



# Kingston Maurward College



# Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to Kingston Maurward College, Dorset's rural college. If you're interested in animals, plants and the natural world, or you just enjoy being outside, this is the place for you.

Our learners are part of a vibrant student family, enjoying fabulous facilities set in a stunningly beautiful campus. Our students frequently tell us how happy they are here, and the independence they gain compared to being at school provides them with an outstanding transition into working life or university.

Practical work is central to what we do; learning is immediate and engaging, whether in the field or classroom. Working with employers and our wider community ensures students enjoy impressive employment rates. To achieve this isn't easy - we work hard; we have high expectations of both ourselves and our learners, pushing each other to achieve the very best we can, regardless of our starting point. What is hard is also what is worth doing.

If you'd like to find out more about your next adventure, please visit us - we'd love to meet you.

**Luke Rake**

Principal and Chief Executive





A young man with short brown hair, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt, is sitting in the driver's seat of a tractor. He is looking forward with a focused expression, his hands on the steering wheel. The background shows a blurred outdoor setting with trees and a fence.

# Land-based Education

In order to thrive the land-based sector needs two things: talent and technology. Our world is radically changing and to meet some of the specific challenges faced by our environment, public health and food security, the land-based sector needs a highly skilled workforce. This requires specialist resources and expert teachers using the right approaches to inspire and challenge the next generation.

Our programmes in technical land-based agriculture sectors are co-designed with key industry partners to develop skilled individuals who can take the sector forward to a bright future. Technological advances in the land-based sector are rapid and we ensure our students are up to date with modern ways of working whilst maintaining a knowledge of traditional methods.

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A person wearing a blue and yellow jumpsuit with a logo on the back is standing next to a green tractor. They are looking at the engine compartment of the tractor. The tractor has the number '10' on its side. The background shows a grassy field and trees under a clear sky.

# Agriculture

By 2050, just 30 harvests away, the world will need to produce 65% more food. This is a national challenge and farmers are a core part of the future health and wellbeing of the nation and the environment.

Our programmes allow the farm managers, estate managers, agronomists and countryside workers of the future to learn the vital knowledge and gain skills which can be put straight back into farming to improve productivity, increase profit or manage the land to ensure it is maintained for future generations and biodiversity.

Our estate has some 300Ha of arable and permanent pasture which provides a 'living-lab' for students to experiment with different systems, practising traditional methods alongside those using the latest technological advances in agri-tech.

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# Aquaculture

The seafood industry is of vital importance to the UK and especially in Dorset which is fast becoming the centre of English aquaculture. With food security becoming an ever increasing concern in today's world there is the need to develop a skilled and qualified workforce to drive standards and improve productivity in a sustainable way.

Our programmes have been designed in conjunction with key industry and research partners to fill identified gaps in the labour market across Dorset's aquaculture industry.

In order to ensure the aquaculture sector is a thriving and sustainable one, industry students on this programme will carry out a significant amount of time on work placements developing their technical skills, knowledge and employability behaviours.

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# Rural Business & Heritage Management

With the diverse range of businesses that exist in rural areas, from farm management to eco-tourism, there is the need to develop sound business management skills. These innovative programmes are designed to equip the next generation of rural business managers and owners to enhance their understanding of how organisations thrive in the market place and how they are managed in the ever changing external world they operate in.

Alongside an A Level equivalent qualification in business, students will work closely with successful owners and entrepreneurs to develop an essential understanding of wider businesses and the multi-functionality of rural business.

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# Countryside & Environment Management

Managing our diverse countryside and environment has never been more important on a global and local scale, to ensure species thrive and our rich heritage is preserved for generations to come. These programmes are designed for students looking to go into roles such as countryside rangers, environmental consultants, conservation officers and estate managers.

They are designed with key organisations in the sector to enable students to become effective managers of the countryside, combining an in-depth understanding of ecology and landscape development alongside cultural history and heritage management. The landscape within the Kingston Maurward estate and throughout Dorset provides a rich resource to develop applied skills and knowledge, equipping students for progression into industry or on to higher education.

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# Animal Science

Our programmes offer students the opportunity to work with a wide range of animals on site including reptiles, aquatics, mammals and birds. Our Animal Park allows students to experience a real business environment and interact with customers to develop their confidence and communication skills.

It is not unusual for students to spend a morning lambing, followed by an afternoon working with small mammals or invertebrates. Our units include care and management, biochemistry, animal behaviour and ecological management, all of which are transferable straight into employment or higher education.

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# Equine Studies

The equine industry offers a diverse range of careers from competition riders to equine nutritionists and employs up to 250,000 people. Our programmes offer students the opportunity to improve their riding skills and stable management knowledge through practical experience and hands-on learning.

Students develop an in-depth knowledge of the UK horse industry and how pivotal it is to the rural economy. Boasting two large arenas, both indoor and outdoor, stables, solarium and mechanical horse, together with a range of horses from schoolmaster ponies to Prix St George dressage, our campus offers the perfect learning environment.

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# Horticulture & Arboriculture

Our programmes provide students with the practical skills and in-depth knowledge to carry out a variety of roles in the sector. These range from garden designer to tree surveyor and with a reported shortage of a skilled workforce, provide excellent career prospects.

Using state of the art resources and equipment students gain a thoroughly practical and scientific understanding of all aspects of plant science through technical, laboratory and identification work.

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# Floristry

Our programmes allow students to work practically, learning a range of techniques which enables them to gain employment in existing floristry businesses or to set up their own.

From creating bouquets to marketing, buying and pricing, these courses provide the skills students need to flourish. Working in conjunction with industry and our onsite teams, students will have the opportunity to learn first-hand how to prepare a range of displays.

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# Foundation Learning

With the largest foundation learning provision in any Dorset college, our campus is regarded as a beautiful, safe and enjoyable place to learn. Small groups and additional support suited to a range of Special Education Needs or Disabilities (SEND) allow students to develop skills in an encouraging and caring atmosphere, ready for the next steps towards adulthood.

Our team work closely with schools, transition teams and parents or carers to ensure all students get the support they need. Students have access to all parts of the estate, from the farm and horticulture glasshouses to the stables and fitness centre, to gain teamwork and other essential skills to help them progress in life and into a work environment, and prepare them to be more independent.

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# Construction & Blacksmithing

Our programmes teach students traditional and modern methods which allow them to gain experience and learn various techniques to then apply to employment once they finish their course.

Students leave with a range of adaptable skills, and can be employed in many job roles, through the variety of units covered in our programmes.

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# Military & Protective Services

Our programmes allow students the opportunity to improve their understanding and fitness for the recruitment and selection process for any role in the services.

By utilising the whole of the Kingston Maurward estate students will develop their skills in teamwork, fitness and decision-making under pressure. Through engagement with the military and our Combined Cadet Force students gain real-life experience of the armed forces, preparing them for the role and service of their choice.

Programmes in the protective services prepare students for roles in the Police, HM Customs & Excise, Probation Service and Fire & Rescue Service.

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## Sports & Outdoor

Our programmes combine specialist training with hands-on instructing experience to prepare students for a range of careers and business opportunities in the outdoor industries. Students learn practically whether kayaking through Durdle Door, climbing at Swanage or Portland, or sailing in the same waters as the 2012 Olympic teams.

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# Apprenticeships

Our courses provide a fantastic opportunity to combine earning a wage at work whilst learning new knowledge, skills and behaviours that will support students in their careers. The very strength of an apprenticeship is that the skills and knowledge are employer driven, and link directly to the workplace and students' respective industry.

# Programme Levels

We offer different levels of programme within each subject area so there is a starting point for everyone and importantly a progression route too. These range from Entry Level to Level 3 Extended Diplomas and University Access courses.

Entry Level programmes are for students who have individual learning needs and differences and are designed to provide employability skills, knowledge and the behaviours to develop independence.

At Level 1 Diplomas and Certificates offer students a practical, hands-on learning experience and an introduction to the industry of interest. The focus is on developing the skills, knowledge and behaviours to broaden options in the future.

Level 2 Diplomas and Technical Certificates are one-year programmes designed to build core theoretical knowledge and practical skills for jobs and industries requiring technical understanding.

Level 3 Diplomas and Extended Diplomas are one or two year programmes, co-designed with key industry partners to ensure they are providing students with the higher technical skills, detailed theoretical knowledge and behaviours, to enter the industry of choice or progress directly to further study in Higher Education.

An Access to Higher Education course offers mature students an intensive full-time programme which provides all the grounding and basic science to enable direct access into University.

# Transport

We offer a variety of buses and minibuses along all major routes across Dorset and the wider region. The stops and routes are planned annually to accommodate our students and provide easy and affordable access to the College.

To find out more, please phone 01305 215032 or visit [kmc.ac.uk/college/information/transport/](http://kmc.ac.uk/college/information/transport/)

# Bursaries

Each year we are given government money to help and support students with financial difficulties or who come from low-income families. These funds are administered through the Student Welfare Team and can help you with costs relating to your studies such as transport, childcare and essential kit/equipment purchases.

For more information, please phone 01305 215165 or visit [kmc.ac.uk/college/information/money-matters/bursaries/](http://kmc.ac.uk/college/information/money-matters/bursaries/)

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# Open Days

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