage equipment machinery
- Fencing, Welding, Fabrication and Plumbing

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Over the duration of the course, you'll cover topics such as:

- Cattle, sheep, pig and poultry production
- Livestock Nutrition
- Biology and Anatomy
- Grassland Management
- Sustainability in farming
- Plant and soil science
- Machinery operations (Tractor, ATV and Telehandler)
- Estate maintenance including plumbing and fencing
- Lambing



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Find out more about the (mandatory) industry placement requirement for your course – see page 26 for more details.



LAND-BASED ENGINEERING PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll develop knowledge of and skills in:

- Types of land-based equipment and machinery, their operating principles, systems and components
- Conducting maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment
- Skills in carrying out diagnostic activities
- Use of tools, equipment and materials and their application in land-based engineering
- Skills in the handover of land-based machinery and equipment
- Welding and fabrication skills



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

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
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

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CAREERS

- Farm Manager/Assistant Farm Manager
- Agricultural Retail
- Skilled Machinery Operator
- Stock Person
- Instructor/Lecturer
- Agronomist
- Agricultural Contractor
- Livestock Nutritionist
- AI Technician



ANIMAL STUDIES

Sparsholt is the ideal starting point for a career in this highly competitive industry, with an international reputation for animal studies. Our specialist, BIAZA accredited, Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre houses over 600 animals across more than 100 species including species of conservation importance, domestic, exotic and zoo 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 WORK-BASED

ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR LEVEL 3 T LEVEL

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE LEVEL 3 T LEVEL

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

**SHORT COURSES
ALSO AVAILABLE**



**STUDENT HANGING BROWSE IN OUR
LEMUR ENCLOSURE TO PROMOTE
NATURAL FEEDING BEHAVIOURS
AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**COMBINING PRACTICAL AND
THEORETICAL LEARNING TO MASTER
INDUSTRY SKILLS**

**BIAZA ACCREDITED AHWRC IS HOME
TO OVER 600 ANIMALS ACROSS OVER
100 SPECIES INCLUDING BLACK AND
RING-TAILED LEMURS**



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for full information on courses,
facilities and much more.

**LEARNING THE
IMPORTANCE OF
IDENTIFYING
SUITABLE BROWSE
FOR LEMURS
AND HOW THIS
CONTRIBUTES TO
A BALANCED DIET**



MEET THE EXPERT



Drawing on extensive experience working with exotic species and within conservation, I deliver industry-informed teaching that connects theory to practice.

As a qualified scuba diver currently studying for a Master's in Aquatic Biology, I equip learners with the specialist knowledge, practical skills and professional skills needed to progress confidently into employment and higher education in a range of wildlife careers.



ABI GREEN

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)



FACILITIES

- Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre accredited by the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)
- Wide variety of herptile, bird and mammal species, many part of conservation breeding programmes
- £2.5 million investment in new facilities including Canine Hydrotherapy Pool
- Research rooms
- Paddock section including dwarf zebus, rheas, alpacas and goats
- Exotic mammal species – red pandas, meerkats, and lemurs
- Nutritional and animal behaviour areas
- 360-degree cameras to study captive welfare of our animals

ANIMAL CARE LEVEL 1 WORK-BASED

This course will build a strong foundation of knowledge as you develop your portfolio for assessment as well as enjoying day trips and supported work experience.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

- Designed for learners who benefit from a supported, practical approach to learning
- Provides a strong foundation in animal care knowledge and practical skills
- Assessment is portfolio-based, rather than through formal assignment conditions
- Learners build evidence through practical activities, photographs, witness testimonies and theory tasks
- Ideal for learners who prefer continuous assessment and additional support while developing confidence
- Provides excellent preparation for progression onto higher-level qualifications or employment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Functional Skills/entry level qualifications.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- An Apprenticeship or internship
- Level 1 Theory-based Animal Care

CAREERS

- Kennel or Cattery Worker
- Pet Shop Assistant
- Dog Walker
- Animal Care Assistant



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ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 1

THEORY-BASED

This course encompasses both practical assignments and theory-based assignments, including independent assessments under supervised conditions.

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT WILL I LEARN

- Provides a strong foundation in animal care and the wider land-based industry
- Places emphasis on independent learning and academic development
- Learners complete practical assessments alongside theory assignments and online multiple-choice examinations
- Theory assessments are completed independently under supervised assessment conditions
- Practical learning is embedded throughout the programme
- Designed for learners who are ready to develop the independence and study skills required for progression to Level 2

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 in Animal Care

CAREERS

- Kennel or Cattery Worker
- Dog Walker
- Pet Shop Assistant
- Animal Care Assistant



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VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt students talking about their experience.

ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 2

WORK-BASED

You'll gain hands-on experience at our purpose-built Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre with reptiles, small mammals, zoo mammals, companion animals and farm livestock.

This course is ideal for students who may benefit from taking two years to develop the confidence, knowledge and qualifications needed to progress onto the T Level, particularly if they still need to achieve a grade 4 or above in GCSE English and/or Maths. Students complete the Level 2 Work-Based Diploma in Year 1, followed by the Level 2 Technical Certificate in Year 2. This pathway provides additional time to achieve the required GCSE English and/or Maths qualifications while developing the knowledge, skills and practical experience needed for progression. Students who achieve the required entry requirements during this programme will be able to progress directly onto the T Level after completing the Level 2 Technical Certificate. The timetable consists of two days of theory lessons and one day of practical lessons each week.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Your practical day will help to develop a variety of hands-on skills and provide evidence of this – including taking photographs of you carrying out specific practical tasks. Topics covered include how to deliver basic treatments, prepare and maintain accommodation, move, exercise and train animals as well as transferable skills such as establishing effective working relationships and welcoming and caring for customers.

The units are assessed in different ways such as workbooks, assignments, soft skills passport and a multiple-choice exam. You'll also complete an external work placement within the animal care industry. There is an opportunity to participate in various trips to zoo collections, as well as attend guest speaker sessions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care
- Level 3 T Level in Animal Management (subject to entry requirements)
- Apprenticeship – Animal Care and Welfare

CAREERS

- Animal – related retail
- Kennels and Cattery Assistant
- Dog walking/Boarding services
- Animal Care Assistant
- Dog Grooming Assistant



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ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 2

TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

This transition course will prepare you to progress onto the T Level the following academic year. It will give you the opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge of animal husbandry through a mix of engaging classroom sessions, practical animal handling and work experience whilst also re-taking the English or Maths required to progress onto a T Level course the following year.

DURATION

One year

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 multiple-choice exams.

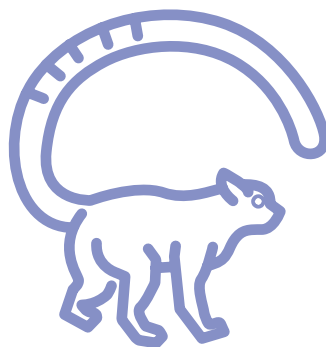
During your practical sessions you will have the opportunity to develop your practical skills which form part of your overall assessment, therefore attendance and correct PPE are important. You will gain hands-on experience with the farm livestock, exotic animals, domestic pets and birds of the College's Animal Health and Welfare Research Centre. We offer various trips and visits to zoo collections and an opportunity to attend guest sessions, making valuable industry contacts, as well as a 2-week external work placement.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 T Level in Animal Management
- Apprenticeship – Animal Care and Welfare
- Assistant Standard Level 2/Keeper and Aquarist Standard Level 3



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CAREERS

- Kennel or Cattery Worker
- Dog Walker
- Pet Shop Assistant
- Animal Care Assistant



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- Southampton City Farm
- St Francis Animal Welfare
- Hart Wildlife Rescue
- Bucklebury Farm & Deer Safari Park



ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

T LEVEL (AGES 16–19)

The T Level in Animal Care and Management provides a unique opportunity to undertake a qualification that requires a mandatory industry placement, to gain industry experience and develop effective workplace skills. Including core content such as sustainability, business, communication, Health and Safety and finance that underpins knowledge and understanding of the wider sector, your work placement throughout the two years will then enable you to put into practice your knowledge and understanding.

PATHWAYS AVAILABLE:

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The Animal Management and Behaviour pathway focuses on the skills and knowledge needed for the practical husbandry, nutrition and welfare of animals in a range of settings, including domestic pets, zoo animals, farm animals, wildlife centres and other collections.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AND SCIENCE PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The Animal Management and Science pathway leads students into careers which are underpinned by research skills and scientific knowledge such as animal nutrition, diseases and welfare, genetic research and teaches biological principles to prepare for work or University level courses.

Find out more about the
(mandatory) industry placement
requirement for your course – see
page 26 for more details.



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and much more.



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optional additional qualifications
and much more.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

Examples of HE courses include:

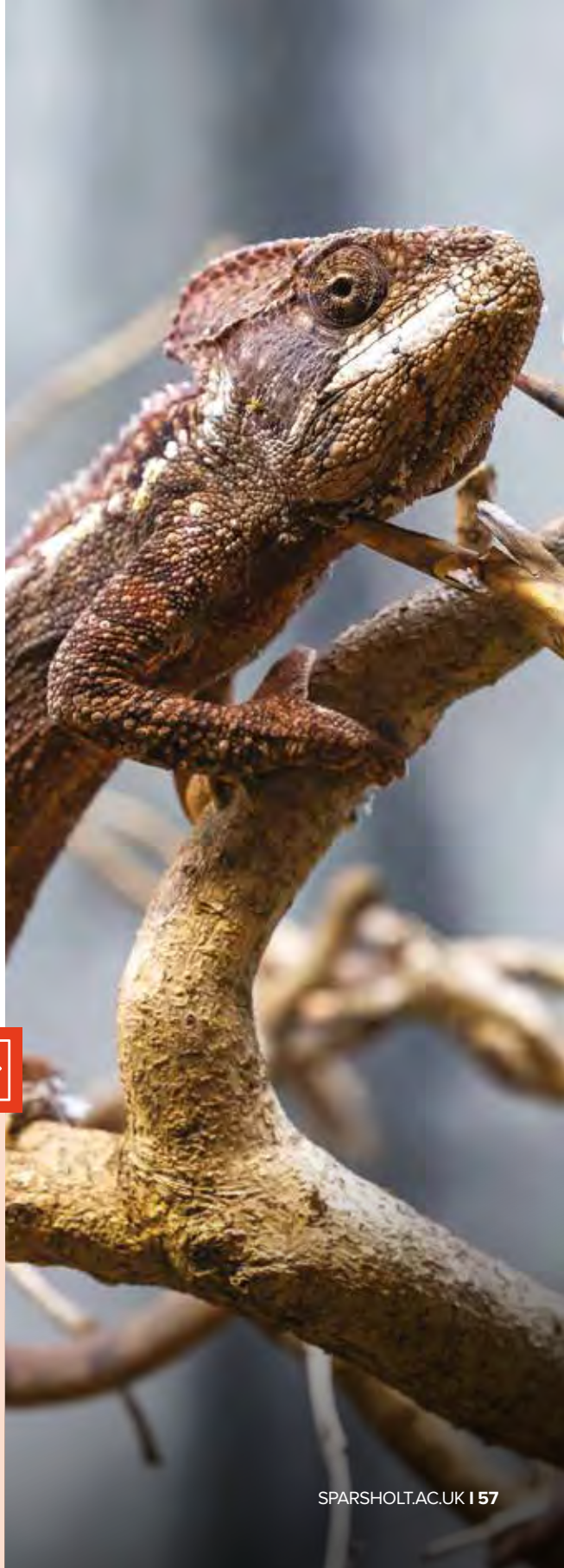
- Animal Science, Behaviour and Conservation at FdSc or BSc level
- Zoology at BSc level
- Apprenticeship in Veterinary Nursing
- Veterinary and Bio-Veterinary Sciences
- Veterinary Nursing BSc
- Veterinary Physiotherapy
- This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to University
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

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CAREERS

- Veterinary Nurse or Assistant
- Pet retail including specialist outlets
- Kennels and catteries
- Grooming and hydrotherapy
- Animal rescue centres
- Animal training and behaviour
- Veterinary sciences
- Animal conservation
- Keeper or Education Officer



ARBORICULTURE, FORESTRY & WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

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.

Our students also enjoy access to key NPTC and City & Guilds short courses required by the industry which are delivered both on and off-site – giving them a head start in employment.

LAND-BASED OPERATIONS LEVEL 1 RURAL SKILLS (WOODLAND)

ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY LEVEL 2

TREES AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT T LEVEL

CAREERS

- Arborist
- Forester
- Tree Surveyor
- Woodland Conservation



Apprenticeships available





**STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO
DEVELOP CHAINSAW, TIMBER
PROCESSING AND CLIMBING
SKILLS ON SITE, AS WELL
AS THROUGH VISITS TO
LOCAL ESTATES**

**WIDE ARRAY OF SPECIALIST
TOOLS AND MACHINERY**

**ONSITE SAWMILL
AND TIMBER
PROCESSING AREA**



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facilities and much more.



MEET THE EXPERTS

My career in Forestry spans different counties and specialisms which include forest management, commercial felling, urban forestry, machinery, training and teaching forestry and arboriculture topics in the north, midlands and south of England. My passion is identifying and building on student talents to help expand and improve habitats and ecosystems across the country.

NICK SMITH

FORESTRY LECTURER

Before moving into education, I spent several years working in commercial arboriculture. I am passionate about developing students to a high standard of competence in arboricultural skills including the safe use of tools and machinery, tree climbing, site management and risk assessments. Alongside technical training, I aim to build students' confidence in business skills while developing an appreciation of nature and the positive role arboriculture can play within communities.

RICHARD SWIFT

ARBORICULTURE LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- Cumbria University
- Bangor University
- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University
- University of Reading

INDUSTRY LINKS

- Royal Forestry Society
- Institute of Chartered Foresters
- Confor – Confederation of Forest Industries
- International Society of Arboriculture
- Arboricultural Association
- Sorbus International
- Marwell Wildlife

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)

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 or 3 qualifications in Arboriculture or Forestry

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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ARBORICULTURE AND FORESTRY

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

If you are interested in working in the Arboriculture and Forestry 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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification. You must be physically fit and 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.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- T Level in Trees and Woodland Management

CAREERS

- Climber or Grounds Person
- Self-employment
- Utilities work
- Forester
- Conservation work



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- C&D Trees
- GroundLord
- Seaview Arboriculture



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REAL LIFE LEARNING

“

I would describe this course as extremely worth it. It builds up every part of you physically, mentally and it's really good at building your confidence, not only in industry but also academically. ”

CHARLIE

**TREES AND WOODLAND
MANAGEMENT**





TREES AND WOODLAND MANAGEMENT

T LEVEL (AGES 16–19)

Find out more about the (mandatory) industry placement requirement for your course – see page 26 for more details.



The T Level in Trees and Woodland Management provides a unique opportunity to undertake a qualification that requires a mandatory industry placement, to gain industry experience and develop effective workplace skills. Including core content such as sustainability, business, communication, Health and Safety and finance that underpins knowledge and understanding of the wider Arboriculture and Forestry sector, your work placement throughout the two years will then enable you to put into practice your knowledge and understanding.

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll learn theories and methods used to grow, maintain, and manage trees and woodlands, as well as all about the tools, equipment and materials used in tree and woodland management and maintenance. You'll be able to select your preferred pathway from either Arboriculture or Forestry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

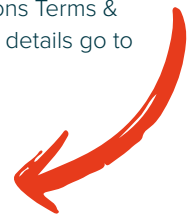
Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

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.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc/BSc in Woodland/Forestry Management
- FdSc/BSc in Arboriculture
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CAREERS

- Climbing Arborist
- Tree Surveyor
- Conservation work
- Local authority (Assistant Tree Officer)
- Arboretum/woodland/estate work
- Forester
- Employment with the Forestry Commission or Woodland Trust



AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Experience hands-on learning at Sparsholt, supported by the latest industry standard equipment and our modern motor vehicle workshops, opened by Formula 1 legends Ross Brawn and Jody Scheckter.

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 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.

The courses and activities will develop personal and life skills, and include a community project helping local charities. We are exploring basic electric and hybrid car technology to further improve our students' employment prospects.

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
- Vehicle Technician



**REALISTIC AND MODERN
WORKSHOPS TO MASTER
WORKPLACE SKILLS**

**STUDENTS CHECKING THE
SERVICEABILITY OF A BRAKE
DISC, LOOKING FOR SIGNS
OF DAMAGE AND MEASURING
ITS THICKNESS**

**USING A MICROMETER
SCREW GAUGE TO CHECK
THE THICKNESS OF THE
BRAKE DISC**

**WIDE RANGE OF
VEHICLES FOR
STUDENTS TO
WORK WITH**



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facilities and much more.



MEET THE EXPERT



I'm extremely passionate about cars and how they work. Sharing my experience and passion with students is incredibly rewarding. I love guiding them as they develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the exciting world of automotive technology.

DAVE REID

CURRICULUM LEADER



INDUSTRY LINKS

- Silverstone
- Motorparts Direct
- Winchester Skoda
- Santa Pod Raceway
- Mercedes-Benz World at Brooklands
- Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)
- Stellantis Rising Stars Programme

FACILITIES

- Three new workshops
- Welding and fabrication workshop
- Fast-fit tyre and exhaust workshop
- Technical testing equipment for use with electric and hybrid cars



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE LEVEL 1

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.

You'll also have the opportunity to go on industry relevant excursions, previous examples include trips to Auto Sport International show, Santa Pod drag racing, Silverstone Education Centre and Moto GP, Mercedes World and MACH Engineering Show.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

Get the hands-on skills to kickstart your journey as a technician! The IMI Level 1 Vehicle Maintenance course is your first step towards a rewarding career in the automotive industry.

Through a combination of classroom theory and practical workshops, you'll gain a strong foundation in:

- Essential Vehicle Systems – understand how engines, brakes, steering, suspension and electrical systems work together to keep vehicles running smoothly
- Maintenance Procedures – learn proper techniques for routine maintenance tasks like oil changes, tyre checks, and filter replacements
- Health & Safety – develop safe working practices to protect yourself and others in the workshop environment
- Industry Introduction – explore the exciting world of automotive technology and gain insights into different career paths



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

This course is ideal for:

- Individuals with a passion for vehicles who want to build a practical skillset
- Those seeking to enter the automotive industry at an entry-level position
- Anyone interested in learning the basics of vehicle maintenance for personal uses

By the end of this programme, you'll be equipped with the knowledge and confidence to embark on your automotive maintenance career!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

CAREERS

- Fast-fit workshop
- Tyre fitting
- Body repair centre



VEHICLE FITTING PRINCIPLES LEVEL 2

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.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The IMI Level 2 Vehicle Fitting Principles course equips you with the essential knowledge and hands-on skills to kickstart your career in the fast-paced world of vehicle maintenance. Through a blend of theory and practical training, you'll gain expertise in:

- Safe working practices in a garage environment
- Identifying customer needs and providing excellent service
- Inspecting, repairing, and replacing key vehicle components like tyres, brakes, exhaust systems and batteries
- Using tools and measuring devices effectively
- Understanding core principles of light vehicle mechanics
- IMI Level 2 Vehicle Fitting Principles is your stepping stone to a rewarding career in the automotive industry!

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE Maths and English at grade 3 or above
OR completed Level 1 qualification in a relevant subject.

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

CAREERS

- Fast-fit Fitter
- Semi-Skilled Vehicle Fitter



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LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA

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.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This course equips you with the skills and knowledge to kickstart your career in the exciting world of light vehicle maintenance and repair. Through a blend of theory and hands-on learning, you'll gain a strong foundation in:

- Workshop Safety – learn essential safety procedures to keep yourself and others protected in the workshop environment
- Light Vehicle Systems – deepen your understanding of how various systems in a car function, including engines, brakes, electrical systems and more
- Maintenance and Repair Techniques – develop practical skills in performing routine maintenance tasks and basic repairs on light vehicles
- Tools and Equipment – master the proper use of workshop tools and equipment to diagnose and fix problems efficiently

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English and Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles, Level 3 Diploma
- Motor Vehicle Apprenticeship

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



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- Adams Morey
- Skoda Winchester
- Segensworth Automobiles



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



The links to industry are brilliant, they have brought me a job and some good experiences. My dream is to work in NASCAR in America.



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AUTOMOTIVE

LIGHT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PRINCIPLES

LEVEL 3

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.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This comprehensive programme equips you with the skills and knowledge to excel in the fast-paced world of light vehicle repair. You'll gain a deep understanding of:

- Diagnosing & Repairing – master troubleshooting techniques to pinpoint and rectify faults in various vehicle systems, including engines, electrical components, transmissions and chassis
- Modern Vehicle Technology – explore the latest advancements in light vehicle technology, including electric and hybrid vehicles, ensuring you're prepared for the future of the industry
- Practical Hands-on Training – get down and dirty with practical workshops, learning to service, maintain, and repair vehicles using industry-standard tools and equipment
- Essential Industry Knowledge – gain a solid foundation in health and safety regulations, develop strong communication skills, and understand safe working practices in a garage environment

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Level 2 Diploma.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Higher Education: Level 4 Motor Sport Courses
- Light Vehicle Apprenticeship

CAREERS

- Semi-skilled Service Technician
- Service Adviser



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CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ENVIRONMENT (LAND AND WILDLIFE)

Studying on our beautiful 183-hectare estate and with a range of conservation organisations, you will learn an incredible amount about the natural environment, the British countryside and the iconic species that live within it. 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 resources make Sparsholt College a natural choice for the study of countryside and conservation management.

LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE) LEVEL 1

LAND AND WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION) LEVEL 2

LAND AND WILDLIFE (COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION) LEVEL 3

CAREERS

- Countryside Ranger
- Reserve Warden
- Education Officer
- Ecological Surveyor



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Degree courses
also available, find
out more here.



Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships available



LEARNING THE IMPORTANCE OF ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS AND THE VALUE OF SPECIES-RICH GRASSLANDS TO POLLINATORS

DEVELOPING SPECIES IDENTIFICATION SKILLS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

THE COLLEGE LAKE CONTINUES TO DEVELOP SINCE ITS INSTALLATION IN 2002. IT IS A FANTASTIC HABITAT AND REFUGE FOR WILDLIFE, DOUBLING AS A RECREATIONAL SITE FOR STUDENTS.



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facilities and much more.

QUADRATS BEING USED TO RECORD THE DIVERSITY OF PLANTS IN DEFINED AREA



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.

DAVE LOCK

SENIOR CURRICULUM LEADER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- University of Aberystwyth
- Bournemouth University
- University of Exeter
- University of Reading
- University of Plymouth
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Southampton

INDUSTRY LINKS

- Forestry Commission
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Natural England
- RSPB
- Environment Agency
- Butterfly Conservation
- Hampshire County Council Countryside Services
- Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Test Valley Borough Council

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 STUDIES

LEVEL 1 (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE)

This course includes a range of practical activities including the use of land-based machinery, greenwood crafts and an introduction to UK habitats and how they are managed.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You will play an active role in the maintenance and management of the conservation areas across the college estate, gaining valuable hands-on experience in a range of countryside and habitat management activities. Practical tasks may include habitat creation and improvement, monitoring wildlife, maintaining footpaths and boundaries, managing invasive species and carrying out seasonal conservation work to support biodiversity.

The course combines practical learning with classroom-based theory, helping you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for further study or employment within the land-based sector.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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



CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

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



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- The Wellington Estate
- River Guard
- New Forest Koi
- Test Valley Borough Council



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LAND AND WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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

CAREERS

- Countryside Recreation Assistant
- Assistant Warden /Countryside Ranger
- Practical Habitat/Estate Worker
- Conservation volunteering/Internships



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



The course has been amazing. All of the activities we do have been so engaging, working with wildlife and their habitats. There's a diverse range of habitats throughout the college, which is brilliant.



ETHAN

**LAND AND WILDLIFE (COUNTRYSIDE
AND CONSERVATION)**



Find out more about how you can develop your skills and knowledge by engaging with employers – see page 26 for more details.



LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (COUNTRYSIDE AND CONSERVATION) LEVEL 3

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

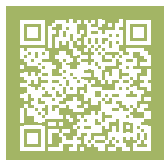
DURATION

Two years

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll work both on the 183 hectare College estate and off-site on work placements with conservation organisations and site visits to places such as the World Heritage Dorset coastline, the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, world renowned chalk streams (Rivers Test and Itchen) and the London and Oxford Natural History Museums. You will also be involved with the day-to-day management of a range of local conservation sites in conjunction with 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 studying the ecology and management of a range of environments including woodland, heathland, grassland, freshwater and coastal habitats. You will also acquire invaluable practical skills that will significantly enhance your employability and opportunities to continue your studies in Higher Education. You will 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.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above. Applications from mature students are encouraged and considered on an individual basis.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses in Ecology and Conservation, Biology, Land Management, Countryside Management, Environmental Management and Marine Conservation.
- Level 4 Apprenticeship Countryside Ranger.
- This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to university.
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

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CAREERS

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

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.

MATHEMATICS GCSE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS ENTRY LEVEL 3

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN ENGLISH AND MATHS LEVEL 1

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.

GET IN TOUCH

Email maths.englishenquiries@sparsholtservices.ac.uk for more information.





MATHEMATICS

GCSE

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.

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

DURATION

One year

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

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

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

The 1-year English Language GCSE has been designed to engage and motivate you through a choice of texts, themes, and real-life writing tasks. We aim to teach you to organise your writing, improve your understanding, develop your approach, and prepare you for employability.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT?

GCSE English Language at grade 3 or a Level 1 in Functional English.

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.

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH AND MATHS

DURATION

One year

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.

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 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.



EQUINE STUDIES

GET
INDUSTRY
READY

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/Stud Groom
- Equine Nutritionist
- Equine Event Coordinator
- Therapy and Rehabilitation Practitioner
- Riding Instructor or Coach
- Animal Physiotherapist/Osteopath/Chiropractor



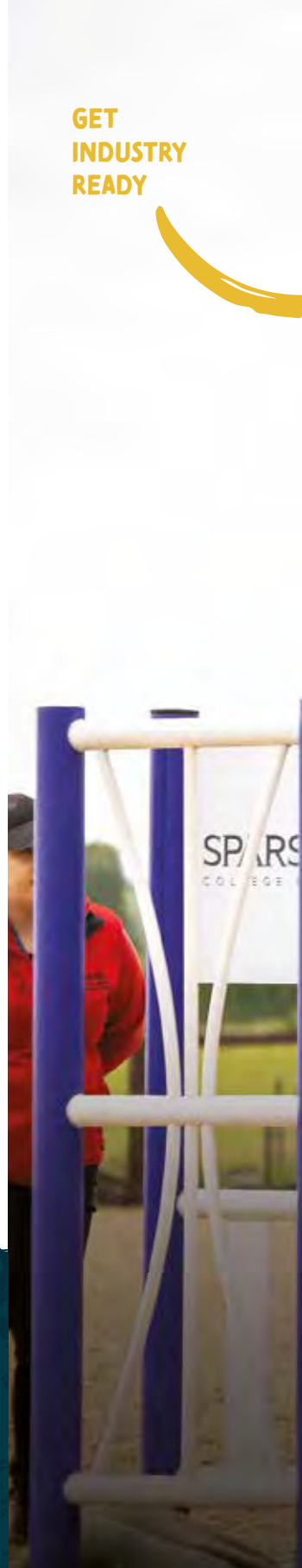
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Degree courses also available,
find out more here.



The
British
Horse
Society

Approved Centre

BHS CHALLENGE AWARDS

On all of our courses the British Horse Society Challenge Awards course content is embedded as part of the practical and theory instruction (depending on which pathway you are on).

There are opportunities for students to use the knowledge gained to obtain multiple Challenge Award modules which can advance you straight to your BHS Stage 2 exam (exam fees apply) after completion of your Ride Safe Exam.

**LEVEL 3 MANAGEMENT
& COACHING PATHWAY
STUDENT DEVELOPING AND
STRENGTHENING RIDING
SKILLS GUIDED BY OUR
BHS-QUALIFIED COACHES**



**FOUR ARENAS FOR
PRACTICALS AND RIDING
INCLUDING THE 70 X 50M
INTERNATIONAL ARENA**

**LEARN TO HANDLE
A VARIETY OF
HORSES**

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MEET THE EXPERT



My professional background includes producing sport horses to a high level within the showjumping discipline. In addition, I have worked as a Research Officer for a well-known equine charity, contributing to research boards alongside HRH The Princess Royal. I also have experience within the equine veterinary sector.

My specialist teaching areas include Advanced Anatomy and Physiology, Equine Welfare, Research Methods and Projects, and Biomechanics. I also have a particular interest in sport horse breeding and genetics, with a focus on their application to performance and welfare.



HANA WILSON

CURRICULUM LEADER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

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

INDUSTRY LINKS

- British Dressage
- British Showjumping
- The British Horse Society (BHS)
- The British Equestrian Federation
- Racing to School
- Godolphin
- NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association)
- Pony Club
- Multiple Riding Clubs

FACILITIES

- Stabling for up to 66 horses
- Four competition size arenas; 1 indoor and 2 outdoor sized 60 x 30m and our international arena, 70 x 50m
- Covered horse-walker
- Simulated cross country jumps
- Weighbridge
- Equine Stocks
- Full sized equine skeleton
- BHS qualified riding instructors
- BHS practical instruction embedded in training
- Various livery and loan options available
- Racewood Eventing Simulator

EQUINE STUDIES

LEVEL 1 (EQUITATION AND MANAGEMENT PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

This course is ideal if you want to start your journey into a career with horses.

DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

On this 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, helping you to gain a real insight into the industry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Two or more GCSEs at grade 1-3 or above. If you wish to pursue an equitation pathway, we will invite you to an equitation workshop, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Equine Studies

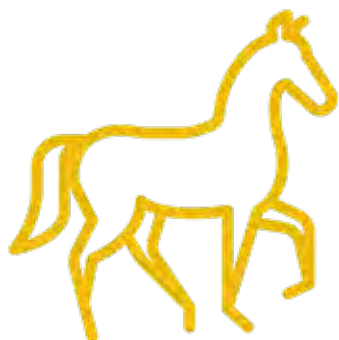
CAREERS

- Groom
- Yard Assistant
- Stud Worker
- Equine retail assistant in a tack shop or business



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- Wellington Riding
- Donnington Equine Veterinary Practice
- Chris Gordon Racing



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EQUINE STUDIES (EQUITATION AND MANAGEMENT PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE IN EQUINE CARE

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.

DURATION

One year

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 3 Equine Studies

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 anatomy. During the course we hope to offer visits to a range of equine businesses and trips to international events such as London International, 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.

CAREERS

- Racing Groom
- Senior Yard Assistant
- Stud Worker
- Competition/travelling Groom
- Equine retail assistant
- Equine rehabilitation assistant
- Horse welfare and rescue centre assistant



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification. If you wish to pursue an equitation pathway, we will invite you to an equitation workshop, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



The facilities here are really great and help us learn about the industry – I've learnt about so many different areas that I didn't know about before. I'm hoping to go into the King's Troop in a few years and become a farrier.



KAYLEY

EQUINE STUDIES

EQUINE STUDIES

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED TECHNICAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN EQUINE MANAGEMENT (MANAGEMENT & COACHING OR REHABILITATION & THERAPY PATHWAYS AVAILABLE)

You'll gain detailed academic knowledge and understanding of horse management and equitation through both theory and practical sessions. 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. During the second year of the course, learners have the opportunity to go on a study tour to South Africa.

PATHWAYS AVAILABLE:

MANAGEMENT & COACHING PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This pathway is designed for students wishing to pursue careers in equestrian coaching or instruction. It develops practical coaching skills alongside a broad understanding of equine management.

REHABILITATION & THERAPY PATHWAY

DURATION

Two years

WHAT WILL I LEARN

This pathway focuses on developing the knowledge and practical skills required for a wide range of roles within the equine industry, with an emphasis on horse rehabilitation and therapy.



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Find out more about how you can develop your skills and knowledge by engaging with employers – see page 26 for more details.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

If you wish to pursue an equitation pathway, we will invite you to an equitation workshop, which we will use to confirm the most appropriate pathway for you.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- FdSc or BSc degrees in Equine Science, Equine Sports Therapy, Equine Business Management, Equestrian Coaching, Animal Science, Veterinary Physiotherapy (with further study) or Veterinary Nursing (subject to entry requirements) either at University Centre Sparsholt or another institution
- This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to university
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to **ucsparsholt.ac.uk**

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CAREERS

- Riding Instructor or Coach
- Yard Manager
- Stud groom or manager
- Equine therapy and rehabilitation practitioner
- Equine retail and sales specialist
- Equine event coordinator
- Competition/Senior Groom
- Equine nutrition/health advisor
- Equine welfare officer



FISHERY STUDIES AND AQUATICS (LAND AND WILDLIFE)

The fisheries management industry includes everything to do with the care and upkeep of fish and their environments and Sparsholt has everything you need to start your career in this sector. As a leader in Fishery and Aquatic studies recognised worldwide for our expertise in providing fishery studies training, our on-site facilities and industry links, we have forged an unrivalled reputation. This means we can offer the best training for a career working with freshwater fisheries and fish farming, and exotic and ornamental fish.

We have been running the fishery course since the 1970s so a high proportion of the people working in the UK fishery industries are former students. This provides an excellent network of contacts for work experience and jobs.

LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE) 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



ADDITIONAL
AQUACULTURE
HALL IS HOME
TO TILAPIA AND
AFRICAN WALKING
CATFISH

INDUSTRY-LINKED
CONSERVATION
PROJECTS



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UNDERTAKING WATER TESTS IN THE AQUATIC RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION CENTRE'S (ARCC) CORAL PROPAGATION TANK

PRACTICAL SESSIONS IN INDUSTRY-STANDARD FACILITIES TO MASTER WORKPLACE SKILLS

THE ARCC'S FRESHWATER AND MARINE TANKS ARE HOME TO A RANGE OF ORNAMENTAL SPECIES



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facilities and much more.



MEET THE EXPERT



After studying my BSc at Sparsholt I have gained a wide variety of industry experience, including shellfish farming, fisheries and conservation management and trout farming. With my varied and specialist experience I hope to inspire and motivate the next generation of fish and aquatic enthusiasts.



KINGSLEY DAVIS

LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Bournemouth University
- University of Southampton
- University of Stirling

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

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

LEVEL 1 (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE)

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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

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



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LAND AND WILDLIFE (FISH)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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

CAREERS

- Trout, carp or ornamental fish farms
- Sport fisheries
- Aquatic retail shops



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- The Wellington Estate
- River Guard
- New Forest Koi
- Test Valley Borough Council



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



You learn pretty much every skill to do with fish - you get hands-on experience with water testing and work with a wide range of species, from carp to eels and more – you learn a lot about the industry.



NOAH

LAND AND WILDLIFE (FISH)



LAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (FISH)

LEVEL 3

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.

DURATION

Two years

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

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.
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to **ucsparsholt.ac.uk**

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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

FOUNDATION STUDIES PROGRAMME

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.

FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS

PATHWAYS TO ANIMAL CARE

PATHWAYS TO LAND-BASED STUDIES

PATHWAYS 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



OPEN EVENTS

Meet our friendly staff at one of our specialist Foundation Open Events. Scan here to book!



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.

SEND INDEPENDENCE HUB

In partnership with Hampshire County Council and in response to a local need, our 5-day independence hub is for young people 16–18 with severe or complex needs. The programme is based at our Andover Campus, but students will have bespoke timetables and will access Sparsholt facilities as part of their five days.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:

- Work skills
- Independent living – including food preparation, cleaning, shopping, community access for leisure and health, travel training
- Exercise
- Communication sessions
- Digital skills
- Enterprise
- Creative opportunities
- Tutorial





ENTRY 3

PATHWAYS TO...

The aim of this study programme is for learners 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 campus 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

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.

LANDBASED 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

ROUTES TO EMPLOYMENT

We are passionate about helping our learners move into the world of work and so we have developed our curriculum to include two work-based study programmes.

These are available to suitable students who have previously studied one of our programmes in Foundation.

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
- Interns will have a specialist job coach that visits them on their placement

COLLEGE LEARNING COMPANY

A one-year study programme where students 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.

A TIMETABLE FOR A MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE LEARNING COMPANY 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

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

These courses are 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, the college will not provide transport to placement.



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facilities and much more.

FOUNDATION LEARNING AT SPARSHOLT CAMPUS

SEND INDEPENDENCE HUB – YEAR 1–3 16–18 YEARS – 5 DAYS PER WEEK

Students will be based at our Andover Campus but access facilities at the Sparsholt Site.

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?



FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS – YEAR 1 – 3 DAYS PER WEEK

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



FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS – YEAR 2 – 3 DAYS PER WEEK

Working closely with social care and providers to help with a smooth transition to life after education.



**PAID WORK
VOLUNTEERING**
SUPPORT FROM 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.



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.



NEED MORE PRACTICAL
WORK EXPERIENCE?



PROGRESSION ROUTES

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

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.

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.



WANT TO GET A JOB BUT NEED EXTRA SUPPORT? HAVE AN EHCP?



HAVE THE APPROPRIATE QUALIFICATIONS AND FOUND A VOCATIONAL AREA YOU ARE INTERESTED IN?

LEVEL 1

Vocational Study Programme
1 year

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)

Join our well-connected, skilled and employable students in a highly successful department with a renowned record of training courses for gamekeepers and those involved in all aspects of estate and wildlife management.

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 successfully progress to a career in the industry.

This success is built on the outstanding facilities that students use, both at the college and in the local and national industry, to develop knowledge and skills to a high standard, valued by employers.

LAND-BASED STUDIES (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE) 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
- Pest Controller
- Gun Trade
- Gundog Trainer





**STUDENTS LEARNING
BEST PRACTICE ON OUR
OUTDOOR FULLBORE
100M RIFLE RANGE**

**PRACTICAL FIREARMS
EXPERIENCE TO MEET
INDUSTRY STANDARDS
OF SAFETY AND
EFFECTIVENESS**



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EQUIPMENT LTD**



MEET THE EXPERT



After studying at Sparsholt, I worked in the Game industry before returning here to teach in 2008. I have co-ordinated the Level 2 and 3 Game and Wildlife courses, specialising in pest and predator management, game bird rearing and firearms.



MATT RIDOUT

LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University Centre Sparsholt
- Harper Adams University
- Royal Agricultural University

INDUSTRY LINKS

- Deer Management Qualifications
- Spartan Precision Equipment
- Promatic International Ltd
- Forestry England
- Public Health England
- The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust
- Natural England
- The National Gamekeepers' Organisation
- The British Deer Society
- The British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC)
- Shooting Times
- Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary
- Thomas Jacks
- Pulsar
- Perdix Wildlife Supplies
- Sportsman Guncentre

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

LEVEL 1 (FISH, GAME AND COUNTRYSIDE)

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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

CAREERS

Progression to Level 2 courses with career pathways:

- Underkeeper
- Assistant Keeper
- Game Farm Assistant



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LAND AND WILDLIFE (GAME)

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

Firearms will be supplied when necessary, for practical training and assessment. There is no facility to store personal firearms onsite.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

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

CAREERS

- Beatkeeper
- Underkeeper
- Pest Controller
- Estate Worker
- Wildlife Ranger



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



REAL LIFE LEARNING



I really enjoyed the firearms practicals and shoot days. In the summer I'm going to be doing work experience as an underkeeper, then I'm going to university to study Land Management.

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LAND AND WILDLIFE (GAME)

LAND AND WILDLIFE (GAME)

LEVEL 3

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.

DURATION

Two Years

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.

Find out more about how you can develop your skills and knowledge by engaging with employers – see page 26 for more details.



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Degree courses such as Rural Land Management, Estate Management and Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.
- Level 4 Apprenticeships such as Countryside Ranger
- This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to university.
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY CENTRE
SPARSHOLT



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CAREERS



- Underkeeper or Beatkeeper working on a sporting estate
- Wildlife Ranger with the Forestry Commission
- Deer Manager



HORTICULTURE

Our industry links are excellent – from Marwell Wildlife, the National Trust and Hillier, to the RHS and the Chartered Institute of Horticulture – so if you're looking to enter the thriving horticulture industry, studying at Sparsholt will help you get ahead.

With a national reputation for excellence in horticulture and garden design, 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 and Silver Medals at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

HORTICULTURE LEVEL 1

HORTICULTURE LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPING T LEVEL

CAREERS

- Garden Design
- Landscaping
- Commercial Production
- Garden Maintenance
- Greenkeeping
- Amenity Horticulture
- Nurseries
- Science and Research



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facilities and much more.

 **Apprenticeships**
Apprenticeships available



**EXPERT LECTURERS IN
HORTICULTURE, LANDSCAPING
AND GARDEN DESIGN**

**EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT WITH
MOTTISFONT, HILLIER, MARWELL
WILDLIFE, HINTON AMPNER
AND MANY MORE**



**HOME TO THE NATIONAL
COLLECTION OF HAMPSHIRE
AND ISLE OF WIGHT APPLES**

**AWARD-WINNING
RHS CHELSEA
FLOWER
SHOW TEAM**





MEET THE EXPERT



I have been working in the Horticulture Department for nearly 20 years, having started my Horticulture journey here as a student. Educating and inspiring the next generation of horticulturalists is such a rewarding and worthwhile career. We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful, vast campus to work on and we continue to enhance our facilities for the learners' benefit.



DANIELLE FANCOURT

SENIOR CURRICULUM LEADER

120 | FURTHER EDUCATION COURSES 2027/2028

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- University of Greenwich
- The Eden Project
- 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
- Thompson & Morgan
- Gilbert White's House & Gardens
- The GTC & BIGGA
- Sir Harold Hillier Gardens
- Hillier Nurseries Ltd
- The Eden Project
- Marwell Wildlife
- Hinton Ampner

FACILITIES

- Five hectares dedicated to horticultural practice
- Vertical Farming Centre
- Plant and soil science laboratory
- BBC Gardeners' Question Time garden
- Production polytunnels
- Garden design studio
- Tropical glasshouse
- Laser levels for surveying, hydroponics for use with propagation
- Robotic mowers and line markers
- National Collection of Hampshire & IOW Apples

HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 1

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

DURATION

One year

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, AFC Bournemouth and National Trust Gardens. You will also take part in work experience across the College grounds.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horticulture
- Level 2 Apprenticeship in Horticulture/ Landscaping or Greenkeeping

CAREERS

- Amenity horticulture
- Garden centres
- Nurseries
- Greenkeeping



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HORTICULTURE

LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

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

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above including English or Maths OR a relevant Level 1 qualification.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- Ornamental Horticulture T Level
- Other Level 2 Technical Qualifications

CAREERS

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



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum
- Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants
- Meyrick Estate
- Wolvercroft Garden Centre



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ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

T LEVEL (AGES 16–19)

The T Level in Ornamental and Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping provides a unique opportunity to undertake a qualification that requires a mandatory industry placement, to gain industry experience and develop effective workplace skills. Including core content such as sustainability, business, communication, Health and Safety and finance that underpins knowledge and understanding of the wider sector, your work placement throughout the two years will then enable you to put into practice your knowledge and understanding.

DURATION

Two years – five days per week with four in college and one on industry placement.

WHAT WILL I LEARN

You'll learn how to establish, maintain, install and manage horticultural areas and designed landscapes and all about the tools, equipment and materials used. Skills in installing landscape features and planning and managing designed landscapes complete the picture.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above which must include English, Maths and Science OR a relevant Level 2 qualification and English and Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above.

Find out more about how you can develop your skills and knowledge by engaging with employers – see page 26 for more details.



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
- Complete a full Level 3 with us and we'll guarantee you an offer of a place on one of our relevant University Centre Sparsholt degree courses. Admissions Terms & Conditions apply – for full details go to ucsparsholt.ac.uk

CAREERS

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



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VIDEO REEL

Sparsholt students talking about their experiences.



REAL LIFE LEARNING



It's very beautiful here and the staff are very friendly and knowledgeable; it is a great place to study. Doing a T Level was right for me because you're doing plenty of practical things and learning practical skills which I found was so much better for me.



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ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

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.

SPORT BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

CAREERS

- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Water Sports/Paddle Board Instructor
- Rescue Services
- University
- Forest Schools
- Search & Rescue
- Ski Instructor
- High Ropes Design
- PPE Inspectors
- Guiding/leading expeditions
- Risk Management
- Teaching



TRIP TO NORTH WALES

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS PROVIDE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO STEP
OUTSIDE COMFORT ZONES,
BUILD CONFIDENCE
AND EXPERIENCE
GENUINE ADVENTURE
IN A DEMANDING
NATURAL SETTING

HANDS-ON LEARNING IN A
MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT,
FULLY IMMersed IN
THE CHALLENGES
AND REWARDS OF
THE OUTDOORS



APPLYING THE
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND
RESILIENCE DEVELOPED
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
ON OUR STUDY TRIP

SHOWING WHAT CAN
BE ACHIEVED THROUGH
COMMITMENT, TEAMWORK
AND PERSEVERANCE



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for full information on courses,
facilities and much more.



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.



SCOTT FANCOURT

LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

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

INDUSTRY LINKS

- The Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA)
- Paddle UK
- Institute of Outdoor Learning
- Calshot Activities Centre
- Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre
- QE2 Activity Centre
- YMCA Fairthorne Manor
- Boulder Shack Climbing Gym
- Mountain Training
- Mountain Bike Instructors Award Scheme (MIAS)

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

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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths or English OR a Level 1 Diploma in a relevant subject.

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

CAREERS

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



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

SPORT AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

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.

DURATION

Two years

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 and Dartmoor, using our fleet of canoes, kayaks and mountain bikes, as well as an optional ski trip.

Optional additional qualifications include First Aid, Paddlesport Instructor, Climbing Wall Instructor, RYA power/safety boat, MIAA Mountain Bike Leader.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English, OR Level 2 Diploma and grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

This course gives you UCAS tariff points for entry to university, where you can study 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

CAREERS

- Outdoor Activities Instructor
- Water Sports/Paddle Board Instructor
- Rescue Services
- Forest Schools
- Search & Rescue
- Ski Instructor
- High Ropes Design
- PPE Inspectors
- Guiding/leading expeditions
- Risk Management
- Teaching





REAL LIFE LEARNING



At Sparsholt I gained qualifications including Paddlesport Leader and Powerboat Level 1. I developed practical skills through whitewater paddling, climbing and mountain biking, supported by excellent facilities.



LUKE

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



SPORT

The sport and fitness industry is one of the largest growing industries on the planet, with a wide and innovative range of career paths becoming available every year. Set within 450 acres of Hampshire countryside, the Sparsholt sports department provides outstanding facilities for high standards of learning. 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.

SPORT BTEC LEVEL 2 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

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



OUR RANGE OF SPORT COURSES ARE ALL DESIGNED TO ALLOW LEARNERS TO APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO A VARIETY OF SPORTS AND POTENTIAL CAREER PATHWAYS

A RANGE OF BTEC COURSES WITH EMBEDDED INDUSTRY-RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT ENTRY INTO THE SPORT INDUSTRY

STATE-OF-THE-ART FITNESS GYM, SPORTS CENTRE, ELITE LEVEL FOOTBALL PITCHES AND INDOOR CLIMBING WALL

SUPPORTED BY A RANGE OF EMPLOYERS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY LEARNED SKILLS DIRECTLY IN PLACEMENTS



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for full information on courses, facilities and much more.



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.

SAMANTHA VOKES



CURRICULUM LEADER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Bath
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- University of Loughborough
- Southampton Solent University
- St Mary's University Twickenham

INDUSTRY LINKS

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

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

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DURATION

One year

WHAT WILL I LEARN

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths or English OR a Level 1 Diploma in a relevant subject.

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

CAREERS

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



Discover where your course could take you with work experience from employers like:

- Southampton General Hospital
- Boulder Shack Climbing Gym
- YMCA Fairthorne Manor
- Kids on Track Andover
- Energie Fitness



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SPORT, FITNESS AND PERSONAL TRAINING

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

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.

DURATION

Two years

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English, OR Level 2 Diploma and grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to university, where you can study 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

CAREERS

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



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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 Academy where you will receive a wider range of fitness industry experiences. Our industry experts will lead you through a catalogue of fitness training practices to include:

- CrossFit
- Circuits
- Olympic lift technique
- Strength and Conditioning
- Indoor cycling
- Kettle bells
- Box Fit and much more

SPORTS COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

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.

DURATION

Two years

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English, OR Level 2 Diploma and grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

This course gives you UCAS tariff points towards entry to university, where you can study 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

CAREERS

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



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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.



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to find out more.

BOYS' 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 will train at least two/three times per week and also 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.



SPARSHOLT SQUAD BOYS

This exciting association brings a wealth of opportunities, including:

- Represent CFC: 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 CFC Employment pathway
- Players employed by Chelsea FC will have the opportunity to build their coaching experience working, locally, nationally and internationally

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 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.

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.

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



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.

This exciting association brings a wealth of opportunities, including:

- Train 2/3 times a week
- Play competitive fixtures on Wednesdays
- Opportunity to play in the National Football Youth League
- Compete in the National Futsal League
- Represent CFC: 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 and Kingsmeadow 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 CFC 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



SEE SPARSHOLT.AC.UK

to find out more.



UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Passionate about a career in the uniformed protective services? So are we! Step into your future with confidence on our career-focused courses, designed to prepare you for the rewarding world of protective services. From hands-on training using our cutting-edge facilities and equipment to learning essential theory from experienced professionals, you'll gain the skills and knowledge that employers are looking for.

Our strong partnerships with industry leaders mean you'll benefit from real-world insights, networking opportunities, and a competitive edge when it's time to land your dream role.

Your mission starts here. **Are you ready?**

PUBLIC SERVICES BTEC LEVEL 2

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES BTEC LEVEL 3

CAREERS

- Emergency Services (Police/ Ambulance/Fire Brigade)
- Armed Forces
- Third sector roles
- Prison Service
- Security Services



**REALISTIC SCENARIOS
TO MASTER
WORKPLACE SKILLS**

**TAKING PART IN CRIME SCENE
INVESTIGATION REVIEWING
LOCARD'S EXCHANGE
PRINCIPLE 'EVERY CONTACT
LEAVES A TRACE'**

**LEARNING HOW
TO REDUCE RISK
TO PUBLIC SAFETY
BY CHECKING
AND SECURING
CRIME SCENE AND
PRESERVING EVIDENCE**

**FOCUS ON
DETAIL WHICH
CONTRIBUTES
TO THE
BIGGER
PICTURE**



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for full information on courses,
facilities and much more.



MEET THE EXPERT



My unique combination of frontline experience allows me to deliver practical, real-world knowledge. I am passionate about mentoring the next generation of public safety professionals.



JAMES CLAYSON

LECTURER

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

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

INDUSTRY LINKS

- Armed Forces (Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force)
- Emergency Services
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Hampshire Fire and Rescue
- NHS
- HM Prison Service

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

Kickstart your career in public safety with our exciting Level 2 course. Whether you aspire to be a police officer, health worker, firefighter, Military officer, or emergency responder, this comprehensive course equips you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to protect and serve. You'll cover the practical and theoretical aspects of the Uniformed Protective Services and experience 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.

DURATION

One year

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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including Maths or English OR a Level 1 Diploma in a relevant subject.

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

CAREERS

This course provides a foundation for students to embark on meaningful careers that make a real difference in society. Many go on to serve in the Army, where they apply their skills in discipline, teamwork, and leadership in challenging environments. Others find fulfilling roles within the Police and Civil Nuclear Constabulary, contributing to national security and community safety through law enforcement and specialised protection duties. Additionally, some graduates pursue careers within the NHS, supporting vital healthcare services and emergency response teams.



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UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

Kickstart your career in public safety with our Uniformed Protective Services course, designed to prepare you for the frontline roles that keep communities safe and secure. Whether you aspire to be a police officer, health worker, firefighter, military officer, or emergency responder, this comprehensive course equips you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to protect and serve. We work very closely with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service giving students the opportunity to volunteer with the fire service as well as develop core skills with the police service.

DURATION

Two years

WHAT WILL I LEARN

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.

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 extracurricular trips to Bournemouth Airport Training Facility for anti-terrorist combat training, as well as meeting a variety of Protective Service employees including Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service 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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSEs at grade 4 including Maths or English, OR Level 2 Diploma and grade 4 in GCSE English or Maths.

WHAT CAN I STUDY NEXT?

- 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 where you can study degree (BSc) or foundation degree (FdSc) courses



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REAL LIFE LEARNING



My teacher was very helpful and helped me prepare for my interviews - I'm joining Surrey Police on the detective programme. We also did frontline policing and frontline operations with different protective services, allowing me to translate the skills I learnt in lessons into real life.



CHRIS

UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

CAREERS



- Emergency Services (Police/ Ambulance/Fire brigade)
- Armed Forces (British Army/Royal Navy/Royal Air Force)
- HM Prison Service
- Customs/Border Control
- Rescue Services
- Policing
- Criminology
- Paramedic Science
- Outdoor/Adventure Training Instructor
- Fitness Instructor



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 you live in England, 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 may apply, however you may be eligible for free tuition, depending on the course you want to study, your existing qualifications, your financial circumstances and your home address – 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 apply – Student Visa may be required

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

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

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

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 £39,000, you could receive a discount of up to £4,000 on accommodation costs – or up to £4,500 if your household income is under £30,000.

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.

Applications can be made as part of your College Bursary application – for further information on eligibility please see sparsholt.ac.uk/the-college/fees-and-funding

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 direct.gov.uk/caretolearn or from the National Careers Service. If you're 20 or over and have a household income of less than £39,000 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 who do not meet the criteria for the 16–18 Bursary Fund or are aged over 19. If your household income is under £39,000 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 £30,000 you may be eligible for the transport cost to be fully covered by the fund. The income threshold of £39,000 is increased by £1,650 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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for more information about the support available and our bursaries policy.

GET AHEAD WITH AN ADVANCED LEARNER LOAN

Develop your skills

No upfront fees

Improve your career options

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 £524 per week or £2,274 per month.

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.

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

GETTING TO SPARSHOLT

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.

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



CAMPUS BUS TRAVEL

We offer a range of options including Campus Bus Travel, 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. Payment for train/bus passes can be spread over nine months by card instalments at no extra cost. An initial deposit payment is required on application.

If you need further information please contact our Transport team on **01962 797346**

transport@sparsholt.ac.uk or visit
sparsholt.ac.uk/the-college/transport



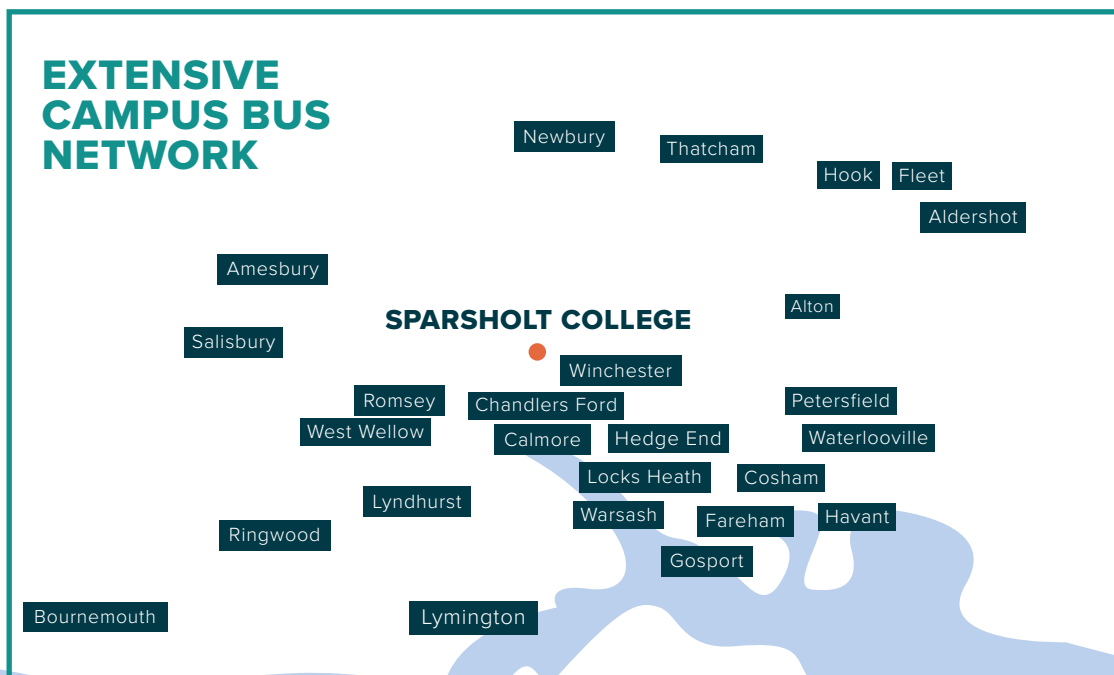
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for latest list of
locations and costs

FREE ON-SITE PARKING

**There is parking on campus for
registered vehicles.**

EXTENSIVE CAMPUS BUS NETWORK





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

If your household income is between £30,001 and £39,000, you could receive a significant contribution to your transport costs from the Support to Study Bursary fund, and you can pay the remaining balance on a monthly basis.

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SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2027

SATURDAY 6 MARCH 2027

WEDNESDAY 28 APRIL 2027

THURSDAY 10 JUNE 2027



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FOUNDATION LEARNING OPEN EVENT

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