

DUCHY COLLEGE STOKE CLIMSLAND GUIDE 2026



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What Ofsted says...

“ Teachers prepare learners and apprentices extremely well for their next stage of education or employment. ”

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Welcome to **Duchy College** **Stoke Climsland**

We're delighted that you are considering studying with us. We're really excited to welcome you into the Duchy College family and help make your career dreams a reality. I'm really looking forward to meeting you soon. In the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with any questions you may have.

Ed Parrish
Principal of
Duchy College
Stoke Climsland



**Multi-million pound Future Farm
research facility**

Extensive equine yard and arena

**Well-equipped groundworks
facilities**

Animal management centre

Dog grooming facilities

Stunning grounds



WHAT'S ON CAMPUS



If you'd like to study for a rewarding career while surrounded by beautiful countryside, then look no further. Whether you have a love of farming, sport, horses, protective services, heavy machinery or animal care, Duchy College Stoke Climsland will set you up for a successful career.

Accommodation options

Fully-equipped gym

Learning Centre with dedicated student support

Cafe and restaurant

Designated bike shelters

Free parking and electric car charging

Only 25 minutes from Plymouth

Go beyond your course with varied student enrichment options



**TOUR
THE
CAMPUS**



Pick your pathway

We have lots of different courses to choose from, but how do you know which is the right one for you?

Don't worry, we can help you narrow down the option that is best suited to you. Here's a quick rundown of the different pathways on offer.



Full-time study programmes

What are they?

- They typically last between one and three years and lead to qualifications such as vocational certificates, diplomas or extended diplomas
- They focus on the practical skills and knowledge linked to a range of subjects, such as art and design, business, health and social care, engineering and many others
- They are offered at different levels depending on your experience
- You'll be assessed through coursework, practical observations, and external exams
- After completion, you can either progress to a higher level study programme, enter the world of work or move on to study at university level

Choose this if...

- You're looking for work skills to enter a particular industry, such as healthcare or construction
- You learn best by getting hands-on
- You want to progress to the workplace, further study or onto university



T Levels

What are they?

- T Levels last two years and are centred on one subject
- They focus on vocational skills linked to the specific career path you've chosen
- One T Level is the equivalent of three A-levels and has UCAS points, which support applications to higher education
- They combine college study with a significant industry placement working with a real employer

Choose this if...

- You already know what job you want to do
- You want to get practical, knowledge-based learning and on-the-job experience
- You want to progress to the workplace, further study or onto university

T-LEVELS



Apprenticeships

What are they?

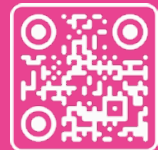
- An apprenticeship lets you gain work-based skills while earning a real salary
- The majority of the time will be spent learning on-the-job with an employer, with additional training at college
- You'll be assessed at both college and in your workplace

Choose this if...

- You already know what job you want to do
- You prefer to learn in the workplace rather than the classroom
- You want a professional qualification to support your work experience
- You want to earn while you learn

APPRENTICESHIPS

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Course levels and entry requirements

It is important to choose the correct level of course after your GCSEs. The choices available to you will depend on whether you meet the entry requirements, how you like to study and what you would like to do after your time with us.

Please use the table opposite as a general guide to our entry requirements. Some courses may require further specific qualification grades due to the nature of their content. Acceptance on a course will also depend on a successful interview.



Please note:

- Some specialist courses may have extra entry requirements; please see website for details
- If you are considering taking on an apprenticeship, we'll ask you to complete an initial assessment in English and Maths, along with a Skills Scan. This will help us to determine your current skills and knowledge, and choose the right level of apprenticeship for you
- If you do not achieve your expected grades, please don't panic. Contact us, and we will help you find an alternative course, normally in the same subject area of interest

Entry level

Study Options: Entry Level qualifications

Typical Entry Requirements: No formal qualifications are required

Progression: Next Entry Level or Level 1 course

Level 1

Study Options: Level 1 qualifications, including certificates and diplomas

Typical Entry Requirements: Two or more GCSEs at grade 2 or above, or successful completion of Entry Level qualification

Progression: Level 2 course, an apprenticeship or employment

Level 2

Study Options: Level 2 qualifications, including diplomas and apprenticeships

Typical Entry Requirements: Three or more GCSEs at grade 3 or above, or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification

Progression: Level 3 course, an apprenticeship or employment

WHAT LEVEL
IS RIGHT
FOR ME?

Level 3

Study Options: Level 3 qualifications, including diplomas, apprenticeships and T Levels. Our programmes are delivered as two one-year courses: Year 1 – Diploma, and Year 2 – Extended Diploma

Typical Entry Requirements: Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and/or Maths, or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification and a grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths

Progression: University study, an apprenticeship or employment

Agriculture & Countryside Management

There has never been a better time to study agriculture and countryside management, especially at our countryside campus. The industry offers fantastic opportunities for skilled workers, technicians, managers and future leaders.

We offer a variety of courses from Level 1 to Level 3, offering pathways to employment or an apprenticeship.

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OF COURSES



Subjects we offer

- Agriculture
- General Farm Worker
- Livestock Unit Technician
- Land & Environment
- Land & Wildlife



Why study with us

- Gain skills in livestock handling, housing and welfare
- Learn sustainable farming practices
- Understand soil science and management
- Learn health and safety in agriculture and countryside management
- Use tractors and other land-based machinery



**LEE
JAMES**

Agriculture Apprenticeship
Family Farm

“ My apprenticeship has set me up for life.
If you're a young farmer, this is definitely
the education pathway for you! ”

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**HOLLIE
PAZ**

**Animal Care & Welfare Assistant
Apprenticeship Level 2
Duchy College Stoke Climsland**

“ An apprenticeship is a great way to earn while you learn, and we get so much hands-on experience. I've learned so much while doing it, and it's been a really rewarding experience. ”



Full-time study



T Levels



Apprenticeships



Animal Management & Veterinary Nursing

We offer a variety of courses between Level 1 and Level 3, with pathways to employment, university or a higher apprenticeship.

Subjects we offer

- Animal Care
- Animal Management
- Animal Care & Welfare
- Animal Management & Behaviour
- Veterinary Care Assistant



Pursue a rewarding career where compassion meets adventure. Immerse yourself in the animal kingdom, learning how to care for and communicate with a wide range of species.

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Why study with us

- Work with a wide range of species, including farm animals, reptiles, invertebrates, aquatics, poultry and waterfowl
- Develop your understanding of animal biology, behaviour and nutrition
- Learn the principles of welfare and rehabilitation, and how to undertake detailed health checks
- Learn health and safety in industry
- Understand the role of conservation of species in the UK and abroad

Equine Management

If you are passionate about horses and would love a career in the equine industry, there is nowhere better to study. Our staff are experts in their field, our courses are renowned nationally, and our students achieve great success both during and after their studies.

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We offer a variety of courses from Level 1 to Level 3, offering pathways to employment or a further apprenticeship.

Subjects we offer

- Horse Care
- Equine Care
- Equine Management
- Equine Groom
- Senior Equine Groom



Why study with us

- State-of-the-art equipment and technology
- Home to the Equitation Science Research and Training Centre
- Develop professional horse care skills and equine first aid
- Take part in student competitions





MAISIE MILES

Equine Groom
Apprenticeship Level 2
Exmoor Pony Centre

“ I've really enjoyed getting hands-on experience with the ponies and meeting so many different people. The variety of people who do apprenticeships – all different ages, abilities, and backgrounds – is really interesting. ”

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Land-based Engineering & Technology

Build the foundation of your career in construction and building services with our range of courses that give you real hands-on experience. Guided by expert lectures, you'll master your chosen craft using industry-standard tools and equipment.

We offer a variety of Level 2 courses, offering pathways to employment or an apprenticeship.

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Subjects we offer

- Land-based Engineering
- Construction Driver Training (Groundworks)



Why study with us

- Learn mechanical, electrical and electronic engineering principles
- Use machining engineering materials and hydraulic systems
- Gain digital skills and the use of software
- Produce engineering drawings
- Learn how to use modern electronics fault diagnostics



BILLY TURPIN-BROOKES

Land-based Engineering
Apprenticeship
Vincent Tractors

“ My workplace and tutor are really supportive in helping me whenever I need it. I’m always learning something new and I’m always given the opportunity to have a go! ”

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**KIERON
SWIDERSKI**

**Level 3 Entry to the
Uniformed Services
NCFE Diploma**

**“ My favourite part of the course
is all of the employer engagement
we get, including ex-students
coming in as well. ”**



Full-time study



T Levels



Apprenticeships

Military & Protective Services



We offer a variety of courses, from Level 1 to Level 3, providing pathways to employment or higher education.

Subjects we offer

- Entry to the Uniformed Services

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Why study with us

- Excellent facilities
- Full-scale simulations and industry exercises
- Expert lecturers and mentors with industry experience
- A focus on practical learning, physical fitness and mental resilience
- Build discipline and integrity
- Strong relationships with the Royal Marines, British Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Police, Fire Service, the Prison Service, and private security organisations

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Outdoor Adventure & Sport

Turn your passion for sports into a profession! Explore the dynamic world of sports and outdoor activities. Whether it's coaching, fitness training, or event management, get ready to kickstart an exciting career.

We offer a range of Level 2 and Level 3 courses, with pathways to employment, university or apprenticeships.

Subjects we offer

- Outdoor Adventure
- Outdoor Education
- Sports Coaching



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Why study with us

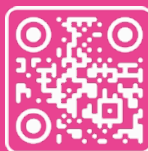
- Expert lecturers and mentors
- Amazing industry connections
- Fantastic facilities, including a lake for water sports, an orienteering course, and a fitness suite
- Take part in a range of activities, from kayaking and paddleboarding to abseiling, mountain biking, and archery
- Expeditions to Snowdonia and Dartmoor
- Develop your leadership skills
- Learn how the body works, and how to overcome mental and physical challenges





Supported Learning & Progression Pathways

Prepare for adulthood, independence and the world of work with our Progression Pathways courses. Whether you need guidance on what career to follow, want to gain the skills to live independently, or would like boost your confidence, we can help you.



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Subjects we offer

- Independence Pathway
- Progression Skills Pathway
- Vocational Studies
- Vocational Specialists
- Employment Pathway
- Supported internships

Why study with us

- Personal development sessions
- Careers advice
- Additional learning support caseworkers
- Quiet room
- Progression to further education, supported internships or employment

Supporting you at college



Transport

If you are aged 16-18, and need help with transport to college, it's really important to apply for your bus pass during the months of June and July. This will guarantee that you'll have your pass in time for the start of term in September.

Depending on where you live, your bus pass could be provided by Cornwall Council, Devon Council or through the College's own transport network.

We do have bursaries available that can support eligible learners with the cost of travel. If you have any questions about travelling into college, please email bursaries@cornwall.ac.uk

Accommodation

We have on-site accommodation for up to 100 students during term-times, including both FE and HE students. There are a range of rooms available, including shared and single study options. We also offer a variety of food packages, depending on how often you will be on campus.

Students are close to all of the College facilities such as lecture rooms, computer suites, library, social areas and sports facilities. Food is provided in the College dining area and all the College staff you may need to contact are close at hand.

FE Bursary funding

If you are under 19 years old on 31 August, your course won't cost you anything. For students aged 19 and over who may have to pay fees towards their tuition, guidance is available.

We offer a FE Bursary to support eligible students financially with access to transport, childcare, equipment and free college meals. If you have any further questions regarding financial support with your studies, please email bursaries@cornwall.ac.uk

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Student Support

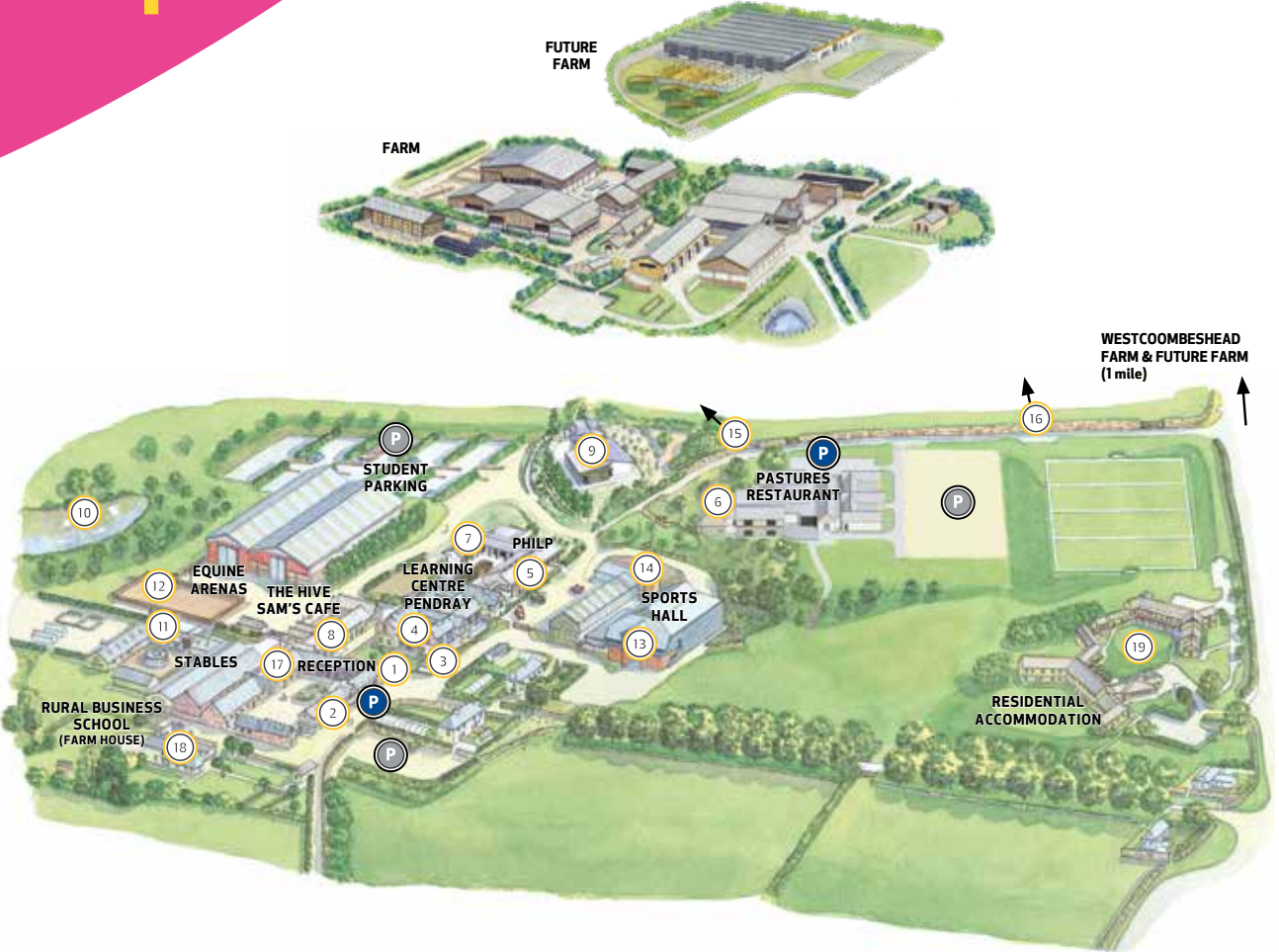
The College provides a supportive learning environment focused on student success and personal growth. Engagement and Progression Officers (EPOs) help with academic and personal challenges, and staff in learning centres offer study support and resources.


Students can take part in personal development activities such as trips, guest talks, and skill-building sessions. Health and wellbeing are also prioritised, with tailored activities across campuses to support mental and physical wellness.

Career guidance is available year-round through Careers Officers, who support university progression, job opportunities, and further training. Students also have access to online tools like Moodle and Teams.

The College values inclusivity and safety, offering SEND support, financial aid, and accommodation options. The Students' Union helps shape the student experience through representation and events.

Campus map



- 1 Reception
- 2 Registry, Exams, IT, Site Services
- 3 Head of Campus & Marketing
- 4 Learning Centre (Pendray Building)
- 5 Foundation Learning & Classrooms (Philp Building)
- 6 HE Classrooms (Parson's Building)
- 7 Animal Management Centre & Dog Grooming Centre
- 8 The Hive and Sam's Cafe
- 9 Military & Public Services Academy
- 10 Pond
- 11 Livery
- 12 Equine Arenas
- 13 Sports Hall
- 14 Outdoor Adventure & Climbing Wall
- 15 Plant Operations
- 16 Sport Fields
- 17 Vocational Academy
- 18 Rural Business School (Farm House)
- 19 Residential Accommodation
-  Student parking
-  Parking with disabled spaces

Our amazing alumni



After completing Level 3 and Level 4 Agricultural Apprenticeships, **Josh** became a field and livestock technician and is now a herdsman on a 250-cow calving dairy unit.

Since leaving Duchy College Stoke Climsland, **Jamie-Lee** has spent more than 10 years in the veterinary industry, including three years as a head nurse.



Chris gained a great insight into rural conservation and ecology while studying Countryside & Wildlife Management. His studies still inspire his work today as both an award-winning landscape gardener and BBC presenter.

How to apply

So you've decided which course is for you:

**NOW IT'S
TIME TO
APPLY**

1

Apply

Complete an application form

You can apply through the relevant course page on our website using an online form. If you'd prefer a paper copy of the application form, call us and we can send one out to you.

2

Interview

We can't wait to meet you

You'll receive an invitation to meet with the course lecturer at an interview. This is likely to be at one of our scheduled interview events on a weekday evening. It's a perfect opportunity to talk about the course you're interested in and find out how it can help you achieve the goals you have for the future.



3

Accept your offer

You made it! Your college place is waiting

Exciting! Reserve your place as soon as possible. Please note, the offer you get may be conditional on you gaining certain GCSE grades. If you end up not getting the results you expected, there's no need to panic. Just get in touch and we'll help you to look into any other options available to you.

4

Start course

Welcome to your local, outstanding college

We'll see you in September for your induction week!

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any other queries, please contact our main enquiries line on **0330 123 2523** or email **enquiries@cornwall.ac.uk**



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**Join us @ our next
DUCHY COLLEGE
STOKE CLIMSLAND**

OPEN EVENT

A great starting point for you and your family. Tour the campus, meet staff and students, and find out more about courses and college life.

Sat 27 Sep 2025

10am - 12pm

Sat 24 Jan 2026

10am - 12pm

Wed 22 Apr 2026

5pm - 7pm

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Taster Days

Tue 28 Oct

10am - 3.30pm

Tue 17 Feb

10am - 3.30pm

Tue 26 May

10am - 3.30pm