



Holme Lacy
College

YOUR
Future
STARTS
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PROSPECTUS 2025/26



YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE



Herefordshire, Ludlow and North Shropshire College (HLNSC) is a high performing group of colleges located across the Marches with six distinctive campuses in Hereford, Holme Lacy, Ludlow, Oswestry, Walford and Shrewsbury. We support our students to realise their potential by delivering high quality academic, technical, professional and community-based learning.

With more than 300 routes to choose from, including A Levels, T Levels, vocational programmes, apprenticeships and higher education courses, you will have the very best opportunity to succeed. You will be supported throughout your learning by our highly qualified and professional team of lecturers, tutors and support staff.

The majority of students progress to higher level courses, including university, and then into employment. We are proud of our legacy: successful students who are highly skilled, knowledgeable, enterprising, professional and resilient.

At Holme Lacy College, located just six miles from Hereford city, we deliver a wide range of specialist land-based courses. The campus benefits from a commercially managed 224-hectare organic farm with a pedigree herd of Hereford cattle and large flock of Lleyn sheep as well as arable crops. Set alongside the beautiful River Wye, the farm includes areas of native woodland, lakes and traditional Herefordshire orchards. The campus itself is home to a well-stocked animal care unit, brand new equestrian centre and fully equipped mechanical workshops.

Holme Lacy College has a long and excellent reputation for courses in blacksmithing and farriery. Home to the internationally renowned National School of Blacksmithing and Hereford School of Farriery, it boasts the largest training forge in Europe.

The College also hosts the region's first dedicated training centre for low-carbon technology where students can qualify in the installation of solar, air and ground-source heating systems and retrofit construction technologies.

No matter which course you choose you will be given the opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and be a part of a thriving and caring college community. I sincerely hope that you will choose to join us and I look forward to welcoming you in the future.



DAVID WILLIAMS

Principal & Chief Executive



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OPEN EVENTS

Save the **DATE**

A great opportunity to find out everything you need to know.

SATURDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

10:00AM - 12:00PM

SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025

10:00AM - 12:00PM



**TOUR OUR
FACILITIES**



**MEET OUR
TUTORS**



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Eight Great REASONS TO CHOOSE HOLME LACY COLLEGE



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EXPERTS**



WE'RE HERE TO
support you and help
you plan your career
path.



EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

with 16 brand new timber stables,
including wash bay, solarium,
tack rooms and feed stores.



OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES

will help you gain practical
and technical experience that
will help you in your future
workplace.



224 HECTARE
mixed organic farm with
woodlands and lakes.

Home to the
**NATIONAL
SCHOOL OF
BLACKSMITHING**



RURAL CRAFTS CENTRE

featuring the largest
training-based forge in
Europe.



**FREE
STUDENT
PARKING**

Our **COURSES**



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Your options after **SCHOOL**



NICKY STALLWOOD

Student Progression Adviser

➤ VOCATIONAL

If you're aged between 16-18 years old you will have a study programme specifically tailored to meet your educational needs and career aspirations. It consists of your main chosen course as well as further development of maths, English and employability skills.

➤ A LEVELS

If you're looking to study A Levels, our Ludlow Sixth Form College provides an excellent choice of A Level subjects. Students often progress on to higher education and secure places at Russell Group universities.

➤ APPRENTICESHIPS

We currently offer a variety of different apprenticeship subjects and routes ranging from Level 2 qualifications right up to Degree Level. This route allows you to combine work and study through on the job training with classroom learning.

Find out more information on page 62.

➤ T LEVELS

These courses offer you a mixture of classroom learning with workplace experience. During the course you will put your skills and knowledge into practice during an industry placement of 315 hours.

➤ GCSE's

This is a one-year GCSE course designed for students wishing to develop their maths and/or English skills and improve their grades. Students will require a grade 4 (grade C) in both subjects to progress to any A Level course or Level 3 Vocational course.

The course will help you to improve on the areas you find the most difficult, building your confidence as well as your understanding and skills. For students who do need to re-sit either (or both) GCSE maths or English, it will be accommodated into your programme of study, as day and evening classes are available.

Let's get STARTED

HOW TO APPLY

Follow these simple steps to help you sail through the application process.

1. Discover

Use this prospectus to find out about Holme Lacy College or by visiting our website hlnc.ac.uk

2. Come and see us

Visit us during one of our Open Events and get a feel for what makes Holme Lacy College a great choice. This will also be a great opportunity to meet the tutors.

3. Apply now

Head to our website to complete an application form. Apply as soon as you can to secure your place.

4. We'll keep in touch

An acknowledgement email will be sent to you within 7 working days of receiving your application.

5. Advice & guidance session

You may be invited to attend an advice & guidance session or take part in a competency or practical test. The advice & guidance session will give you the opportunity to discuss your reasons for choosing your course and what your future plans may be. The tutor is there to help, so please ask as many questions as you need, to make sure you are happy with your choice.

6. Enrolment

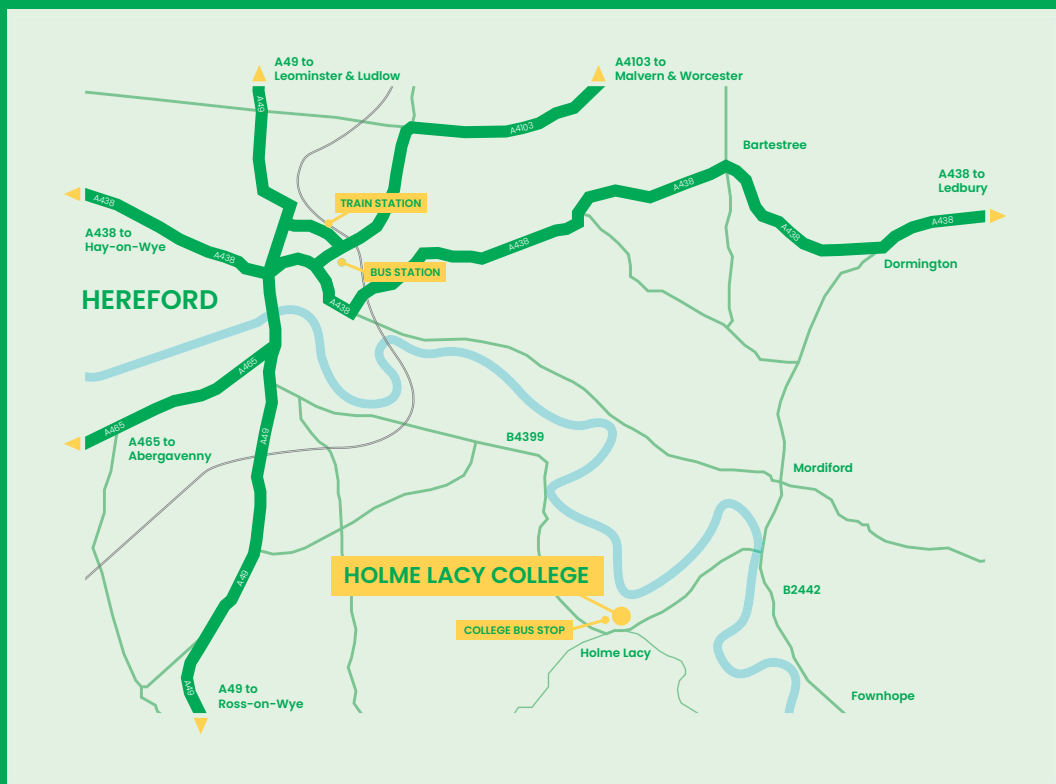
You will be informed of the enrolment dates in August 2025.



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How to FIND US

Holme Lacy College is in a rural setting about 6 miles south-east of Hereford city centre.



Travel by bus

A bus service operates from Hereford city centre



Travel by car

Parking available on-site



Travel by bike

On-site bike racks



Discover **LAND-BASED STUDIES**

Holme Lacy College provides an attractive range of agricultural and rural crafts-related courses.



We are a specialist land-based college and commercially managed 224-hectare estate, which includes an arable, beef and sheep farm, woodlands, orchards and lakes.

Our full-time courses cover agriculture, blacksmithing and metal work, farriery, welding, equine care and management, forestry and arboriculture and animal care.

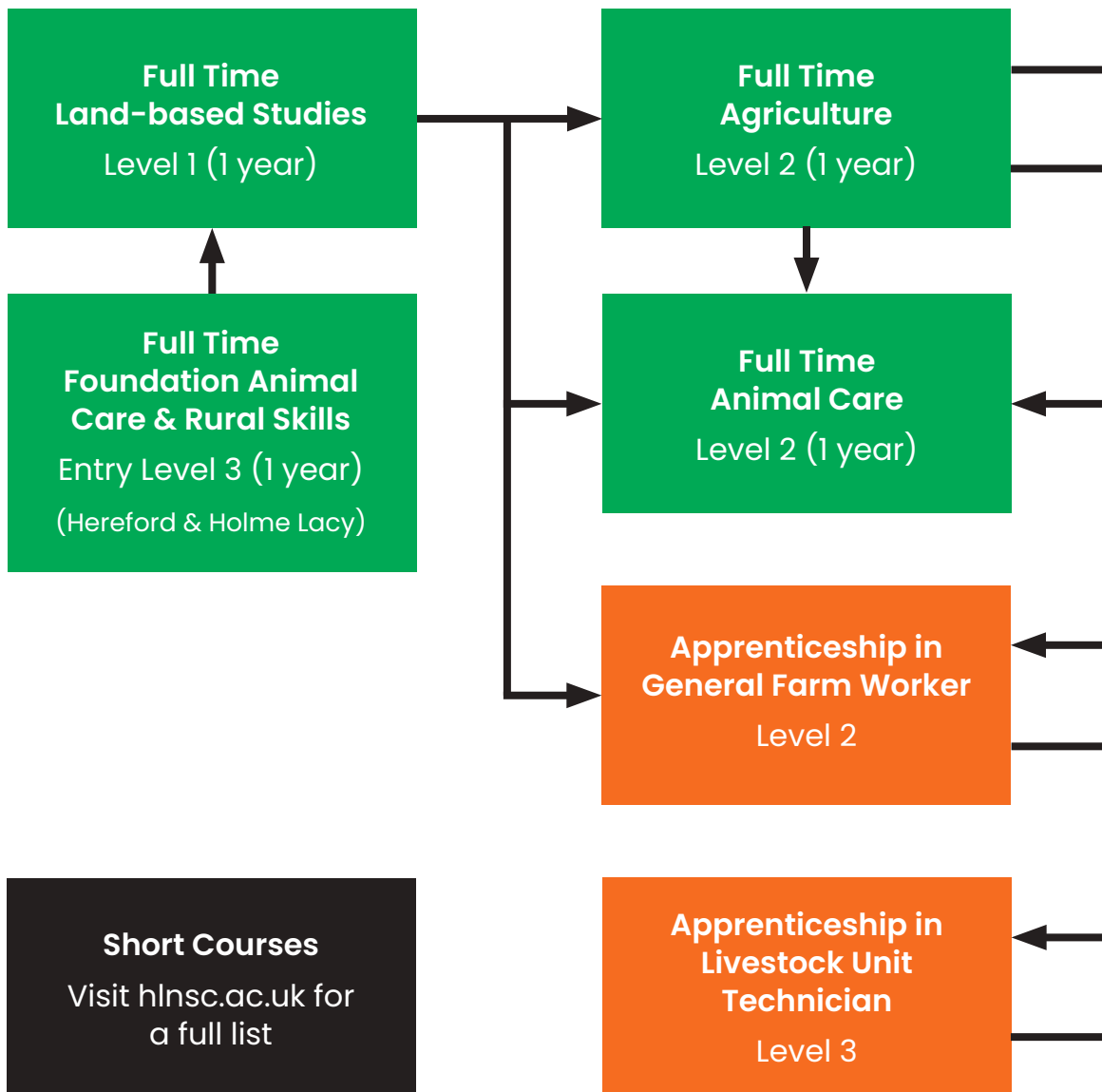
Apprenticeship courses are available in most of these subjects too.



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AGRICULTURE

Progression Map



COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Foundation Entry Level 3 Course

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Level 1 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 2, including English and maths or successful completion of a Foundation or Entry Level 3 qualification.

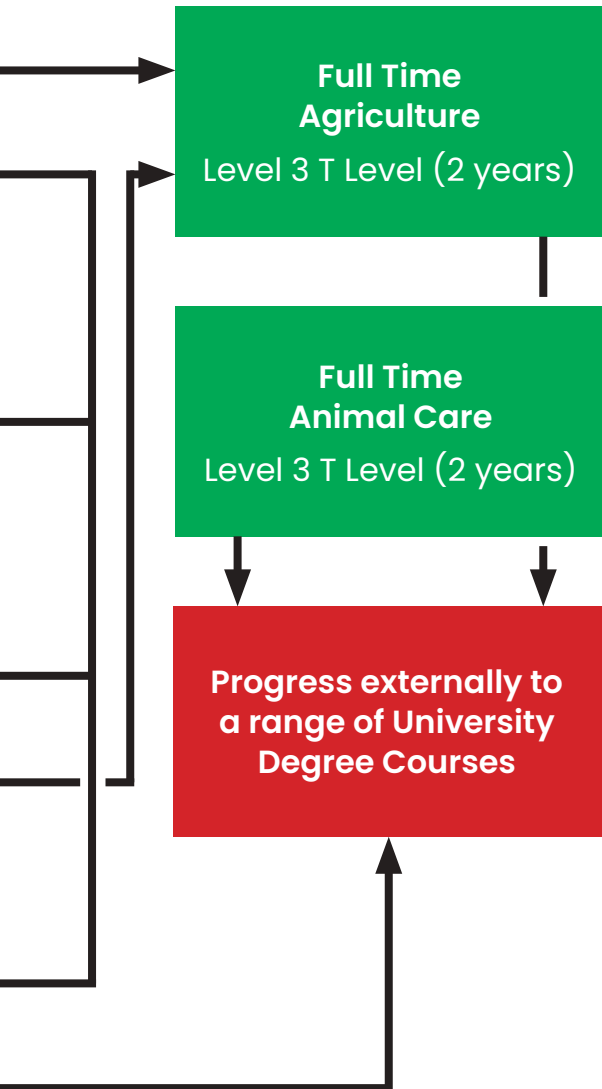
Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including English and maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demonstrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including science, English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demonstrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

All full time courses can lead to employment as well as the routes shown.



AGRICULTURE

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

Gain practical experience of tractor fieldwork, estate skills and a range of stock tasks, as well as being given an opportunity to visit relevant shows and exhibitions. You will have the opportunity to gain certification in one of the following certificates of competence: telehandler, ATV or tractor driving. You will gain a range of practical experience throughout the year on the College farm. This will be underpinned by your theoretical classroom work and backed up with relevant work experience in the industry.

Why choose us

Classroom-based learning is regularly linked with the tasks undertaken at our 224-hectare organic mixed college farm. The farm is well-equipped with machinery and runs a pedigree herd of Hereford cattle, a flock of Lleyn ewes and a large arable enterprise. This enables students to gain valuable practical skills and key underpinning knowledge in order to progress further in the industry. The College has strong links within the agricultural sector, with guest speakers and visits to local farms enhancing the learning experience.

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 3 Agriculture, Intermediate or Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture. Employment options may include agriculture and allied industries.



POPULAR MODULES

- Machinery operations
- Farm animal production
- Farm estate maintenance
- Crop husbandry

AGRICULTURE

Level 3

2 YEARS

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



About the course

This Level 3 T Level course is ideal for those working towards positions of responsibility in the agricultural industry and is based on an integration of theoretical and practical sessions backed up by work experience. You will gain an understanding of all aspects of modern farming practices based around our College farm which will cover a wide range of livestock and arable operations. You will also enjoy a range of trips to various local and national shows and demonstrations. This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.

Why choose us

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What you could do next

Study options may include Advanced Apprenticeship in Agriculture, Higher Education or Level 4 Diploma in Agriculture. Employment options may include stock person, contractor or advisory work or commercial representative.

POPULAR MODULES

- Machinery operations
- Livestock husbandry
- Business management
- Agricultural crop production





AGRICULTURE

LEVEL 3

Meet CARYS.

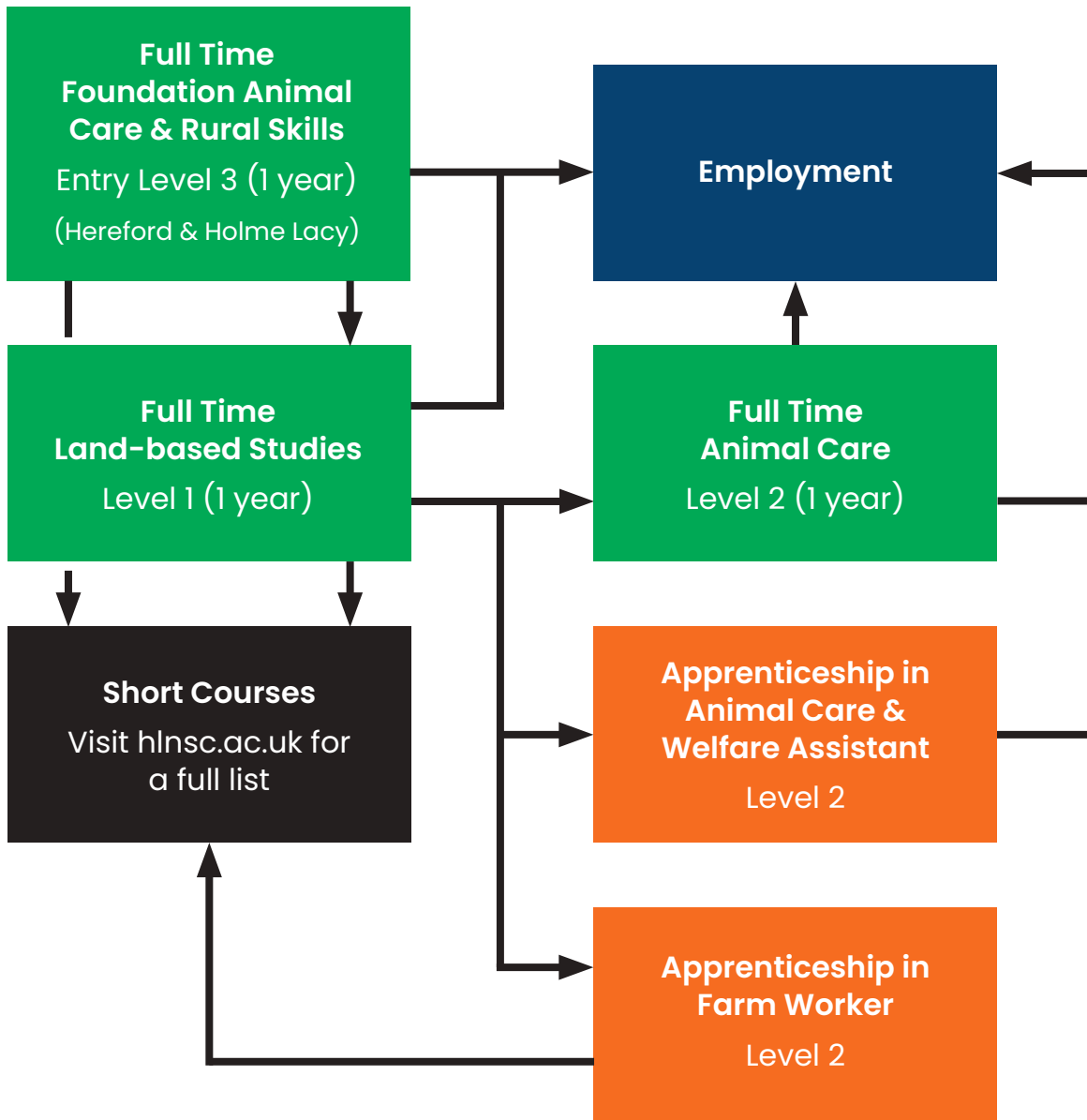
Choosing to study agriculture has allowed Carys to rekindle her family's farming history. Through the course, Carys has gained practical experience in handling cattle, sheep and all the different agricultural machinery, facilitating her journey to re-establishing the farming routes within her family.

// The trips are really insightful and a great way to put everything we learn into practice. //

Case Study

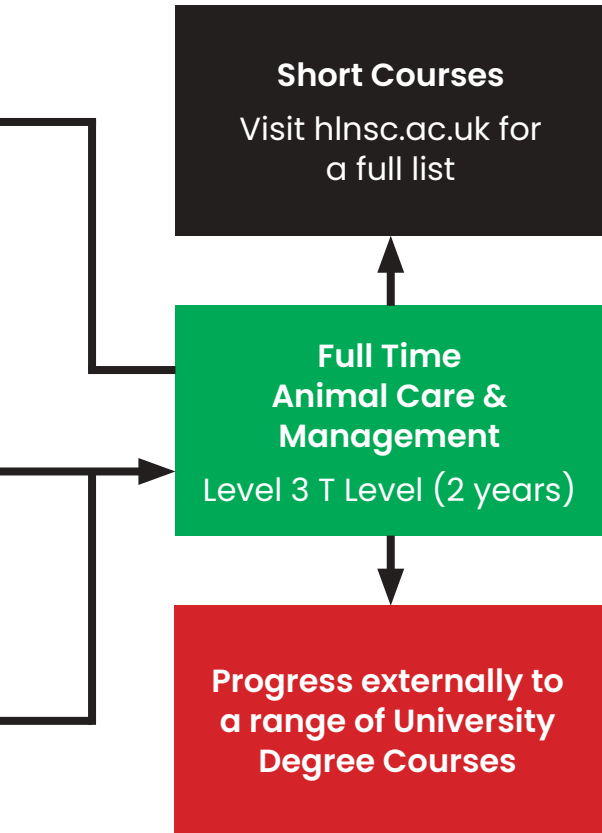
ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Progression Map



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Level 2 Course

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Level 3 Course

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ANIMAL CARE

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

Learn the professional skills necessary to understand the behaviours and enhance welfare of a broad collection of animals, from domestic pets to exotic birds and reptiles. Learning will be through a combination of classroom-based and practical workshops, utilising the fully equipped animal care unit. There will be more opportunities to visit animal care organisations, including Wolf Watch UK, Crufts, small businesses and The Cotswolds Wildlife Park. You will also have guest speakers throughout the year linking to your course units. These are designed to enhance your experience of this industry and improve employability skills.

Why choose us

This course develops your skills, confidence and knowledge in a friendly and welcoming environment. You will have access to a range of specialist resources including our fully equipped animal unit which houses over 200 animals including mammals, reptiles, birds, fish, amphibians, and invertebrates. Students will also have access to our farm and brand new equestrian centre. If you want to be part of the next generation of animal care specialists, this is the course for you!



POPULAR MODULES

- Animal feeding and accommodation
- Animal behaviour and handling
- Animal nursing
- Maintain health and welfare

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 3 in Animal Management or Animal Care Apprenticeship. Employment options may include kennels or catteries, animal sanctuaries, pet shops, doggy day care centres, zoo and farm parks.

ANIMAL CARE & MANAGEMENT

Level 3

2 YEARS

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



About the course

On this Level 3 T Level course you will learn the practical skills and knowledge with a broad range of species to prepare you for work or university. Throughout the programme you will have the opportunity join educational visits which may include Crufts, Wolf Watch UK, and The Cotswold Wildlife Park. You will also gain valuable industry insights from a wide range of guest speakers as well as complete 315 hours of industry relevant work experience alongside your course. Our Animal Care and Management T Level is suited to 16-18 year olds with a genuine interest in animal welfare and management. This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS points.

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POPULAR MODULES

- Animal feeding and accommodation
- Animal behaviour and handling
- Animal nursing
- Maintain health and welfare

What you could do next

Study options may include degree courses like Animal Behaviour & Welfare, Zoology and Ecology & Conservation. Employment options may include lab technician, zoo keeper or wildlife conservationist, animal behaviourist, animal training specialist, pet shop supervisor, RSPCA inspector or trainee veterinary nurse.



Meet JASMINE.

Jasmine has been able to embrace her passion for animals by studying Animal Care. The course accommodates her work experience at a doggy daycare whilst attending college to strengthen and reinforce her knowledge.

“ You can’t get any better than being around animals all day. ”

Case Study



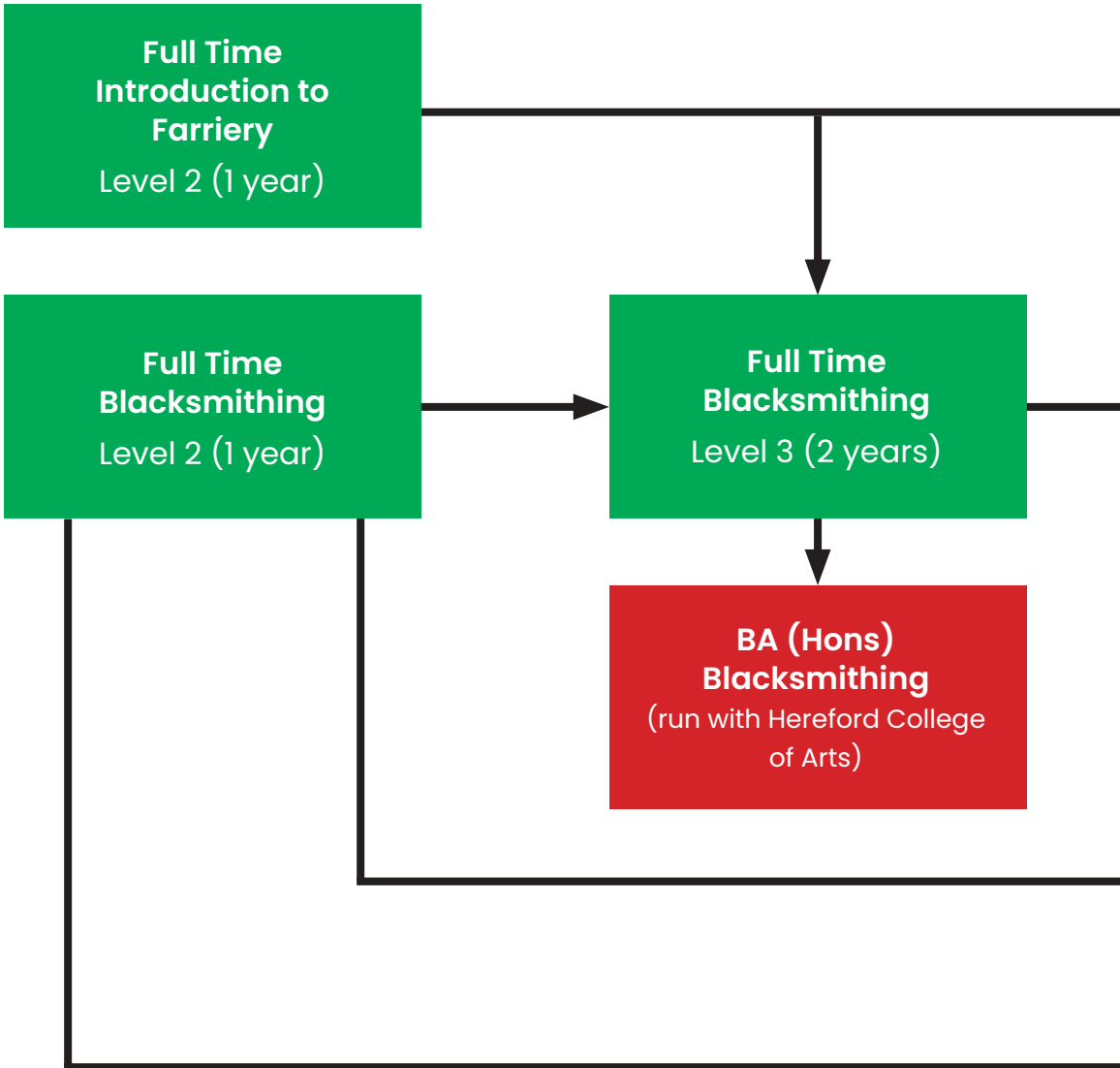
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ANIMAL CARE

LEVEL 2

BLACKSMITHING & FARRIERY

Progression Map



COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Apprenticeship in Farriery
Level 3 (4 years)

Short Courses
Visit hInsc.ac.uk for a full list

Progress externally to Apprenticeship in Blacksmithing
Level 3 (4 years)

Level 2 Course

A minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3, including science, English and maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demonstrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.

Level 3 Course

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BA (Hons) (run with Hereford College of Arts)

Minimum of 96 UCAS points from A Levels or relevant Level 3 qualification. Applications should be made through UCAS.

All full time courses can lead to employment as well as the routes shown.

BLACKSMITHING

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

This Level 2 course seeks to lay the foundation for a successful career in blacksmithing and comprehensively teaches the technical and theoretical skills that are essential to becoming a competent blacksmith. There is also the opportunity to enter national competitions, one of these being at the Three Counties Showground in Malvern. High-achieving blacksmiths trained at the College are very well regarded by employers and many subsequently trade in their own right. This subject is an excellent choice for a self-motivated and hard-working person who will be expected to have good hand/eye coordination and artistic ability in this exciting and growing industry.

Why choose us

This course is run by the longest established blacksmithing training college in the country, with staff dedicated to providing training for those who wish to work in the various areas of the blacksmithing industry, ranging from traditional to contemporary ironwork, design work and historic conservation and restoration.



POPULAR MODULES

- Metallurgy and heat treatment
- Forging processes
- Welding and thermal cutting processes
- Freehand and technical drawing

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 2 Apprenticeship in Welding, Level 3 Apprenticeship in Blacksmithing, Level 3 Diploma in Blacksmithing and Metalworking. Employment options may include blacksmith, metal fabrication, welding trades, artist/designer or metalworker.

BLACKSMITHING

Level 3

2 YEARS

About the course

This Level 3 course will give you an excellent grounding for progression either into industry or onto a relevant university-level course. You will learn a range of forging skills, from tool making to traditional fire welding techniques over the two years, culminating in a final project in which you will plan and make a large-scale final piece to your own design and specification. The second year also introduces restoration & conservation, in addition to a business studies module giving you the skills necessary to manage your own business. This qualification is the equivalent of up to 112 UCAS Points.

Why choose us

This course is run by the longest established blacksmithing college in the country, recognised as the national school of blacksmithing by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. You will have the opportunity to build your practical skills in our excellent workshop facilities under the guidance of an experienced team of lecturers from a variety of industry specialisations.

What you could do next

Study options may include an apprenticeship in Blacksmithing, BA (Hons) Degree in Artist Blacksmithing. Employment options may include self-employed blacksmithing, employed blacksmithing and metalworking roles in a range of potential fields within the industry, contemporary design or traditional reproduction/restoration.



POPULAR MODULES

- Understanding and using forging techniques for blacksmithing and metalworking
- Blacksmithing and construction skills
- Large scale design and make
- Repoussé, Restoration and Conservation



BLACKSMITHING

LEVEL 3

Meet HELEN.

Helen has found her tutors to be hugely supportive in her decision to progress onto the BA Course in Artist Blacksmithing. She has also really appreciated the specialist knowledge they have provided her as well as an insight into the industry and making a successful career in Blacksmithing.

“ I would love to go and do a Journeymanship and travel around working with different blacksmiths. ”

Case Study

INTRODUCTION TO FARRIERY

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

This is a preparatory Level 2 course in forgework and horse care to prepare you for entry into the specialist and competitive Level 3 Apprenticeship in Farriery. It includes both the City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Diploma in Horse Care and a bespoke forging certificate. The course provides an introduction of equine and farriery knowledge with a main element being the practical forging skills to prepare you for an apprenticeship in farriery. This course offers the expertise of our highly qualified farriery and equine tutors. To gain farriery experience you will be encouraged to undertake a period of work experience with a qualified farrier, which will help reinforce your awareness of farriery as a possible career.

Why choose us

Students will learn the professional responsibilities of the farriery trade and the role of the modern farrier within the equine industry. They will learn and practise essential forging skills in readiness to start a farriery apprenticeship.

What you could do next

Study options may include Apprenticeship in Farriery and Level 3 in Horse Management. Employment options may include farriery apprenticeship, blacksmithing (and related metalworking) or equine-based employment.



POPULAR MODULES

- Blacksmithing - forging, forming, cutting, joining and tool production
- Equine studies - equine health, feeding and watering and horse anatomy

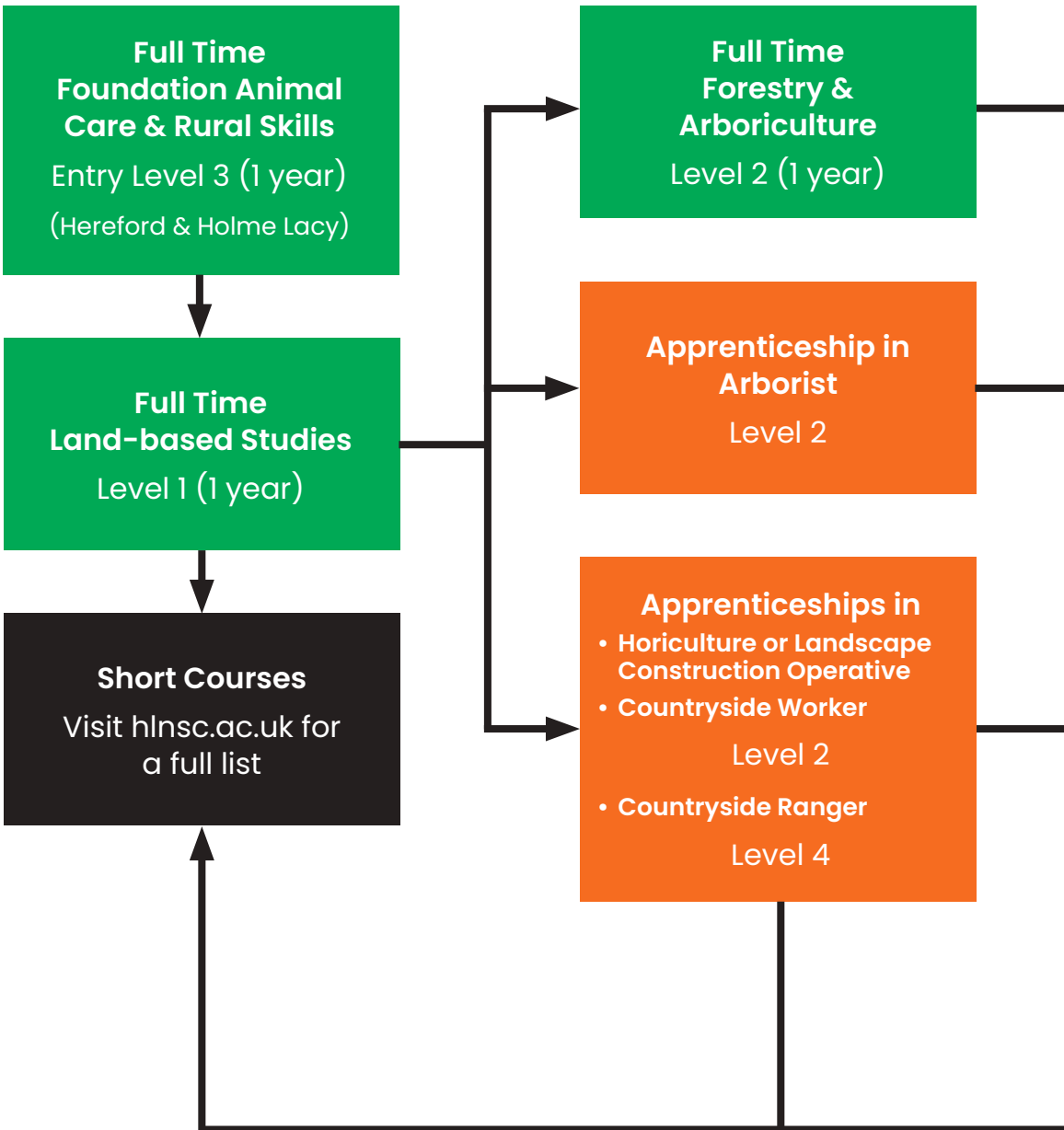


FUTURE CAREERS

- Blacksmith
- Farrier

FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Progression Map



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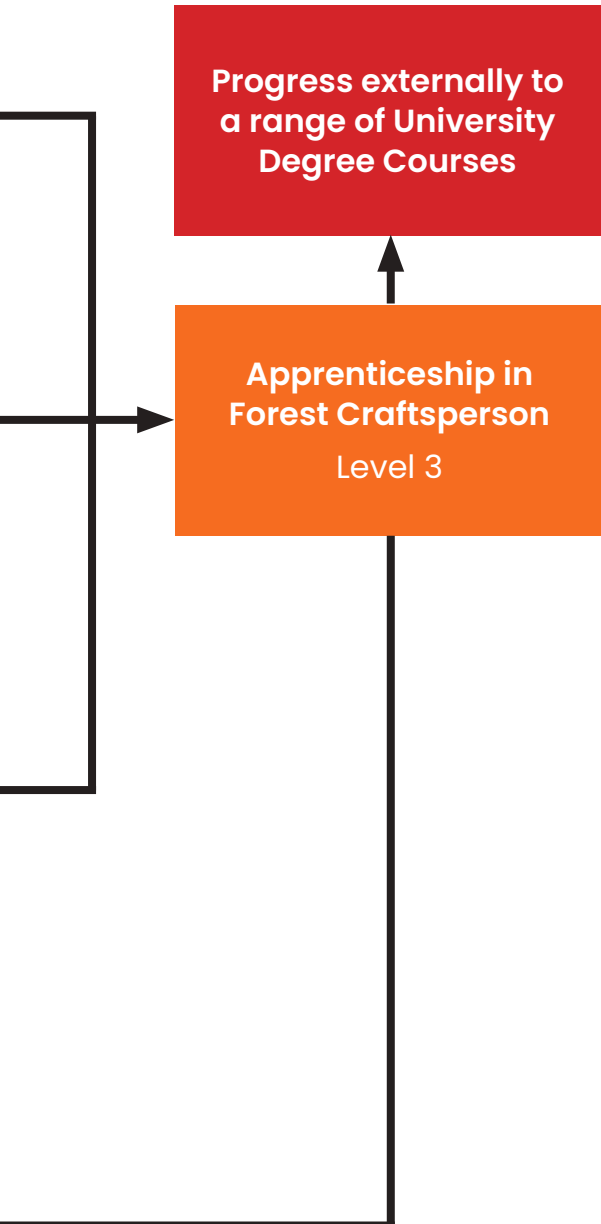
Level 1 Course

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Level 2 Course

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All full time courses can lead to employment as well as the routes shown.



FORESTRY & ARBORICULTURE

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

This Level 2 course provides a practical introduction to the skills required to work safely and effectively in the forestry and arboriculture industries. You will follow a seasonal work pattern, gaining a wide range of experience by working and learning on the College's 224-hectare woodland and parkland estate. There is the opportunity to develop broader skills, which will support your progression towards a rewarding and satisfying career. Establishing a broad understanding of the working environment is vital to becoming a valued and useful member of any forestry or arboricultural business.

Why choose us

All training needs can be met right here at our campus. The estate encompasses the campus, a working farm, parkland and working woodlands. We offer support for all students to ensure they enjoy their course and progress.

What you could do next

Study options may include Forestry or Arboriculture Apprenticeship Levels 2 or 3 or Industry-based Certificates of Competence. Employment options may include forest/ woodland worker in public or private sectors, grounds and estate maintenance, etc.



POPULAR MODULES

- Carry out arboricultural operations
- Understand and carry out basic visual tree inspection
- Undertake tree climbing and tree pruning operations
- Felling and extraction of timber



FUTURE CAREERS

- Groundsman
- Arboriculture Manager
- Forestry Manager
- Tree Surgeon
- Woodland Officer
- Silviculturist
- Forest Ranger

FOUNDATION ANIMAL CARE & RURAL SKILLS

Entry Level 3

1 YEAR

About the course

As well as learning a variety of useful rural skills, including animal health, animal care, gardening and horticulture, you will also be involved in a range of wider activities. There are also a variety of trips and visits, plus fundraising activities and opportunities to socialise and take part in games and sports.

This is a general, Entry Level, skills related course which provides you with the opportunity to experience and learn about a variety of animal care and rural skills before progressing into further education or into the workplace. You will be supported in developing your life skills needed to help prepare you for the world of work or further study, including your English, maths, communication, healthy living and social skills.

Why choose us

Holme Lacy College is a wonderful setting, with extensive animal care facilities and it's own organic farm.

What you could do next

On successful completion, your study options may include progression to a Level 1 Land-based studies course.



POPULAR MODULES

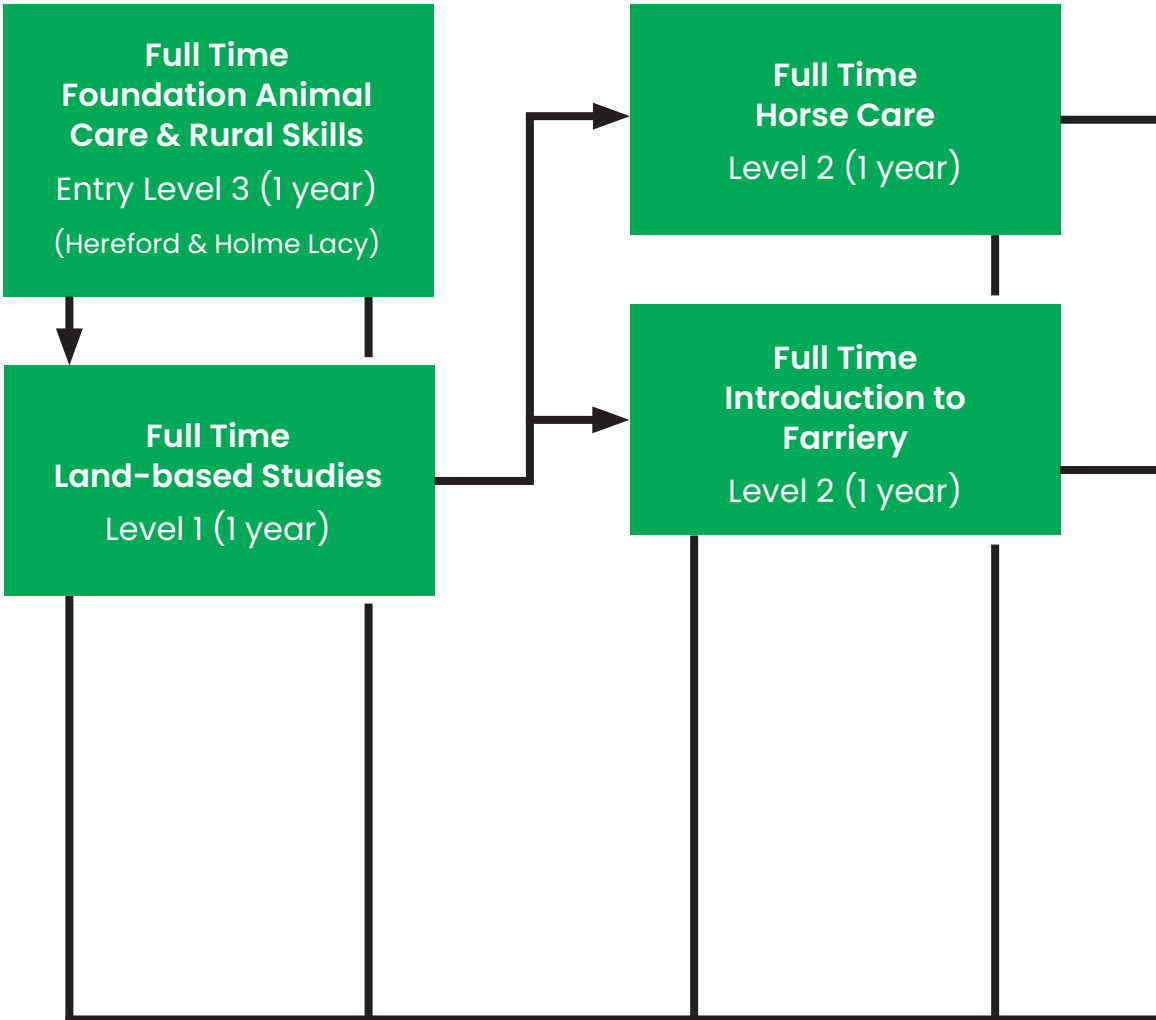
- Animal care
- Animal health and welfare
- Gardening
- Horticulture

This course is taught across Herefordshire College and Holme Lacy College.



HORSE CARE & MANAGEMENT

Progression Map



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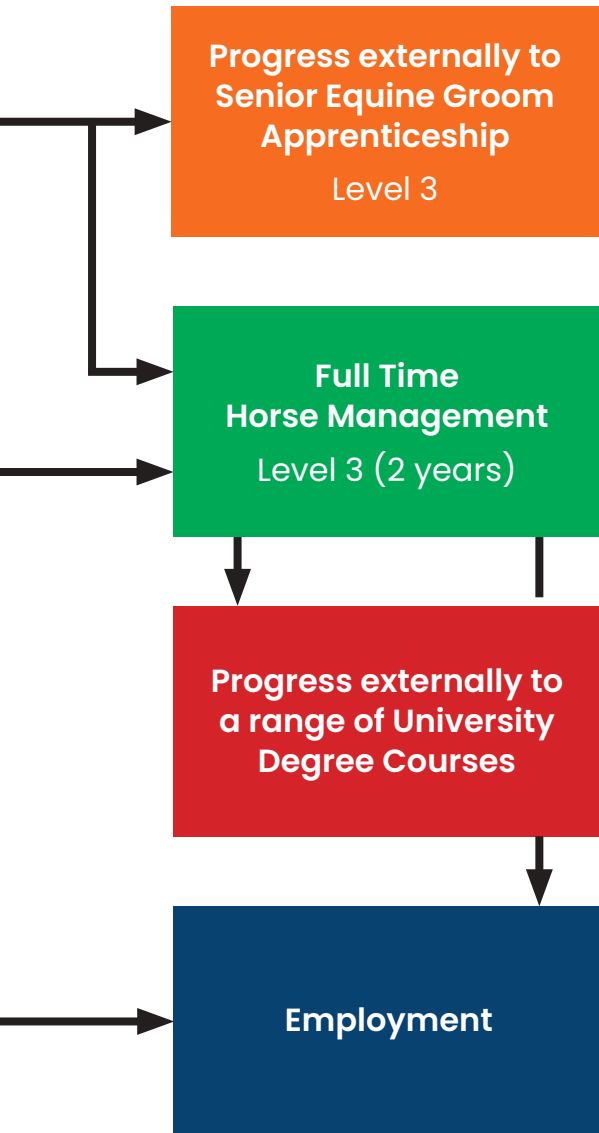
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Level 2 Course

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Level 3 Course

A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4, including English and/or maths or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification at merit grade. Students without grades 9-4 in GCSE English and maths must demonstrate good attendance to English and maths lessons and must attend all GCSE exams.



HORSE CARE

Level 2

1 YEAR

About the course

This Level 2 course is an excellent opportunity for you to develop a sound knowledge and understanding of horse care and riding through both practical and theory-based sessions. The course includes valuable work experience which will enable you to develop reliable practical skills in the equine industry and on the College equine yard. All students participate in yard duties throughout the year alongside their main programme of study.

Why choose us

Previous students have taken part in many different visits, including to the Horse of the Year Show and Badminton Horse Trials, as well as visiting various equine establishments such as racing, polo, dressage yards and natural horsemanship centres. There are also opportunities to gain additional qualifications such as Emergency First Aid at Work, training for BHS Stage exams and the BHS Riding and Road Safety. You will have the opportunity, if you wish, to compete on College horses and take part in various events such as inter-college competitions.

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 3 in Horse Management. Employment options may include: competition groom, riding schools and livery yards, competition yards, racing industry or equine retail industry.



POPULAR MODULES

- Horse riding
- Equine health and welfare
- Working in equine industry
- Horse tack and equipment

HORSE MANAGEMENT

Level 3

2 YEARS

About the course

This Level 3 course will teach you how to care for horses up to competition level and give you the opportunity to work at our commercial riding school. You will gain an in-depth knowledge of the industry and its disciplines, as well as the biology, behaviour and welfare of the horse. We aim to provide the best possible vocational experience for you, as well as developing your learning and understanding of the equine industry. All full-time students participate in yard duties throughout the year alongside their main programme of study. This qualification is the equivalent of up to 168 UCAS Points.

Why choose us

The newly constructed riding arena and established cross-country course will help you to progress your riding with us, along with our wide range of horses and fully qualified instructors. The experienced equine staff are also on hand to enhance your learning in the classroom and during the practical sessions on the yard, enabling you to make the most of your studies and progress within the industry, or to higher education. You will also have the opportunity to organise and run your own equine show, as well as the chance to visit equine events.



POPULAR MODULES

- Horse fitness
- Competition grooming
- Exercising horses
- Equine health

What you could do next

Study options may include Degree in Equine Science/Studies. Employment options may include riding instructors/ freelance teachers/ work riders, yard supervisors, management (with further experience).

LAND-BASED STUDIES

Level 1

1 YEAR

About the course

This Level 1 course provides an ideal introduction to land-based industries, including animal care, agriculture and equine and will help you decide if these are areas in which you would like to work. You will take part in a variety of exciting practical projects, both on the estate working with cattle, sheep and horses and in the animal care unit with a variety of animals such as rodents, reptiles and birds. There are educational visits to such places as zoological gardens, wildlife parks, farms, agricultural shows or markets.

Why choose us

We offer support for all students to ensure they enjoy their course and progress. Students will be able to work on the College farm with livestock and machinery, they will also work with a variety of horses and small animals. The course is divided into practical and theory lessons to allow students to gain skills and knowledge to be assessed in different learning environments.

What you could do next

Study options may include Level 2 Agriculture, Animal Care, Horse Care and Intermediate Apprenticeship in Agriculture. Employment options may include farm work, stable groom, conservation or horticulture.



POPULAR MODULES

- Assist with the movement, handling and accommodation of animals
- Assist with the preparation for the exercise and aftercare of horses
- Introduction to production livestock and breeds
- Assist with maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals



FUTURE CAREERS

- Stable Groom
- Animal Technician
- Conservationist
- Farm Worker
- Dog Walker
- Farm Technician
- Environmental Consultant



Holme Lacy
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To Realise
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AND SUPPORT
SUCCESS







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LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE



Our College has its own fully equipped Learning Resource Centre which combines traditional library services, teaching space and IT facilities. This has undergone a £500,000 renovation to completely transform the building into a modern and dynamic centre for students to enjoy.

The Learning Resource Centre is also where you will find The Straw Bale Cafe, offering an airy contemporary social space with both inside and outside seating areas along with table tennis facilities outside for the students to enjoy.

Student Services situated within the Learning Resource Centre is the Central Hub for all student enquiries, including information on courses, UCAS applications, finance and bursary queries or anything else a student may need assistance with.



If you would like to chat to our friendly Student Services team, call **0800 032 1986** or email **studentsupport@hlnc.ac.uk**



THE STRAW BALE CAFÉ

The Straw Bale Café at Holme Lacy College offers a welcoming atmosphere where you can take a break from your studies. With comfortable seating and a friendly ambiance, it's the perfect place to catch up with friends, work on group projects, or simply relax.

At the Straw Bale Café, you will find a variety of freshly prepared food and drinks to satisfy your cravings. Whether you're in the mood for a hearty sandwich, a refreshing salad, or a steaming cup of fresh coffee, the menu has something for everyone. Students are welcome to bring their own food from home, ensuring that everyone can enjoy a meal that suits their taste and dietary needs.

Come and experience the friendly service and inviting contemporary space that makes the Straw Bale Café a central part of Holme Lacy College life.





POUND FARM

Pound Farm is an organic mixed farm, set within 224 hectares of land. The Farm comprises approximately of 43.5 hectares of permanent pasture or long-term leys, including the partly wooded Deer Park, 5.5 hectares of cider apple orchards and 106 hectares of land suitable for arable/vegetable cropping.

The Farm boasts a pedigree herd of Hereford cattle and a large flock of Lleyn sheep. Crops produced on the Farm include potatoes, wheat, oats, pea and barley mix, beans and cider apples.



Pound Farm is committed to producing quality food. The oats grown are supplied to Whites who then turn these into porridge oats and muesli bars. The cider apples go to Westons Cider and the Farm supplies crops to Abel and Cole, a large retail veg-box scheme and local shops.

Pound Farm is a valuable training resource and each year our facilities are utilised by a large number of students, clients and general public who take part in activities, training and functions.



RURAL CRAFTS CENTRE

This £1.5 million, state-of-the-art development is home to the National School of Blacksmithing, as well as our Farriery, Metalwork and Welding courses.

Holme Lacy College has long had an excellent reputation for its blacksmithing and farriery work. Trainees are recruited on a national basis and close relationships have been developed with the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths, British Artists Blacksmiths Association and the Worshipful Company of Farriers.

The Centre at-a-glance:

- Largest training based forge in Europe
- Over 1900 square metres of work area
- Teaching block with classrooms, display and conference areas, library and IT centre
- Well-equipped Fabrication and Welding workshop for MIG, TIG, GAS and ARC welding
- Demonstration forge



LOW CARBON TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTRE

Our cutting-edge training facility dedicated to renewable technology. Nestled within the scenic surroundings of Holme Lacy College, this state-of-the-art centre is set to make a significant impact in advancing the adoption of sustainable energy solutions in our region.

Our primary mission at the LCTTC is to support local businesses, the construction industry, and homeowners by providing comprehensive training for professionals and enthusiasts alike.



Our courses are designed to equip individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to install a wide range of green energy solutions. In today's world, the importance of transitioning to cleaner, more sustainable technologies is paramount, and the LCTTC is here to lead the way.

01432 870061
lcttc@hlnc.ac.uk

EQUESTRIAN CENTRE





The Equestrian Centre is a British Horse Society Approved Riding School, which offers both excellent riding facilities and high quality education.

Hacking is set within the College's magnificent 600 acre estate through woodlands, open fields and grass paths with some optional jumps. There is a cross-country course and an outdoor area with an all weather surface and an indoor arena with viewing gallery.

Recent investment has provided 16 new bespoke timber stables as well as welfare facilities, a wash bay, solarium, tack and rug rooms and extensive storage and locker facilities.

APPRENTICESHIPS

AT HLNSC

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn a wage and gain a nationally recognised qualification through a mix of full time working and training in college. HLNSC offer apprenticeships in a wide range of industries, including:

- Accountancy
- Animal Care and Agriculture
- Business Management
- Childcare
- Construction and Building Services
- Engineering and Welding
- Farriery
- Forestry and Arboriculture
- Hairdressing and Barbering
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Catering
- Motor Vehicle



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If you would like to chat to our friendly Apprenticeships team, call **01432 365322** or email **apprenticeships@hlnc.ac.uk**



Meet BEN.

Ben has found the extra qualifications and in-house certificates very beneficial to put him into a position where he can enter straight into the industry. He looks forward to moving on to the next level of his apprenticeship where he will become a fully qualified climber, supporting his route into his dream career.

“ I really enjoyed going into the woods to do felling and extraction. ”

Case Study

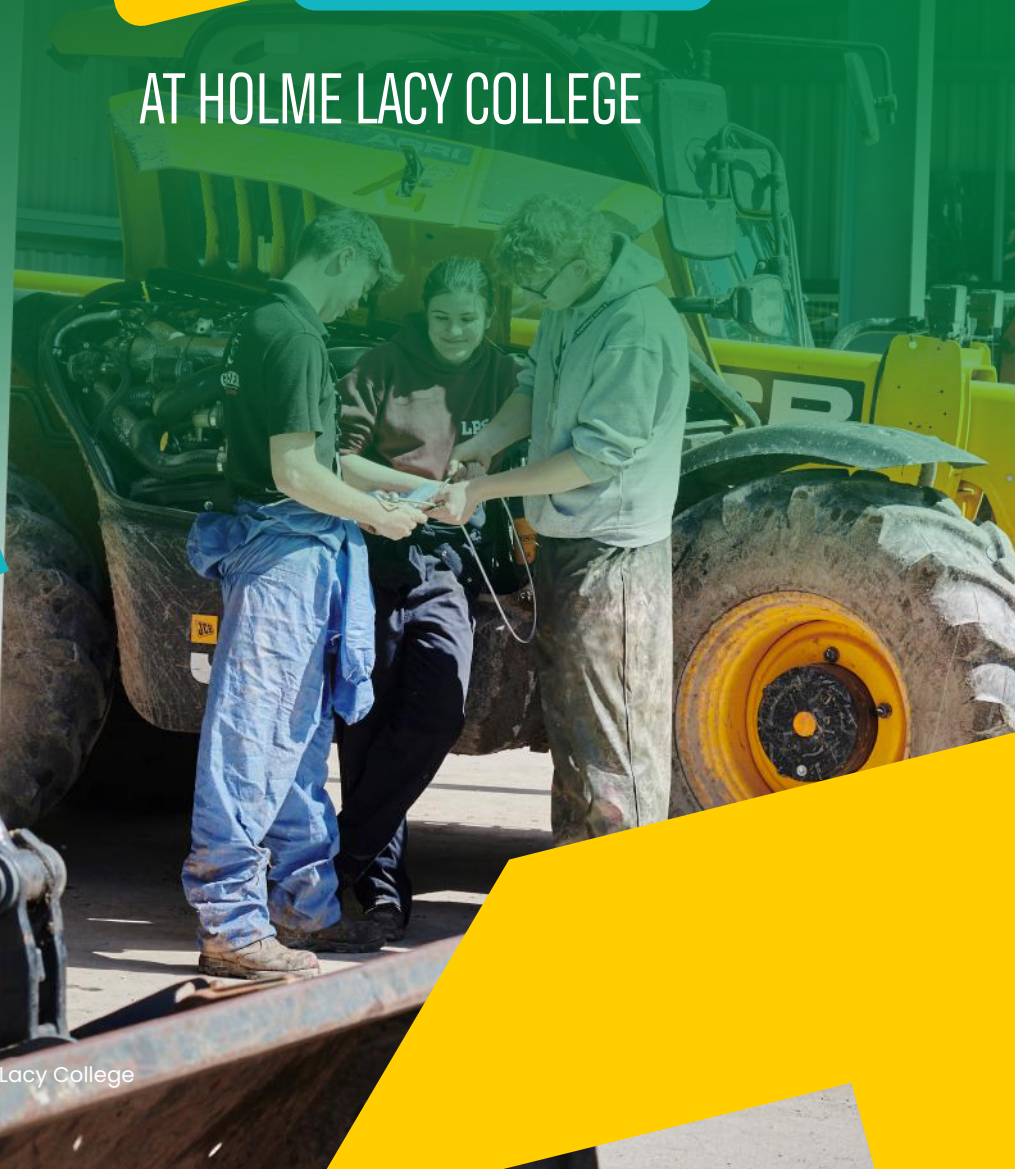


FORESTRY

LEVEL 3

Student Services

AT HOLME LACY COLLEGE



We're here TO HELP

Student Services is a place where you can get all the help and information you need throughout your time at the College. It will provide you with the resources you need for your development and study, through tutorial sessions and support for your next steps, including UCAS/higher education applications.

The Student Services team will provide you with additional support and information to help with any worries or difficulties you have which are affecting your time at college including:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Safeguarding
- Financial support
- Bursary forms and student funding
- Learning support and accessibility
- Careers advice
- Transport
- Sexual health information

Visit pages 68–75 for more information.

We're here FOR YOU

We believe you learn the best when you are in a healthy, safe and secure environment. Our Safeguarding team offer guidance and support on various concerns encompassing physical and mental health, welfare, financial anxieties and personal matters.

Safeguarding our students is important to us. Safeguarding means:

- Promotion of your health and development
- Ensuring your safety and care
- Ensuring you are offered the best life chances
- Protection from abuse and neglect
- Prevention of bullying and harassment
- Prevention of terrorism and extremism



If you would like to chat to our friendly Safeguarding team, call **07967 732896** or email **studentsupport@hlnc.ac.uk**

If you have any concerns about your well-being, safety or rights, then you should contact your Tutor, Team Leader or any one of our Safeguarding Leads whose details are all shown here.



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Head of Student Services &
Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Nicola Butler

Safeguarding & Wellbeing
Manager & Deputy DSL

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Our aim

Holme Lacy College is committed to supporting students with learning disabilities and/or difficulties. Our aim is to ensure that every student has a positive learning experience, and their individual needs are met supporting them to achieve.

Our Student Support team will work with you to tailor your provision to support you in a way which works for you - from providing scribes and readers through to specialist support for specific learning disabilities. We have a large team of experienced staff who work closely with students to help them overcome barriers and achieve their full potential. We strive to help you become as independent as possible and we can adapt and change the type of support you receive as you travel through your learning journey with us.

Special education provision means educational provision that is additional to or different from that made generally for others of the same age. We offer support at all levels and all abilities.

What might your support look like?

On-course support

In-class support can be one to one, where a Student Support Assistant supports you on an individual basis in class.

Shared support

Where a staff member supports you and others in the class. This might include discreet support where our support staff can help you without it being obvious.

Off-course support

This is to support you outside of your allocated learning hours - for example help with your course work, supporting you at lunchtime or taking you to your taxi.

Who can we support?

Our Student Support team are proud of the diversity of the support offered at Holme Lacy College which includes, but is not exclusive to, support for learners within the following areas:

- Autism or Asperger's Syndrome

- ADD or ADHD

- Dyslexia, Dyspraxia or Dyscalculia

- Physical mobility

- Sensory impairments

- Difficulties with maths or English

- Language support for students whose English is a second language



BRIDGET SNASDELL

Head of Student Support for SEND

Education Health Care Plan

If you have an Education Health Care Plan, please let us know so we can work with you to make sure we have the right support in place for you.

We will work with the Local Authority to make sure we can provide the right support for your needs and then secure funding so we can put this in place. Without this funding, you may not be able to access a specific level of support. Transition support will be available for all EHCP students.

Our Student Support team will then ensure you have the right support in place when you start and throughout your studies and will co-ordinate annual EHCP reviews.

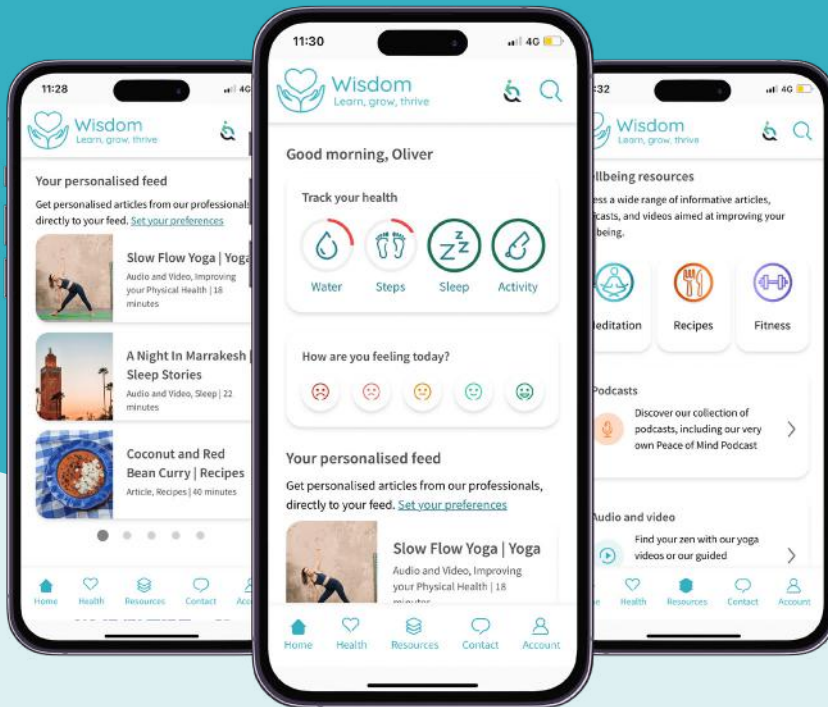
Transition to college life

Preparing for adulthood and starting at Herefordshire College might be a bit of a worry, so in addition to our usual open events, you can request a guided tour to come and look around the college campus and ask any questions you may have about the college.



If you would like to chat to our Head of Student Support for SEND, call **01432 365327** or email **b.snasdell@hlnc.ac.uk**

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Student FUNDING

Holme Lacy College believes in giving everyone an equal opportunity to study further education. The College receives some funding from the Government to support student study and this varies depending on the course being studied, the student's age and their level of study.

Under 19?

No tuition fees! If you enrol on a further education full-time course before your 19th birthday or are continuing to attend a course before turning 19, there are no tuition or examination fees.

However, some courses may charge additional course costs to cover equipment, specialist clothing, etc.

Over 19?

Tuition fees will vary. But you may be eligible for free tuition. As everyone has individual circumstances the best way to work out the fees relevant to you is to call and speak to us.

Looking to study Level 3, 4, 5 or 6?

Advanced Learner Loans from the UK government can cover your course fees providing your course qualifies.

Most learners aged 19 and over, studying at Level 3 and above, will qualify for these loans. It's easy to apply, your household income is not taken into account and there is no credit check.



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If you would like to chat to our friendly Enquiries team, call **0800 032 1986** or email **enquiries@hlnc.ac.uk**

Transport

If you are aged between 16 and 18 you may be eligible to purchase a travel pass through the local council. If you live outside the county, contact your local county council for more information.

If you require assistance with public transport or advice on routes available in Herefordshire, visit our website hlnc.ac.uk



Student Voice

Student Voice surveys take place once a year and are an important part of the College's development. After each Student Voice Survey the College is able to make significant changes. You can get involved in a variety of ways; provide your views via a questionnaire, elect or become a Student Course Representative that will attend briefings and a focus group each year and/or become a Student Governor and be part of the College Board of Governors.

To get involved please contact:

Student Services

0800 032 1986 studentservices@hlnc.ac.uk




TOTUM Discount Card

TOTUM Cards can be purchased online and allow students to receive discounts from a wide range of different stores.

For more information visit www.totum.com or speak to a member of staff in the LRC.





Experience **STUDENT ENRICHMENT**

Our Student Enrichment Team are here to help support you through your college experience. The Team organise a wide variety of interesting talks and relevant events throughout the year, as well as lunch time clubs.

To get involved please contact:

Student Services

0800 032 1986 studentservices@hlnc.ac.uk

Student Services Manager

01432 365589 p.smith@hlnc.ac.uk

Planning your FUTURE

You might already know what you want to do when you leave college or you might not. Either way we have a dedicated Student Progression Adviser to assist you.

Careers advice & UCAS points

Student Services is there to support and guide you on your progression. This could be about what you will study next at college or in the future. We can help you with your UCAS application process and give you tips on how to create an effective personal statement.

Can I study university-level courses at the college?

Yes, you can study a wide range of university-level courses at the college and this enables you to save money by studying locally. Many courses are run in partnership with the University of Worcester and others have long running relationships with industry specific institutions.

What about higher & degree apprenticeships?

Higher and degree apprenticeships involve the development and assessment of skills and knowledge at Level 4 or above (relevant to the occupational sector or job role), and as defined by the Standard. Higher apprenticeships at Level 4 and 5 can allow progression on to university degrees and degree apprenticeships are also now becoming widely available in most sectors.



If you would like to chat to our Student Progression Adviser, call **01432 365382** or email **n.stallwood@hlnc.ac.uk**



HEREFORD UNIVERSITY CENTRE

What is Hereford University Centre?

In partnership with the University of Worcester, the Centre acts as an educational and cultural hub, aiming to encourage increased participation in higher education.

How can it help me?

At the core of the Centre is the Student Services Manager who facilitates a range of talks, lectures and activities aimed at involving the community at the College.

Though these will all be on varied subjects, they offer you the opportunity to get a feel for what university lectures might be like and how you can be inspired by the expansion of ideas and theories. The Centre is also a good first point of contact for anyone with questions and queries about higher education.

Students from all walks of life choose to study at Herefordshire College based at Folly Lane, which houses specialist facilities for over twenty different industry sectors and a Learning Resource Centre for a diverse range of students and career directions. For visitors to the Hereford University Centre, the Campus provides the ideal environment to explore the prospect of higher education and experience what university-level study could be like.



If you would like to chat to our Student Services Manager, call **01432 365589** or email **p.smith@hlnc.ac.uk**

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of Worcester



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HOLME LACY COLLEGE FARM

Pound Farm, based within Holme Lacy College, has enjoyed organic farm status for over 23 years. The farm produces potatoes, wheat, oats, pea and barley mix, beans and cider apples as well as Hereford cattle and Lleyn sheep. Our wonderful, fresh produce supplies local businesses including Westons, ABP, Abel & Cole and Dovecote who then supply supermarket giants such as Aldi and Waitrose.

The farm is involved with environmental schemes, including Countryside Stewardship and Higher Level Stewardship. These schemes enhance our production and operations, adding value to our produce and boosting profits. The money made by the farm gets invested back into the development of Home Lacy College, improving facilities and the experience for our students.

I have spent my whole life in farming, I grew up on a farm and I've been at Pound Farm for the last 30 years, 26 as Farm Manager. My day-to-day activities are rarely the same because my tasks vary with the seasons. Winter involves feeding the housed cattle, bagging potatoes for orders and moving sheep for winter grazing. Spring centres around planting cereals and potatoes. Our cows calf from the 25th of March and our ewes lamb from the 20th of April. In summer, we focus on making silage and hay for winter feeding and moving and worming the new lambs. In autumn, we harvest the cereals, potatoes and apples and then plant the cereals again in October. In November, we house the cattle to rest in the fields.

The best thing about being organic is that you're more in control, your decisions matter more, for good or bad. It's all about looking after the soil, improving organic matter and "leaving the land in good condition".

A middle-aged man with short, light brown hair is smiling warmly at the camera. He is wearing a dark blue work jacket over a light-colored collared shirt. He is leaning his right arm on a thick, weathered wooden fence. The background is a soft-focus rural landscape with green grass and trees. A large, bright yellow geometric shape is in the top right corner.

Farm Manager
DANIEL SEABORNE

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Shropshire, SY11 4QB

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Vocational STUDIES



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Our College offers an outstanding learning environment, designed to give our students the practical skills, knowledge and experience for successful progression to their chosen career.

Students can choose from a range of education and training options from foundation studies through to degree-level courses, apprenticeships, work-based training and more.



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COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR OPEN EVENTS:

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Ludlow Sixth Form
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Want to study
A LEVELS?



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**LUDLOW SIXTH
FORM COLLEGE**

Located in the beautiful market town of Ludlow. Our College is a fantastic choice for students wishing to study A Levels, with many students going on to achieve outstanding results in Russell Group universities.

Spread across 3 sites (Castle Square, Palmers Hall and Lower Mill Street) students learn in a range of superb buildings which date from the Middle Ages to the 21st century.

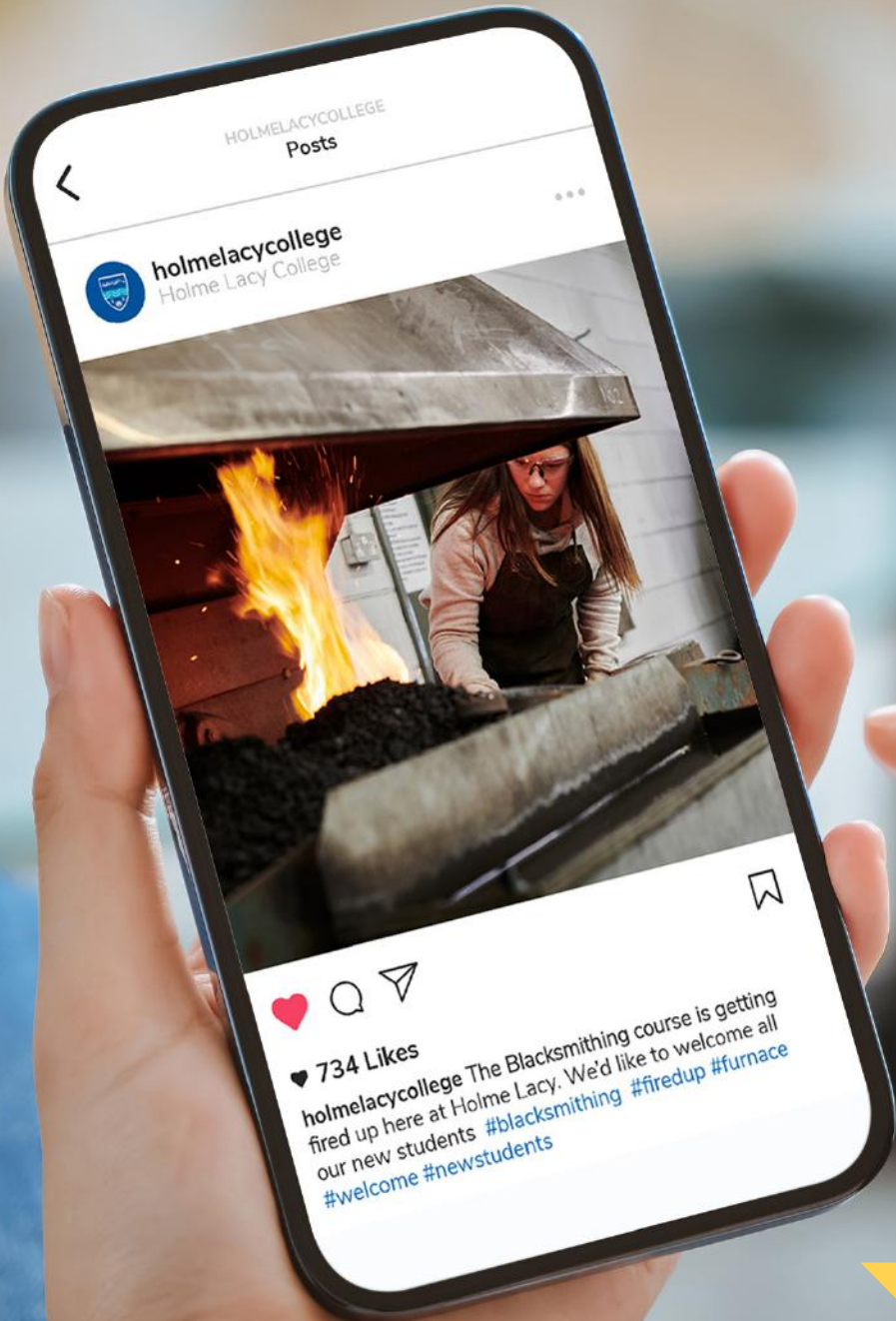


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