



# 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 and food security.

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.

“ Our mission is to equip our students to take advantage of the huge opportunities that exist across the London economy, with employers increasingly needing the green skills that our students acquire. This demand is forecast to grow in the years ahead, as the move towards increased environmental awareness, the importance of green skills and sustainability, and the expansion of green spaces around the region all gather momentum. ”

Peter Brammall  
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
- Where all can enjoy high-quality green spaces and clean air, and where more people choose to walk and cycle

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**47%**  
of London is green space

**8.4** million trees

**3,000** parks and green spaces

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 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 five campuses you choose, you will join an inclusive, diverse and passionate community of 3,500 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, farm, 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 farm
- 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 within 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 our 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

# Five campuses across London

## 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 nearby 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

- New, state-of-the-art education facilities in September 2024
- 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



## 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 farm – 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

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Full-time
- Part-time



To find out more about these courses, scan the QR code.



## 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 4.1 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

- Zookeeper
- Veterinary surgeon
- Animal physiotherapist
- Animal welfare officer
- Wildlife rehabilitator
- City farmer

## Campuses

- Crystal Palace Park
- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Apprenticeships
- Higher education
- T Levels



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## 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.”

**Amy Shirley**  
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
- Tree officer
- Chainsaw operative
- Forester
- Tree surveyor
- Forestry manager
- Forestry machine operator

## Campuses

- Enfield

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Industry training
- Workshops



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## 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.”

**Nathan Burke**  
Lecturer



# Art and design

Our art and design courses are designed to evoke a deep appreciation for the environment while nurturing your artistic skills.

Led by experienced industry experts who are passionate about both art and sustainability, our art and design courses offer a holistic approach to creative education. You will have the opportunity to study in 30 acres of natural beauty, providing you with the perfect backdrop to explore your creativity.

You can expect to cover a wide range of artistic disciplines, from drawing and painting to graphic design and sculpture. With a focus on sustainability, you will learn how to create art that not only captivates but also contributes to a greener future.

## Careers

- Graphic designer
- Illustrator
- Art therapist
- Photographer
- Clay modeller
- Community arts worker

## Campuses

- Enfield

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Workshops



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“Our art and design courses enable students to stretch their creative minds amidst 30 acres of natural beauty at our Enfield Campus. The campus is peaceful and stimulating with lots of greenspace encouraging inspiration, thought and creativity.

Led by experienced tutors who are passionate about both art and sustainability, our courses offer a holistic approach to creative study. This combination provides students with a unique educational experience that blends creativity with practical skills to contribute to a greener future.”

Louise Quigley  
Head of School



# Business and digital skills

Develop your business, digital and website design 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. Our courses are designed to provide you with a comprehensive understanding of how businesses operate, offering not only financial benefits but also valuable transferable skills.

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

- Employability
- Website design
- Website development
- Business start-up
- Business skills

## Campuses

- Enfield

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Full-time
- Part-time



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“Explore a variety of business courses at Capel Manor College that are tailored to enhance your employability and ignite your entrepreneurial drive.

Whether you aspire to launch your own business or advance in the corporate world, our courses are designed to boost your confidence and support you every step of the way.

Our full-time and part-time courses provide the foundation you need to start your own business or unlock numerous career opportunities in the business sector.”

Nico Smit  
Lecturer



# 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

- Level 2
- Level 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Workshops



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## 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



# English and maths

Achieving five 4 to 9 GCSE grades (including English and maths), adds £80,000 to your future earnings over a lifetime, according to a study conducted by the Department for Education.

If you are aged 19 and over, and want to improve your numeracy skills, we offer free online courses in maths as part of the London Multiply programme. You can also achieve a formal qualification with GCSE English Language or Maths, or boost a lower existing grade.

If you have just finished school and have not obtained a pass in GCSE English or Maths, you will be able to study these alongside your chosen land-based course. We offer a unique learning environment that is very different from a traditional school setting. You will benefit from small class sizes, one-to-one support and hands-on learning tailored to your course.



## Understanding course levels and qualifications

In the UK, most qualifications fit into one of nine levels. Our tutors and Admissions team can advise what option is best for you.

Some examples of types of qualifications can be found below:

### Entry level

- Entry level award
- Entry level certificate
- Entry level diploma
- Entry level essential skills

### Level 1

- GCSE (grades 3-1 or D-G)
- Level 1 award
- Level 1 certificate
- Level 1 diploma

### Level 2

- GCSE (grades 9-4 or A\*-C)
- Level 2 award
- Level 2 certificate
- Level 2 diploma
- Level 2 national certificate
- Level 2 national diploma

### Level 3

- A level
- AS level
- Level 3 award
- Level 3 certificate
- Level 3 diploma
- Level 3 national certificate
- Level 3 national diploma
- Access to higher education diploma
- T Level

### Level 4

- Higher apprenticeship
- Level 4 award
- Level 4 certificate
- Level 4 diploma

### Level 5

- Foundation degree

### Level 6

- BA(Hons) Top-Up





# 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. Our balloon artistry courses align with our sustainability values by promoting the use of high-quality, 100% natural latex rubber balloons that decompose at the same rate as an oak leaf and discourage deforestation.

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
- Event décor balloon artist
- Event planner

## Campuses

- Enfield
- Forty Hall Farm
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham
- Regent's Park

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Higher education
- Workshops



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## 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.”

**Fisun Houssein**  
Team Leader



# Foundation learning

Our foundation learning provision offers courses based around The Prince's Trust programme and is designed to help young people aged 16 to 19, bridge the gap between their current educational status and their future goals.

These courses are aimed at those who need an additional year of learning before progressing onto vocational courses or apprenticeships, or for those who have been out of education, employment, or training and need to develop their personal skills, qualities, and attitudes.

Students will undertake a range of class-based and practical hands-on activities, introducing them to the various areas of the land-based industry. In addition, students will study for qualifications in English and maths where necessary and, undertake a range of theory and practical, hands-on activities. We also offer a discrete 14 to 16 provision for School Links students at our Enfield, Gunnersbury Park and Mottingham campuses.

## Subject areas

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

## Campuses

- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham

## Pathways

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



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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



# 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 47% 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 may have the opportunity 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

- Enfield
- Gunnersbury Park
- Regent's Park
- Online

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Part-time



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## 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, as well as London's only commercial vineyard.

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

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

- Head gardener
- Horticultural therapist
- Hard landscape gardener
- Vineyard worker

## Campuses

- Enfield
- Forty Hall Farm
- Gunnersbury Park
- Mottingham
- Regent's Park

## Pathways

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Apprenticeships
- Industry training
- Workshops



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## 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 nearby Forty Hall Farm and Forty Hall Vineyard, extensive plant collections and open spaces at our Crystal Palace Park, Gunnersbury Park and 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.”

**Sophie Guinness**  
Curriculum Leader



# Saddlery and shoemaking

We offer The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers' Diploma in Saddle, Harness and Bridle Making, an Access to HE Diploma in Shoemaking and The Worshipful Company of Saddlers Certificates.

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

- Level 2
- Level 3
- Full-time
- Part-time
- Workshops



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## 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

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- Mottingham

## Pathways

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## 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; animal management, horticulture and landscape design.

It is a fantastic way to gain real 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) and more.

## Campuses

- Enfield
- Regent's Park
- Online

## Pathways

- Horticulturist
- Keeper and aquarist
- Landscape technician



To find out more about these courses, scan the QR code.



## 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. ”

“Apprenticeships provide a robust foundation for your career, regardless of its current stage. Typically, our programs span 24 to 36 months, integrating hands-on work experience with academic learning in a real-world context, all at no financial burden to you.

You will earn a wage as you learn and cultivate the necessary knowledge, skills, and behaviours to advance in your chosen field. Leveraging our strong connections with employers, we ensure that our curriculum reflects the skill sets in demand, thus providing you with the experience needed for successful career progression.”

**Susie Phillips**  
Apprenticeship  
Operations Manager



# Introducing T Levels

T Levels are a new two-year qualification for post-GCSE students aged 16 to 19 and are equivalent to 3 A levels.

Based on the world's best technical education systems, T Levels are part of government reforms to help address the skills gap, and provide a clear range of options after GCSE. All courses have been developed with leading employers in the relevant industries to ensure that young people gain the essential knowledge and skills that businesses need.

T Levels are demanding, classroom-based, technical study programmes with industry placements that will allow you to learn what a real career is like while you study. T Level studies include around 1,800 hours of classes, industry placement and other activities over two years. Our new Animal Care and Management (T Level) course will be available from September 2024 at our Mottingham Campus.

# Mottingham Campus transformation

Our 'Unlocking Potential' project has secured funding of £9 million to create new, state-of-the-art education facilities at our Mottingham Campus.

The project has been granted planning consent and funding is being supported by the Greater London Authority (GLA). The project will transform the College's facilities and significantly improve the energy efficiency of the campus, as it strives towards a zero carbon footprint, supporting the GLA's ambition for London to reach net-zero carbon by 2030.

The project will benefit over 600 people, including students, apprentices and College staff that study or work at the Mottingham Campus. The 'Unlocking Potential' project will enable the College to deliver T Levels in Animal Care and Management starting in September 2024.



# 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

Our students views are 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.

We have a dedicated team to offer you support, and if you are passionate about helping other people, you too can become a peer mentor.



# Student life

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

## Study trips, shows and competitions

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

## Team Capel

Team Capel is a volunteering opportunity for you to get involved in at any of our campuses. You can explore your interests beyond your studies, grow your confidence and personal skills, and have some fun along the way!

Volunteering can look great on your CV and the work experience that you undertake as part of your practical duties makes a big contribution to the running of our Gardens, farm and estates. You will have the opportunity to help out at events, our zoos and farm, and meet and greet potential students at our Open Days and Advice Sessions.

## 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.

## 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.

“ We have so much going on across our five campuses. 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





# Your next step

## We host a variety of open events throughout the year:

At our Open Days you can explore our campuses and facilities, enjoy live talks and demonstrations, meet some of our animals, and chat with tutors and current students. You can also apply on the same day!

At our Advice Evenings, Advice Days and Virtual Advice Sessions, you have the opportunity to talk with our expert tutors and Admissions team for personalised course advice and guidance.

We also offer 15 minute, one-to-one online calls with tutors for you to explore course options and your next steps at a time that suits you.

Register for one of our events at [capel.ac.uk/open-days](https://capel.ac.uk/open-days)

## Contact us

You can also speak with our Admissions team by calling 0303 003 1234 (option 2), using Live Chat between Monday and Friday from 9.30am to 4.30pm, or by completing 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 get an inside look at our vibrant campus life, meet our amazing students and staff, and see the exciting activities and events happening across our campuses. Join us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, X 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, predicted grades or previous work experience.

Following your application and interview, you will be sent details of our online enrolment process or be invited to come into college to enrol in person. You will receive an invitation to enrol via email so please keep an eye on your email inbox and spam or junk folder.

To enjoy a seamless start, please ensure you are fully enrolled before attending your course.



To start your application scan the QR code.





# Fees and funding

The amount you pay to study will depend upon your personal circumstances and the course you are enrolling on to.

If you are aged 16 to 18 your course is free, and you may be eligible for one or more of our bursaries to help you whilst you are studying.

If you are aged 19 and over, you may be eligible for financial help to cover fees if you meet specific criteria. An Advanced Learner Loan can help with college or training tuition costs in England. How much you get depends on what you are studying and what you are charged in tuition fees. The loan does not depend on your current employment status and is not means tested. You will only start repaying the loan once you have completed your course and are earning more than £25,000 per year.

For adult learners, some courses are free depending on your personal circumstances.



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# Study at one of our five campuses in London

 0303 003 1234



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**Enfield** Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield EN1 4RQ

**Gunnersbury Park** Popes Lane, Acton W3 8LQ

**Mottingham** Mottingham Lane SE12 9AW

**Regent's Park** The Store Yard Inner Circle, Regent's Park NW1 4NR

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