



London's environmental college

Capel Manor College

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Make nature your classroom

Our natural world is changing and, right now, it needs your passion to help tackle the challenges it faces in light of climate change, sustainability, air quality, waste, food security, and more recently, COVID-19.

Capel Manor College is proud to play a vital role in the capital's green agenda, equipping the next generation with the skills and knowledge needed to help preserve and protect our wildlife, national parks and green spaces across the world.

Start your journey with us to gain qualifications that are valued by land-based employers and begin or boost your career in our natural world.

“Capel Manor College is a unique and very special college that provides outstanding and inspirational learning opportunities for young people and adults. We believe there is nowhere else quite like us in Europe in terms of our facilities, activities, staff and students. We continue to support the need for land-based skills, and we are committed to shaping the future of the industry through lifelong learning.”

Malcolm Goodwin
FCI Hort, FLS
Principal



London's environment strategy

Capel Manor College is committed to providing students with the skills, knowledge and experience needed to improve the quality of London's environment. We are proud to support the Mayor of London's environment strategy and together, we can make the city:

Cleaner

- Produce less waste
- Help people make electricity from the sun
- Discourage the most polluting cars

Greener

- Plant more trees
- Make more green spaces accessible
- Create more green roofs and areas around new buildings

Ready for the future

- Protect against floods
- Ensure there is enough water in the future
- Reduce electricity, gas and water waste

London is set to be home to over 11 million people by 2050 and needs to adapt to become greener, healthier and wilder. The College supports the London National Park City aims to be a city:

- That is greener in the long-term than it is today
- Where people and nature are better connected
- Which protects the core network of parks and green spaces
- Where buildings and public spaces are not defined only by stone, brick, concrete, glass and steel
- That is rich with wildlife where every child benefits from exploring and learning outdoors

[london.gov.uk](https://www.london.gov.uk)

49.9%
of London is green space

8 million trees

3.8 million gardens

London's green spaces help to avoid

£950 million
in healthcare costs every year



What makes us different?

Over the last 50 years, Capel Manor College has helped thousands of students achieve their dream of working with animals, plants and the natural environment.

We are London's only specialist environmental college, offering a diverse range of full and part-time courses in further and higher education for young people and adults.

No matter which of our six campuses you choose, you will join an inclusive, diverse and passionate community of 3,000 students across the capital. Prepare to be immersed in a hands-on, practical learning environment, guided by industry experts who will help you reach your full potential.

As a Capel Manor College student, you will have the opportunity to:

- Experience a refreshingly unique and professional outdoor learning environment
- Choose from a wide range of study routes regardless of your starting point
- Help run our zoos, farms, estates and commercial businesses
- Take care of our animals, plants, gardens and wildlife
- Be supported and encouraged to achieve your full potential
- Gain excellent industry links to help you find employment after your studies



Why Capel Manor College?

Agriculture, wildlife and environmental conservation



- Secure nationally and internationally recognised qualifications
- Learn directly from professional conservationists who still work in the industry
- Gain practical experience through nationwide conservation projects
- Benefit from our links with arable, city and dairy farms across London
- Work with a variety of rare and native breeds that call Capel Manor College their home
- Showcase your skills at key industry events such as Farm Expo and CropTec

Animal management



- Access to two fully licensed zoos at Crystal Palace Park and Enfield
- Gain experience in our city Farms
- Help manage more than 1,000 animals in collections across our campuses
- Take care of commercial and organic livestock including pigs, sheep and cattle at Forty Hall Farm
- Progress to our higher education courses in partnership with the Royal Agricultural University (RAU)
- Be part of conservation research projects as part of our degree level courses

Arboriculture and forestry



- Study in over 200 acres spread across the capital, as well as local woodland sites maintained by our students
- Gain invaluable subject knowledge along with hands-on skills learning how to operate, maintain and use modern industry machinery and equipment
- Make use of our inspiring training facilities to practise everything from tree climbing to tree felling
- Experience what it is like to work outdoors and learn skills that will help you run your own business

Floristry and event styling



- Join award-winning students who regularly compete at national shows, including RHS Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows
- Train within our public retail facility, Manor Flowers, based at the Enfield Campus
- Pursue your passion for balloon artistry with the only education provider in London to offer courses in this area from Levels 1 to 3
- Work on exciting projects for prestigious clients
- Learn from industry experts with over 20 years' experience

Garden and landscape design



- Study courses that have a core focus on today's challenges of climate change, sustainability, health and wellbeing
- Secure nationally and internationally recognised qualifications and study in a variety of gardens and landscapes
- Access quality teaching resources including specialist design studios and IT facilities
- Learn from experts who have the latest essential industry skills and knowledge, as well as strong network links

Horticulture and professional landscaping



- Study courses that have been developed in partnership with the RHS, Society of Garden Designers, and British Association of Landscape Industries
- Immerse yourself in over 200 acres spread across the capital
- Gain practical experience through our diverse plant collections
- Work within London's prestigious gardens and parks
- Showcase your skills at national competitions including the RHS Chatsworth, Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows

Six campuses across London

Brooks Farm

- Established for over 20 years
- Friendly, community-driven atmosphere
- Outdoor learning, classrooms and café
- Range of animals including sheep, donkeys, ponies, goats, rabbits and hens
- Farm-based learning activities for the wider community



Crystal Palace Park

- A South London education hub for environmental learning
- Classrooms and facilities located within the National Sports Centre
- Student-led farm with a licensed zoo that is open to the public
- Partnerships with local schools
- Students contribute to the welfare of the Park and its green areas



Enfield

- Over 30 acres of idyllic parkland, gardens and landscapes
- Zoo with over 75 animal species
- Professional dog grooming salon
- Specialist arboriculture, animal and leatherwork centres
- 13th century Georgian Manor House, home to our higher education provision
- Access to 150 acres at Forty Hall Farm



Gunnersbury Park

- Picturesque setting within the walled garden
- Working access to parts of Gunnersbury Park
- Diverse animal collection
- Partnership with local schools
- Four-year restoration project completed in 2018



Mottingham

- Home to beautiful gardens, glasshouses and a variety of exotic and domestic animals
- Surrounded by natural woodland used for practical learning
- A Site of Nature Conservation Interest
- Features the River Quaggy
- Closely linked with Crystal Palace Park Campus as joint South East London provision



Regent's Park

- Located within the Inner Circle of Regent's Park
- The Campus benefits from a partnership with The Royal Parks
- Excellent design studios and practical outdoor areas
- Home to diverse plant collections
- Enjoy use of the Crown Estate Gardens and many more





Agriculture

The world's population is predicted to rise to nine billion people by 2050. That means nine billion people will depend on agriculture for food and clothes.

The industry continuously relies on new talent to look for innovative ideas and meet the demands of the world in a sustainable way. If you would like to help alleviate world hunger, promote sustainable living and improve the future of farming, then a qualification in this sector is a great place to start.

As part of your studies you will gain hands-on, practical experience at our certified organic Forty Hall Farm in Enfield, Crystal Palace Park Farm and other city Farms across the capital including Mudchute Farm. You will support breeding programmes in conjunction with the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, and provide high welfare for livestock species, operate farm machinery and harvest crops.

Careers

- Agricultural engineer
- Farm manager
- Feed nutritionist
- Farm hand
- Agronomist
- Production grower
- Dairy herd manager
- Livestock geneticist
- Tractor driver

Campuses

- Enfield
- Mottingham

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Industry training



Samer's story

“ I began my studies at Capel Manor College with animal care, then I progressed to study agriculture and wildlife management. I chose to study here because I wanted to become a veterinarian and own a farm of my own.

Getting to know where our food comes from and being in contact with the livestock were my favourite parts of the course. I have gained a lot of knowledge and the course has been really informative. It will definitely help me run my own farm in the countryside one day. ”

“The College is home to a variety of rare and native breeds of livestock. Our Farm Shop sells its own organic produce, including meat and vegetables, and runs a local weekly vegetable bag scheme, allowing you to experience the whole production process. We work hard to ensure you get outdoor experience and don't just study in a classroom.

You will have the opportunity to compete at county shows and go on some exciting trips to enhance your learning. Our courses will give you the practical experience and skills you need to build a lifelong career in a sector that provides over 3.7 million jobs.”

Adam Sarfas
Head of School



Animal management

Explore your passion for animals with our specialist courses in animal management, zoology and veterinary science.

We offer nationally and internationally recognised courses ranging from further to higher education, to give you the skills needed for a career working with animals.

Our higher education programme has been developed in partnership with the Royal Agricultural University (RAU) and helps you take your career to the next level, either in the UK or worldwide.

We manage and look after more than 1,000 animals across our campuses. Each campus has dedicated training facilities and resources, including exotic and aquatic rooms, aviaries, large animal enclosures and paddocks.

You will also have the opportunity to take part in annual excursions and trips, both nationally and internationally.

Careers

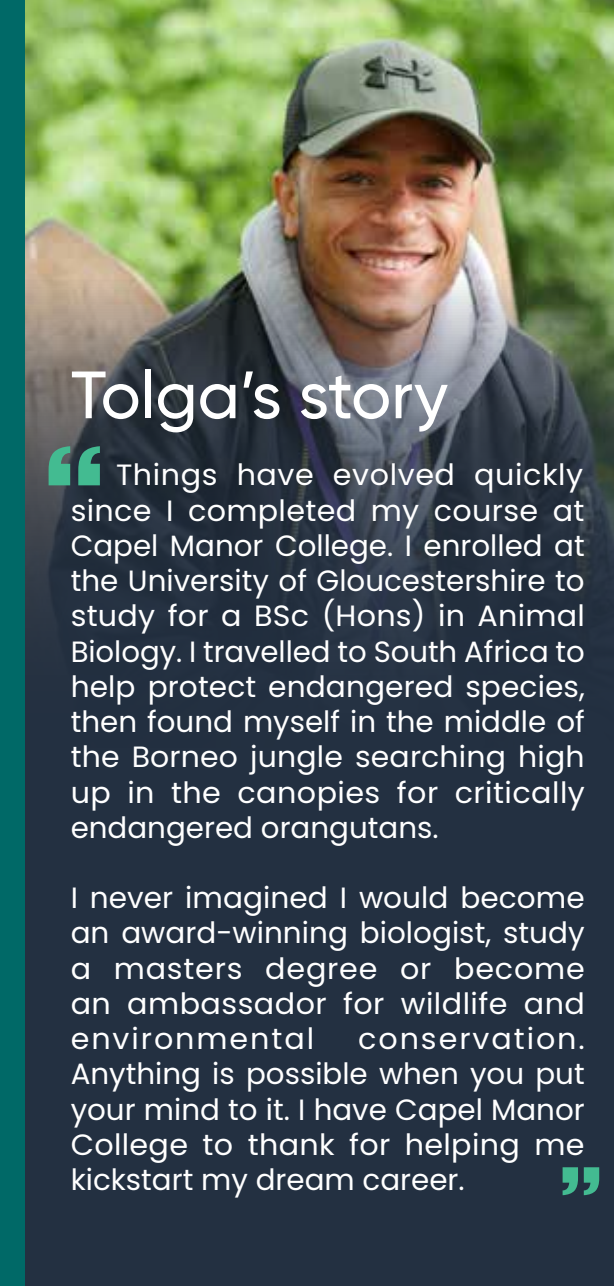
- Conservationist
- Zookeeper
- Veterinary surgeon
- Animal physiotherapist
- Animal welfare officer
- Wildlife rehabilitator
- Equine industry technician
- City farmer

Campuses

- Brooks Farm
- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 4
- Apprenticeships
- Higher education



Tolga's story

“ Things have evolved quickly since I completed my course at Capel Manor College. I enrolled at the University of Gloucestershire to study for a BSc (Hons) in Animal Biology. I travelled to South Africa to help protect endangered species, then found myself in the middle of the Borneo jungle searching high up in the canopies for critically endangered orangutans.

I never imagined I would become an award-winning biologist, study a masters degree or become an ambassador for wildlife and environmental conservation. Anything is possible when you put your mind to it. I have Capel Manor College to thank for helping me kickstart my dream career. ”

“Studying at Capel Manor College will give you the opportunity to work with over 75 animal species, including llamas, ponies, meerkats, bearded dragons, chinchillas, hamsters, and more.

Employers love the fact that all our students leave us with practical experience in addition to theory. What's great about our classroom work is that you get to practice what you learn through real life scenarios in our animal areas, from feeding and cleaning to providing medication and observing animal behaviour.”

Helen Wiffen
Curriculum Leader



Arboriculture and forestry

Arboriculture is the cultivation, management and study of trees. It is closely linked to forestry, which is the science and practice of managing forests and woodlands.

You will help preserve natural heritage at a variety of woodlands and prestigious landmarks including Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Hatfield House and London parks.

Our practical lessons range from felling and orienteering to operating and maintaining machinery and equipment.

The Bartlett's Training Centre, located at our Enfield Campus, incorporates a climbing wall, classrooms, laboratory and a workshop to support education and training.

Careers

- Tree surgeon
- Chainsaw operative
- Forester
- Tree surveyor
- Forestry manager
- Forestry machine operator

Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Apprenticeships
- Industry training



Ivor's story

“ I have always been good at working with my hands, so I knew I wanted to do something practical by learning a skill or a trade. This led me to study arboriculture and forestry at Capel Manor College. I really enjoyed my course. The tutors were relaxed, and their teaching style benefited me greatly as they were very interactive.

The College was a great place to study with excellent outdoor facilities and lots of plants and trees. ”

“We offer the perfect location for your studies. We have over 200 acres of land spread across the capital, as well as access to many local woodland sites maintained by our students.

Our range of full, part-time and apprenticeship courses open up numerous educational and career routes. Many of our students progress to higher education to further their studies, or enter careers within the industry.”

David McGown
Team Leader



Dog grooming

Being a professional dog groomer is a rewarding career that has a huge impact on the overall welfare of dogs.

There will always be a demand for dog groomers. If you want to create bonds with dogs of all different breeds, shapes and sizes, and work in a professional salon or set up your own business, then our dog grooming courses are perfect for you.

You will have the opportunity to meet clients and their dogs to develop your customer service skills. Our staff will teach you a diverse range of grooming techniques, as well as how to complete pet health checks.

We will support you to expand your business knowledge and understand how to market and run your own business.

Careers

- Business owner
- Mobile groomer
- Senior stylist
- Salon manager
- Grooming assistant
- Teacher

Campuses

- Enfield

Pathways

- Full-time
- Part-time



Katie's story

“ I always knew that I wanted to be a dog groomer and start my own business. The tutors were so supportive all the way through my studies and they encouraged me to push myself.

I learnt all the skills I needed to pursue my dream career as a mobile dog groomer.”

“Our modern, open-plan dog grooming salon allows you to practice your skills in a professional environment. We work with over 300 dog owners and a range of breeds, from Golden Retrievers, Yorkshire Terriers and Cocker Spaniels, to Miniature Schnauzers, Newfoundlands and German Shepherds.

You will have the opportunity to meet clients, talk to them about their dog's grooming requirements, and practice your grooming skills under the guidance of our friendly and supportive tutors.”

Charlotte Green
Course Manager



Floristry and event styling

Develop your creativity with our diverse range of courses in floristry, event planning, floral art and design, balloon artistry and event styling.

Our courses will give you the freedom to experiment with different materials, styles and themes. You will have the opportunity to enter competitions and work on exciting projects for clients in and around London.

More recently, we have developed new ways of introducing environmentally friendly practices to create sustainable designs.

Alongside modern practical and theoretical skills, you will learn important business skills to give you the confidence to progress in your career after your studies.

Careers

- Floristry business owner
- Freelance florist
- Party and event stylist
- Balloon artist specialising in event décor
- Floral wholesale specialist
- Event planner

Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham
- Regent's Park

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 4
- Apprenticeships
- Higher education
- Workshops



Ursula's story

“After being made redundant in 2015, I set up a business tending graves but wanted to offer the option of fresh floral tributes. I enrolled on a Level 1 course to learn how to make them but my journey led me to become not only a florist, but also a teacher and social entrepreneur.

I've won a Festival of Learning Social Impact Award in recognition of how I changed my life through adult learning. I also created the Flower Bank, which takes unwanted produce from supermarkets and turns them into designs for local communities. Studying floristry has shaped the person I am today and given direction to my life.”

“We teach students from all walks of life – from school leavers looking to launch their career in floristry, to adult learners who enjoy floristry as a hobby but want to take the leap and change their entire career.

Our tutors are extremely passionate about what they do and have over 20 years' industry experience. They will help you to embrace your own creative vision and give you the knowledge you need to take your passion to the next level – whether that is starting your own business or entering the industry.”

Claire Curtis
Acting Head of School



Garden and landscape design

Garden design is a unique profession that combines science with art. Turn your passion for nature and design into a meaningful career by transforming open spaces into beautiful oases.

With 49.9% of London being green space and increasing evidence to show the positive impact gardens have on our mental health, there has never been a better time to study for a career in garden design.

Our expert tutors will help you gain industry-recognised qualifications and encourage you to get involved in environmental landscaping projects. You will also have the opportunity to visit renowned gardens, parks and public open spaces to inspire your own designs.

Plus, you will have the chance to participate in high-profile national competitions such as the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower Show, to give you practical, hands-on experience that will enhance your CV.

Careers

- Garden and landscape designer
- Heritage and conservation officer
- Interior landscape contractor
- Chartered landscape architect

Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham
- Regent's Park

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 3
- Part-time



Andrew's story

“ I wanted to improve my expertise as a gardener and transition my existing business towards garden design. Capel Manor College has an excellent reputation – it is a great place to study with wonderful campuses. I enjoyed all of my courses; they were run by enthusiastic, knowledgeable and inspiring teachers who encouraged me to do my best.

I am now developing my garden design business and collaborating on projects with fellow students and industry contacts I made during my time at the College. ”

“You will have fantastic resources at your fingertips, including specialist design studios to practice traditional drawing skills and IT facilities for the teaching of Computer-Aided Design (CAD) techniques.

You are encouraged to showcase your skills by entering your work into nationally and internationally renowned exhibitions, design shows and competitions.

Our students regularly win awards at RHS shows including Chelsea, Hampton Court and Chatsworth. They also design award-winning stands at renowned shows like the Ideal Home Show in London.”

Nathalie Puget
Curriculum Leader



Horticulture and professional landscaping

We have been a centre for horticultural studies since 1968, with an unrivalled reputation for excellent education and strong industry links.

Our courses give you access to some of the most prestigious public and private landscapes in the capital.

You will study an exciting and varied curriculum that responds to the ever-changing world of horticulture and professional landscaping.

You will be encouraged to enter your work in national and international competitions to showcase your skills, as well as undergo work experience within horticultural businesses, green spaces, rooftop gardens, community spaces, urban pocket parks or traditional gardens such as Kew Gardens, RHS Garden Wisley and Hyde Hall.

Careers

- Commercial horticulturist
- Plant breeder
- Environmental scientist
- Head gardener
- Horticultural therapist
- Nursery manager
- Hard landscape gardener

Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham
- Regent's Park

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Apprenticeships



Stephanie's story

“My course was well structured and we went on some great visits to other gardens. I particularly enjoyed the crops modules and going to Forty Hall Farm, run by staff and volunteers at the College, to take part in practical work and gain an understanding of how an organic market garden works.

I made new friends, developed new skills, challenged myself and grew in confidence. The practical experience I gained whilst volunteering at Forty Hall Farm and in the Gardens at Capel Manor College definitely helped me secure my first job in horticulture as a Kitchen Gardener at Myddelton House Gardens.”

“Capel Manor College provides the perfect setting to study horticulture. You will have access to over 30 acres of gardens at our Enfield Campus, as well as two farms, extensive plant collections and open spaces at our Crystal Palace Park, Gunnersbury Park, Regent's Park and Mottingham campuses.

That's not all – we have significant industry links in all areas of the profession, from consultants and contractors to manufacturers and suppliers, helping you to secure employment after your studies.”

Nigel Thorne
Director of Studies



Saddlery and shoemaking

We offer the historic Worshipful Company of Cordwainers' Diploma in Saddle, Harness and Bridle Making, and the Cordwainers' Diploma in Shoemaking.

The British leather industries are growing at an exponential rate, with an estimated annual growth of £195 million and an estimated turnover of £1.14 billion. The success of the British saddlery and leatherwork industries relies on superior quality, innovation, and highly-skilled staff.

Our courses are taught through practical demonstrations and hands-on workshops in our dedicated studio, helping to provide you with the skills needed to work with a wide range of employers such as luxury leather goods makers, equestrian suppliers, the British Army and fashion designers.

Careers

- Master saddler
- Shoemaker
- Bridlemaker
- Saddlemaker
- Harnessmaker
- Footwear designer
- Costume designer
- Leather armoury

Campuses

- Enfield

Pathways

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Workshops



Charlie's story

“I studied at Capel Manor College because they were the only college that offered a two-year saddlery course. I also visited the campus and fell in love with the place.

I really enjoyed the making aspect of the course. My tutors were incredibly supportive and helped me believe in myself. I now make bespoke leather goods for private clients as well as other companies, and I have recently launched my first made-to-order collection using leather sourced from British and European tanneries. ”

“Capel Manor College has a reputation for excellence in saddlery and leathercraft. Our saddlery courses teach you the traditional skills used in bridle and harness making, whilst our shoemaking courses allow you to design and make several pairs of shoes through specialist workshops.

The skills you gain with us are transferable in other leatherwork areas such as bag, belt and case making. You will have opportunities to compete in national competitions and we are proud to say our students regularly win!”

Line Hansen
Lecturer



Wildlife and environmental conservation

Our world needs professional conservationists to protect wildlife and their habitats for future generations.

Through your studies, industry work placements and a range of exciting trips, you will learn how to care for our environment, manage habitats, survey plants and wildlife, and operate machinery.

The specialist knowledge gained will help you to progress to higher education or enable you to fulfill your passion and start a career in this rewarding industry.

Many of our students have stayed in the UK to work, whilst others have taken their skills overseas to work on a range of international conservation projects.

Careers

- Nature reserve manager
- Wildlife conservationist
- Policy advisor
- Ecological surveyor
- Woodland manager
- Coastal management specialist

Campuses

- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

Pathways

- Levels 1 to 3
- Full-time
- Part-time



David's story

“ I have always loved spending time outdoors. My parents used to take me to the Gardens at Capel Manor College when I was younger.

After my GCSEs, I enrolled onto the countryside management course which involved lots of practical learning. I then progressed to study environmental conservation. I enjoyed the mature learning environment the most. It facilitated my development and by being treated like an adult, I felt confident to go out into the industry and work with others.

“There is no better way to learn about conservation than from those who have worked in the industry and maintained strong links and connections.

You will be taught by professional conservationists who have been, and still are, playing active roles across the sector.

Expect to learn about conservation from all different angles and take part in real-life projects, such as hedgehog releases and managing habitats for different wildlife species.”

Karen Hood
Team Leader



Apprenticeships

We are proud to be the preferred training provider of apprenticeships for some of the most prestigious land-based employers in the industry.

You can apply for an apprenticeship if you live in England, are over the age of 16 and are not in full-time education.

Our large network of employers allows us to offer apprenticeships in the following areas; arboriculture, animal management, floristry and event styling, and horticulture.

It is a fantastic way to gain work experience alongside studying for a new qualification. You will earn while you learn, gain confidence in the working environment of the industry you wish to start a career in, and obtain a nationally recognised qualification.

Careers

Work for renowned employers such as The Royal Parks, Kew Gardens, Zoological Society of London (ZSL), City of London, The Oval, Tottenham Hotspur and Wembley stadium.

Campuses

- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Regent's Park

Pathways

- Arborist
- Florist
- Golf greenkeeper
- Horticulturist
- Keeper and aquarist
- Landscape technician
- Sports turf operative



Ryan's story

“ I didn't always know what I wanted to study, but through volunteering I enjoyed garden maintenance and creating displays. I knew then that I wanted to look after a public space in London and have my own team.

My apprenticeship provided me with the practical and theoretical experience I needed to become a successful horticulturist. There is no doubt that my experience at Capel Manor College helped me get to where I am today, which is Head Gardener at Victoria Park. ”

“Our apprenticeships usually take 18 to 24 months to complete. You do not have to pay for your studies. Employers typically pay all or part of the fee, with the rest being funded by the Government.

The College offers a wide range of apprenticeships in the land-based industry. Our strong links with employers means we know exactly what skills they are looking for, so we make sure you get the most relevant experience you need to truly succeed and progress in your career.”

David Boyer
Director of
Apprenticeships



Foundation learning

Our foundation learning provision is aimed at 14 to 19 year olds working predominantly at Entry Level 3 or Level 1, as well as 19 to 24 year olds with high level special needs.

All learners have the ability to progress to positive outcomes. Our foundation learning courses are designed to support progression to full-time vocational areas. You will undertake a range of classroom-based and practical, hands-on activities to introduce you to the various areas of the land-based industry.

You will get the opportunity to study elements from animal care, floristry, horticulture and countryside and wildlife, in order to understand which course you would like to progress to.

Our dedicated team provide one-to-one support to help you develop your personal, social and employability skills, as well as your English and Maths skills.

Subject areas

- Animal care
- Countryside and the environment
- Floristry
- Horticulture
- Wildlife and habitats

Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

Pathways

- Entry Level 3
- Level 1
- Full-time
- Part-time



More than 85% of our foundation learning students stay at Capel Manor College and progress onto one of our vocational pathways, which lead to exciting careers in animal care, tree surgery, floristry and horticulture.

"Our mentors, counsellors and dedicated learning support officers ensure you remain happy and successful during your time with us.

We also offer very small classes and personalised programmes for all students, including those with learning difficulties or disabilities, to enable progression to further education, employment or independent living."

Ellen Luke-McDonald
Director of Student
Experience and
Support



Business skills

Develop your business, finance, retail, digital and customer service skills with our range of courses aimed at business owners operating in land-based industries and new starters entering careers in the natural world.

Our aim is to equip students with the essential business and entrepreneurial skills needed to help them run their own business.

All courses take place at our Enfield Campus and are taught by industry professionals who understand the day-to-day running of a business.

Subject areas

- Accounting
- Bookkeeping
- Business skills
- Digital skills

Campuses

- Enfield

Pathways

- Full-time
- Part-time



Student services and learning support

We want you to feel welcome, safe and valued while you are studying with us. We are committed to offering specialist support to help you in a variety of areas, whether you need careers guidance, learning support or someone to talk to, we are here to help.

The College prides itself on being multicultural. We provide and promote an environment which is open and equal, where students and staff are treated solely on their merits and abilities, and are given the opportunity to develop to their full potential.

We offer a range of services to help you succeed throughout your studies, either in small groups or one-to-one. This includes careers information and guidance, counselling, help with study skills, exam preparation, revision techniques and time/stress management.

Course representatives

The student voice is incredibly important to us and we foster an environment where new ideas are welcome.

Every course or classroom group elects a course representative who will attend meetings and express students' experiences, feedback and views to tutors and the College Senior Leadership Team on a regular basis.

Careers service

Impartial advice and guidance is available from our careers advisors who can support you with your career planning and development.

We also host the UK's largest land-based annual careers fair, where students have the opportunity to meet and talk to industry professionals.

Counselling and mentoring

Everyday life can affect our mental health and wellbeing. We understand students cope better when they have access to confidential and professional counselling and mentoring.





Student life

Whatever you want to achieve from your college experience, we provide the perfect environment for you to learn, develop and have a great time.

Work experience

Work experience is a crucial element to all our courses. We encourage you to find your own placements, but we also have fantastic industry links to help you find the right opportunity.

Study trips, shows and competitions

You will have the opportunity to take part in trips and study tours as part of your studies. Former students have travelled to Africa, Peru and the Isle of Man to participate in real conservation projects with scientists, helping to care for the habitats and animals. Other alumni have visited Wales to learn about countryside management and the Netherlands to learn about commercial floristry production.

In addition, our students showcase their work through national shows and competitions. There are so many extra activities you can take advantage of during your time with us.

College events

There are a variety of College events that take place over the year that you can take part in, from charity fundraisers and student talent shows, to national exhibitions and multicultural fairs. You will find your time with us rewarding, fulfilling and fun.

Team Capel

Boost your confidence and your CV by volunteering to enhance our community. You can represent the College at our Open Days and commercial events, raise money for charity, and care for our animals, plants and estates.

“ We have so much going on across our six campuses and we look forward to getting you involved in everything that makes Capel Manor College a special place. We are more than just a college – we are a community and we cannot wait for you to be part of it. ”

Ellen Luke-McDonald
Director of Student Experience
and Support





Join us

Open days

We host various Open Days, Advice Evenings and Virtual Advice Sessions throughout the year where you can talk to our expert tutors for course advice and guidance.

You can register to attend one of our events at capel.ac.uk/open-days.

Contact

Speak with our friendly Admissions team via the live chat tool on our website or call 01992 707029. Alternatively, complete an enquiry form on our website and a member of the team will get back to you.

Social media

Follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest College news and events. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter and YouTube.





How to apply

You can apply to study at Capel Manor College online at [capel.ac.uk](https://www.capel.ac.uk). It is a simple process and we advise you to apply as early as possible to secure your place.

If you are applying for a full-time course or apprenticeship you may be invited to attend an informal interview to ensure the course you have applied for is the right one for you. Following this we will normally offer you a place, depending on your qualifications or predicted grades.

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