Capel Manor College

London's *environmental* college





Green *skills* for real careers

School leavers guide 2026/27

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Welcome to Capel Manor College

We offer an open, friendly and supportive environment that is more than just a place to learn. We play a crucial role in the capital's green agenda and support an inclusive, diverse and passionate community of over 3,500 students.

You will have a rewarding and fulfilling experience studying at our unique, tranquil campuses. Enjoy access to over 200 acres of gardens and woodland, one zoo, two farms, and thousands of animals!

"Young learners enjoy studying in vibrant and immersive learning environments"

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Why choose Capel Manor College?

Our courses are led by passionate and experienced tutors that will inspire and empower you to positively impact the environment and society. You can expect:

- Hands-on, active learning
- Classroom activities tailored to your course to keep learning fun and relevant
- Industry standard facilities
- Experienced tutors
- Tailored student support
- Extensive links with employers
- Work experience embedded into courses
- Opportunities to enter national competitions



Gain hands-on experience in a unique learning environment

We are London's environmental college, with five campuses across the city where we offer diverse courses, expert teaching, and an inclusive atmosphere.

Our Regent's Park Campus is for adults only (19+).

Our facilities include:

- A zoo
- Two farms
- A dog grooming salon
- Laboratories
- 30 acres of gardens
- Over 200 acres of land access across London

Campus locations



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

Crystal Palace Park





Located in the National Sports Centre, our Crystal Palace Park Campus serves as an education hub for environmental learning in South London.

The campus includes Crystal Palace Park Farm and an extensive suite of rooms and workshops in the Jubilee Stand Building. The Farm is also open for public visitors and is a popular local attraction.



Courses available:

- Animal management

How to find us

By rail: Crystal Palace station from Victoria, London Bridge and Dalston Junction and the Overground.

By bus: 157, 358, 227, 410, 249 and 432 buses stop nearby.



Crystal Palace Park
The Jubilee Stand, 1st Floor,
Ledrington Road SE19 2BS

Enfield



Our Enfield Campus is surrounded by 30 acres of parkland that includes 40 gardens and landscapes, a beautiful Georgian manor house, café, flower shop, dog grooming salon, and zoo that has recently become a provisional member of The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).

The College also runs nearby Forty Hall Farm, a certified organic farm that spans 150 acres and is an educational resource for our students.

Courses available:

- Agriculture
- Animal management
- Arboriculture and forestry
- Art and design
- Dog grooming
- Floristry and event styling
- Garden and landscape design
- Horticulture and landscaping
- Pathways
- Saddlery and shoe making
- Wildlife and environmental conservation

How to find us

By rail: Turkey Street station, the College is approximately 20 minutes' walk from Turkey Street.

By bus: 217 and 317 buses stop nearby.

Enfield
Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield
EN1 4RQ







Gunnersbury Park





Our Gunnersbury Park Campus has a friendly and community-driven atmosphere. The campus features a library, computer suite, classrooms and a student social area, as well as practical facilities and an animal collection within the College's walled garden.

By permission of the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing, our students also have working access to parts of Gunnersbury Park itself.



Courses available:

- Animal management
- Floristry and event styling
- Garden and landscape design
- Horticulture and professional landscaping
- Pathways



How to find us

By tube: Acton Town station (Piccadilly and District Line) is 10 minutes' walk from the campus. By bus: E3 bus stops nearby.

Gunnersbury Park
Popes Lane, Acton W3 8LQ

Mottingham





As part of the College's new 'Unlocking Potential Project' our Mottingham Campus benefits from the creation of new state-of-the-art facilities aimed at improving the energy efficiency of the campus as it strives towards a zero-carbon footprint.

Our Mottingham Campus has a range of buildings including polytunnels and beautiful garden areas and grounds, and is home to a variety of animals.



Courses available:

- Animal management
- Art and design
- Floristry and event styling
- Pathways
- Horticulture and professional landscaping
- Wildlife and environmental conservation



How to find us

By rail: Mottingham station is a 23 minute walk from the campus, with regular services to London Charing Cross, London Bridge, Cannon Street and Dartford.

By bus: There are a number of bus stops within five minutes' walk of the campus. The closest stops are Jevington Way, Alnwick Road and Mottingham Way.

By car: Mottingham Campus is located on Mottingham Lane, just two minutes' drive from the A20 Sidcup Road/ South Circular Road roundabout.

Mottingham
Mottingham Lane
SE12 9AW

Agriculture



Gain the qualifications you need for a career cultivating the land, growing and harvesting crops and breeding livestock while providing high standards of welfare to a diverse range of species.

Gain first-hand farming experience working at our certified organic Forty Hall Farm and Mudchute Farm.

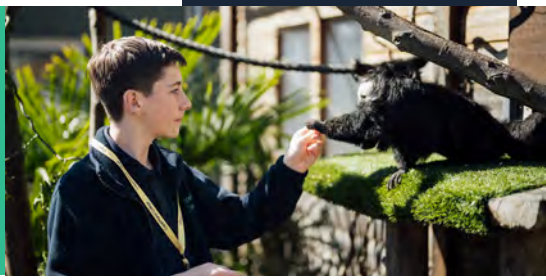
The agri-food industry provides just under
4.2 MILLION jobs in the UK

CAREERS

Farm Manager
Agricultural Engineer
Production Grower
Feed Nutritionist

Learn **more**

Animal management



CAREERS

Vet Nurse
Animal Technician
Zoo Keeper
Kennel Manager

Learn **more**

Explore your passion for animals with our specialist courses designed for anyone wanting to work with animals, and with an interest in their behaviour, care and welfare.

From grooming to feeding and everything in between, gain real-world experience that will prepare you for progression in your studies or future employment.

"All of the courses I have studied at the College have been great and the practical side is what I have enjoyed the most."

Lola's story

Arboriculture and forestry



Arboriculture, also known as tree surgery, involves the planting, care and maintenance of individual trees in woodlands, rural and urban areas. It is closely linked to forestry, which is the science and practice of managing forests and woodlands.

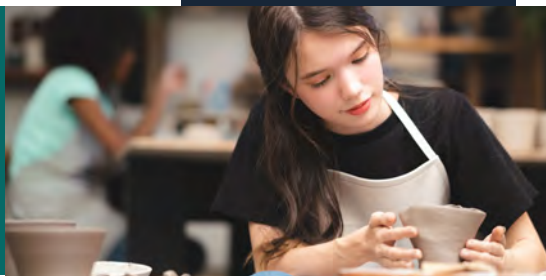
We offer the perfect location for your studies with 30 acres of gardens on our Enfield Campus, and over 200 acres of accessible land spread across the capital.

CAREERS

Tree Surgeon
Harvesting Forester
Woodland Manager
Tree Surveyor

Learn **more**

Art and design



CAREERS

Fine Artist
Interior Designer
Graphic Designer
Jeweller

Learn **more**

You will work on imaginative, experimental projects using both natural and recycled materials to create artistic designs including mosaics, sculptures, and 3D forms. The 30-acre gardens at our Enfield Campus will provide the perfect backdrop to explore your creativity.

Our art and design courses are delivered in partnership with University of the Arts London.

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Dog grooming



Dog grooming is a specialised area of animal care that focuses on the hygiene, appearance and wellbeing of dogs.

You will learn how to groom and maintain the coat, skin, nails, ears and health of different dog breeds.

Gain real-life work experience in our professional salon on campus.

CAREERS

Business Owner
Mobile Groomer
Senior Stylist
Salon Manager

Learn **more**

Floristry and event styling



CAREERS

Business Owner
Freelance Florist
Party and Event Stylist
Event Planner

Learn **more**

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

We have an in-house retail training facility at our Enfield Campus, and as a student you'll have the opportunity to participate in college events and exciting national competitions.

Horticulture and professional landscaping



You will study an exciting and varied curriculum which includes the science and art of cultivating plants, the study of plant growth, propagation, and management.

We have been a centre for horticultural studies since 1968 and have developed an unrivalled reputation for excellence and strong industry links.

You will have the opportunity to work within some of London's most prestigious parks and gardens, and take part in national competitions.

CAREERS

Horticulturist
Landscape Gardener
Groundsperson
Plant Breeder

Learn **more**

Saddlery



CAREERS

Master Saddler
Bridle Maker
Leather Designer
Saddlery Tutor

Learn **more**

If you are interested in horses and horse riding, or working with leather and have artistic flair, then one of our saddlery courses is the ideal choice for you.

Our saddlery and leatherwork courses will teach and develop your skills through practical demonstrations and hands-on workshops.

Capel Manor College takes pride in being the only educational institution in Europe to offer the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers Diploma in Saddle, Harness and Bridle Making.

Wildlife and environmental conservation



Wild and open spaces play a vital role within our economy, making the need for conservation professionals very important. Our courses will equip you with the essential skills needed for a career in the industry.

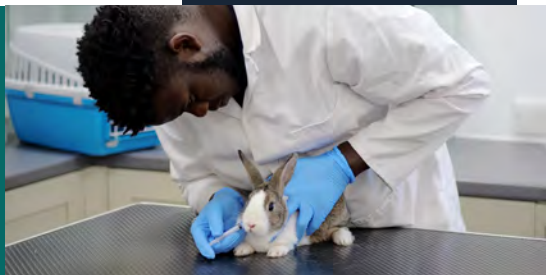
You will study the protection and management of wild and domesticated animal species, their habitats and the natural environment.

CAREERS

Conservation Officer
Park Ranger
Policy Advisor
Eco Protection Officer

Learn **more**

T Levels



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels are a two-year qualification which combine 80% classroom learning with 20% industry placement, giving students practical skills and experience.

Learn **more**

We offer a T Level in

ANIMAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT

at our Mottingham Campus

Apprenticeships



Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes that combine college classes with practical skills gained in the workplace. To start an apprenticeship, students need to find an employer, which can be found through the Find an Apprenticeship website.

Reasons to do an apprenticeship:

- Earn money while you learn
- Gain real workplace skills and experience
- Achieve a nationally recognised qualification

OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

Business and management
Arboriculture and forestry
Horticulture
Golf greenkeeping
Keeper and aquarist

Apprenticeships

Ryan's story



"I didn't always know exactly what I wanted to study, but once I started volunteering I discovered how much I enjoyed garden maintenance, creating displays, and growing both ornamental and edible plants. That's when I knew I wanted to focus on horticulture and one day manage my own team.

The apprenticeship gave me a thorough introduction to all the different elements a horticulturist should know, with plenty of practical and theoretical learning. I really enjoyed meeting other students and lecturers, and the support I received gave me the confidence to achieve more than I thought possible.

My experience at Capel Manor College has helped me progress to my role as Head Gardener at Victoria Park."

Ryan studied the Horticulture Apprenticeship (Level 2 and 3)

Learn **more**



Supporting you

Wellbeing

We understand that there are times when you may need extra support. Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing team is here to help with anything that may be affecting your ability to succeed and enjoy your college experience. They provide a safe, non-judgmental space for one-on-one support to all students.

Learning support

Capel Manor College is dedicated to creating a supportive and welcoming learning environment for all students. We offer a confidential learning support service designed to assist students with disabilities and/or learning difficulties.

Careers advice

Making informed career choices is crucial. Our Careers team is here to help you select the right course and plan your next steps, whether you are aiming for higher education or employment.

Find out more



Pathways

Our Pathways programmes provide essential preparation for vocational courses, apprenticeships, internships, or employment. Partnering with The King's Trust (formerly The Prince's Trust), our courses bridge educational gaps.

Students participate in diverse class-based and practical activities, gaining exposure to the land-based industry and earning vital qualifications in maths and English.

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 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. You will benefit from small class sizes, one-to-one support and hands-on learning tailored to your course.

Learn more

Ofsted

Capel Manor College has been recognised as a leading green skills provider by Ofsted.



Our students benefit from:

- Professional learning environments
- Teaching by industry specialists
- Strong progression into employment or further study

"Young learners show high levels of motivation as they develop practical, technical and employability skills through hands-on experiences."

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