

A smiling woman with curly hair, wearing a green apron over a light blue shirt, holding a bunch of vegetables. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting.

Capel Manor
College

Upskill. Reskill. Discover a New Passion.

Courses and
qualifications
for careers, life
and personal
development

ADULT GUIDE
2025-26

Welcome to Capel Manor College

Capel Manor College offers a range of courses specifically designed for the adult learner looking to:

- Progress their career with professionally accredited qualifications
- Retrain for a new career direction or return to work
- Gain the qualifications required for higher-level study
- Discover a hobby, develop a talent, take up a new interest and meet new people

Our unique learning environment, practical approach, and expert tutors help thousands of adults achieve their goals each year.

Why study with us?

Our courses are led by passionate and experienced tutors, aiming to spark your curiosity, enhance your understanding and empower you to positively impact the environment and society.

- Flexible part-time, full-time and evening options
- Courses suitable for all levels, from beginners to professionals
- Hands-on, practical learning in outdoor environments
- Study at one of five campuses across London
- Expert tutors with industry experience

Supporting you

We understand that returning to study as an adult can be a big step. Our support services include:

- Careers advice and progression planning
- Learning support and one-to-one sessions
- Wellbeing and counselling services
- Help with IT, online learning and study skills



Our London campuses

Capel Manor College is proud to be London's environmental college. With five campuses across the capital, our sites offer unique outdoor learning environments that reflect the diverse subjects we teach and the communities we serve.

Crystal Palace Park

Located within the National Sports Centre, this campus specialises in animal care and environmental education. It is home to Crystal Palace Park Farm, where students gain practical experience caring for animals. Classrooms are situated in the Jubilee Stand Building.

Enfield

Our largest campus, Enfield is a vibrant hub for horticulture, animal care, floristry, and saddlery. Set within 30 acres of gardens, it includes a zoo, glasshouses, laboratories and historic stables. Students also access Forty Hall Farm which is a working organic farm with a vineyard, market garden and shop providing hands-on training across land-based subjects.

Gunnersbury Park

Situated within a historic park in West London, this campus supports courses in animal management and horticulture. It features outdoor teaching areas and a thriving animal collection. The campus regularly hosts seasonal plant sales, helping students engage with the local community.

Mottingham

Set within woodlands and green spaces, this campus includes gardens, glasshouses and an animal unit with exotic and domestic species. The site has recently been redeveloped as part of the 'Unlocking Potential' project, supporting sustainable and low-carbon learning environments.

Regent's Park

Located in the heart of central London, this campus exclusively delivers adult courses in horticulture and garden design. Students benefit from access to the Crown Estate Gardens and other high-profile green spaces, in partnership with The Royal Parks. It offers a peaceful, adult-focused setting with strong links to the professional landscaping industry.



- E** Enfield
- CPP** Crystal Palace Park
- GP** Gunnersbury Park
- M** Mottingham
- RP** Regent's Park

We offer a broad range of subjects for adult learners. Whether you are looking for a formal qualification, industry training, a short course, or a new hobby workshop, there is something for everyone. Our courses are practical, career-focused, and delivered by industry professionals in specialist environments.

Animal Management

If you are passionate about animals and interested in a career in animal care, our courses provide the skills needed to work in zoos, veterinary practices, wildlife rehabilitation or farm management. With access to over 1,000 animals across our campuses, you will develop practical skills in animal welfare, behaviour and husbandry in real working environments.

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“Capel Manor College gave me the skills and confidence to pursue veterinary medicine. The hands-on experience with animals pushed me out of my comfort zone and sparked a real passion for science. I wouldn’t be where I am today without the support of the tutors.”

**Hazel, Animal Management
(Level 3)**

Art and Design

Our creative art and design courses are perfect for those looking to explore their artistic potential while engaging with nature. Delivered in our beautiful Enfield Campus, you will study techniques in drawing, painting, graphic design and sculpture. These courses encourage experimentation and support the development of a personal and environmentally-conscious creative practice.

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Agriculture

Our agriculture courses are designed to meet the growing demand for skilled workers in sustainable food production, livestock care and land management. Students gain hands-on experience with rare and native breeds, organic crop production and machinery operation.

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“Capel Manor College helped me turn a passion into a new career. The hands-on experience and supportive tutors made agricultural theory come to life. I’m now planning my own organic farm and hope to inspire others to follow the same path.”

Rodrigo, Agriculture (Level 3)

Dog Grooming

If you are considering a career in dog grooming or starting your own business, our courses provide hands-on training in our professional salon. You will learn grooming techniques for a range of breeds, client consultation, pet health and welfare. Ideal for animal lovers who want to build a rewarding career in a growing industry.

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Floristry and Event Styling

Explore your creativity and learn professional floral design techniques, including balloon artistry and event planning. Our courses cater for beginners through to advanced learners and include opportunities to work on live briefs and enter competitions. These skills are perfect for career changers, aspiring business owners or hobbyists.

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“After being made redundant, I enrolled on a Level 1 Floristry course and quickly progressed to Level 3. I began a journey that transformed me not only into a florist, but also into a teacher and social entrepreneur.”

Ursula, Floristry (Level 3)

Horticulture and Professional Landscaping

Develop a broad understanding of plant care, garden maintenance, turf management and sustainable landscaping. Study at some of London's most impressive green spaces and gain practical experience in propagation, pruning, soil science and landscape construction. Courses are suitable for hobbyists, career starters or experienced professionals.

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Saddlery and Shoemaking

Learn traditional leathercraft techniques used in saddle, harness, bridle and shoemaking. Taught by experienced professionals and supported by heritage organisations, our courses offer a unique opportunity to enter a specialist craft with excellent employment prospects in fashion, equine and luxury goods industries.

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"I studied at Capel Manor College because they were the only college offering a two-year saddlery course. I really enjoyed the making aspect and the tutors were incredibly supportive. I now create bespoke leather goods for private clients and have launched my first made-to-order collection."

Charlie, Saddlery (Level 3 Certificate)

Wildlife and Environmental Conservation

If you are passionate about protecting the natural world, our conservation courses will equip you with the knowledge and skills needed for a career in countryside management, ecology or environmental science. You will study habitat management, plant and animal identification, surveying and conservation techniques across our campuses and local nature reserves.

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Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are the perfect way to continue earning while learning something new. With no upper age limit, you can get qualifications and gain valuable experience in the workplace. Ideal for retraining or building on your current experience.

We offer a range of apprenticeships in:

- Business and Management
- Arboriculture and Forestry
- Horticulture
- Golf Greenkeeping
- Animal Care

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“Winning the Animal Care and Management Apprentice of the Year award was an incredible honour, but the real highlight has been the journey that got me here.

My apprenticeship combined in-depth learning with hands-on experience, which has been invaluable. Every day is a chance to make a difference, and I love applying what I’ve learned to real-world challenges. Winning Apprentice of the Year was an honour, but the journey is what I’m most proud of.”

**Madelaine, Keeper and Aquarist
Apprenticeship (Level 3),
ZSL Whipsnade Zoo**

University Level Programmes

If you want to start an entirely new career and are seeking a professional qualification or wanting to do a degree, we can help you get there.

Access to Higher Education

Get the qualifications you need for university in just one year with one of our Access to Higher Education (HE) courses, designed for adults who want to study at university but do not yet have the necessary qualifications.

- Access to HE Diploma in Animal Science and Welfare (Land-based Studies)
- Access to HE Diploma in Veterinary Science
- Access to HE Diploma in Shoemaking

Higher Education

Getting an advanced-level qualification provides increased choice and opportunity, enhanced career opportunities, higher earnings and more confidence. You can also study degree-level courses with Capel Manor College in partnership with the Royal Agricultural University.

- FdSc Animal Management and Zoology
- BSc (Hons) Animal Management and Zoology (Top up)



No upfront fees for Access and Higher Education courses as loans are available.



Industry Training

Our practical, industry-recognised short courses are ideal for employers and professionals looking to upskill quickly and effectively. Designed to meet the demands of today's land-based industries, our flexible programmes cover areas such as horticulture, arboriculture, landscaping and digital skills. Whether you're refreshing existing knowledge or training your team, our expert-led courses help build confidence, compliance and capability.

We offer training in:

- Tree surgery and chainsaw use
- Pesticide application
- Grounds maintenance
- Digital skills for the workplace

For bespoke training or group bookings of four or more, speak to our team for advice.

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Financial Support

If you are concerned about the cost of studying, there are a range of options available that may be able to help you with funding.

Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for:

- Free courses (e.g. if you are unemployed or on a low income)
- Advanced Learner Loans
- Bursaries to support with travel, childcare and equipment

Visit [capel.ac.uk](https://www.capel.ac.uk) for full details or speak to our team for advice.

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OPEN EVENTS

Come and speak to our team at one of our Open Events. Meet tutors and get advice on choosing the right course for you.

20 August 2025, 10am to 4pm

16 September 2025, 5.30pm to 7pm

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