



Foundation Learning

Course Guide

2024/2025

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A warm welcome!

Hello! I'm Nikki, Director of SEND & Student Experience at Moulton College and very proud to work with such an amazing team of tutors.

The courses we offer have been designed to provide you with lots of wonderful opportunities which will develop your independence, increase your confidence and aim to build strong foundation employment skills. You will make new friends and enjoy new experiences which will prepare you for adulthood.

If you'd like to learn more – we'd love to hear from you!

Nikki



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Our vision is to aid, inspire and develop each student to build their skills and independence to fulfil their potential and prepare them for adulthood.

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How will I learn on these courses?

You will be learning in small groups, led by a tutor and supported in the classroom by our friendly Learning Support Assistants.

You will get to stay in the same group for all of your subjects, apart from the vocational module, where you will be mixed with another small group of students doing the same level.

You can find out more about the vocational module on page 6 in this booklet.

Our facilities

- Classroom that includes living area
- Kitchen
- Classrooms
- IT area
- Library

Check out the virtual tour of our facilities on our website www.moulton.ac.uk

Foundation Learning Open Event

**Saturday 2 March 2024,
9am - 12noon**

This event is a great chance to find out whether Moulton College is for you. You'll hear a presentation from one of our Foundation Learning team and have the chance to go on tours around campus. There will be staff on hand to answer any queries or concerns you may have.

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Celebrating success

Award Ceremonies

Each year in June we hold our Award Ceremony. It's a wonderful occasion where all of our students and staff, parents and carers come together to celebrate the fantastic work that's taken place throughout the year. Each student receives a professionally printed College certificate and individual awards are handed out to exceptional students. It's a chance to get dressed up as we welcome you all back to College after the year has ended.

Kai Hunter

Foundation Learning Student of the Year 2023

Kai came to Moulton College on our Entry Level 2 course and quickly made new friends and overcame personal challenges to succeed. He grew in independence and confidence and was always willing to help others. His mature attitude towards work and life really impressed all of his tutors and made him a worthy winner of the Award.

Testimonials

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This year has been very beneficial to me in developing my social skills as I have made trips to usual services like shops and barbers.

I have been introduced into what working life is like with our work experience at Bradlaugh Fields and with my time working in the enterprise. This experience also gives me the confidence to try and go for a job in the possible near future if I wish to start earning money of my own. I'm very glad with my time spent in this course and the pathways that it has opened up for me in the future as I try to pursue a job in football.

Oliver - student

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Oliver's confidence has improved significantly, which has impacted a lot of things, including going out and about on his own without worrying.

He'll happily go into shops, barbers, football places like that and interact with people without an adult present. We are really happy with his progress. He's come on in leaps and bounds and is generally much more mature now and has a much clearer picture of the path he'd like to take going forward in his chosen career.

Parent of Oliver

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Moulton College has been highly supportive in terms of transition support for our pupils...and has attended many transition events, providing information for Sixth Form students and parents, as well as those in Year 11. This link has proved vital in ensuring that parents and students have a familiar face from Moulton to talk to and ask questions, and ensure that they feel as prepared as possible.

Moulton has also provided classroom workshops to students to explore some of the courses on offer, and again allowed the students to consider their options in a more informal setting.

Tours and virtual tours have been on offer as well as fantastic communications with the Supported Learning Team; ensuring that information regarding students is shared effectively and all involved feel prepared for the next stage of their life.

Nicola Holland

Head of Billing Brook Sixth Form

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What are Vocational Options?

All of our Entry Level courses include vocational options where you can learn about different work environments.

We are able to offer exciting opportunities to learn and undertake practical activities with our animals and horses as well as on our farm and natural environment.

In Entry Level 1 you will get to experience all of these different subject areas. In Entry Level 2 and 3 you will choose to specialise in either Animal Care & Horse Care or Agriculture, Countryside & Horticulture.



Animal Care & Horse Care

You will experience working with a range of animals from tiny assassin bugs to meerkats, as our Animal Welfare Centre houses over 130 different species.

You will also get to work on our mini farm which is home to goats, wallabies, pigs and many other small animals.

When you are working with our horses you will be based in the stables, learning about tack, grooming, stable cleaning, leading horses and all other aspects of caring for horses.

Agriculture, Countryside & Horticulture

You will get to work on our farm with the sheep and cattle. You will learn about farming, take part in lambing and calving season and build up your knowledge on all other aspects of agriculture.

In Countryside skills you will learn about conservation of wildlife, pond life and nature.

Horticulture will involve you planting, seeding and growing plants and vegetables, caring for the ground and learning all about plant life.

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I highly recommended the College to all my friends and will continue to do so. Thank you!

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Parent/Carer survey 2021



Our courses

Entry Level 1: Essential Skills Pathway

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but you will need to attend an interview to identify your interests and support needs.

Location: Moulton Campus

Duration: 1 year

Course details

You will learn a wide range of skills including communication skills, team building, problem solving and many more that will help you as you progress into adult life. You will also develop your English and maths in a fun, interactive environment to prepare you for life after College.

Your lessons will be both in and out of the classroom, and alongside your vocational modules will include:

- Cooking
- First Aid
- Travel training
- Enrichment activities – including sport, leisure and physical activities

Our vocational options

As part of this course, you will learn about all of our vocational subjects. Find out more about our vocational options on page 6.

What could I do after this course?

We'd recommend you progress onto our Entry Level 2 Independence Pathway programme.

Entry Level 2: Independence Pathway

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but you will need to attend an interview to identify your interests and support needs.

Location: Moulton Campus

Duration: 1 year

Course details

This course will work on improving your communication, team-building and problem solving skills so you're prepared for life after College. Your English and maths skills will develop too.

Lessons take place in and out of the classroom, and modules include:

- Cooking
- Personal and Social Development*
- Preparing for Adulthood – you will learn about using your money to shop, and essential home care skills including washing and ironing.

* As part of your Personal and Social Development you will do Travel Training in Term 1, where you will improve your confidence to travel on your own, and Enrichment Activities in Term 2. These could include sport, leisure and community project activities. You will also undertake a group work experience in Term 3 that relates to your vocational options - find out more on page 6.

What could I do after this course?

We'd recommend you progress onto our Entry Level 3 Vocational Pathway programme.



Entry Level 3: Vocational Pathway

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but you will need to attend an interview to identify your interests and support needs.

Location: Moulton Campus

Duration: 1 year

Course details

This course will help you to develop essential communication, team-building and problem solving skills. These are important as you progress into adult life. You'll get to improve your English and maths too.

Your lessons will be both in and out of the classroom, and alongside your chosen vocational subject (see page 6 for more information), modules include:

- Cooking
- Personal and Social Development *
- Preparing for Adulthood – you will learn about health and wellbeing for the workplace, money management, employability and working as a team.

* As part of your Personal and Social Development you will do Travel Training in Term 1, where you will improve your confidence to travel on your own, and Enterprise. You will also undertake work experience in Term 3 that relates to your vocational subject.

At the end of this course, if you have completed all of the coursework, you will receive a BTEC Entry Level 3 Vocational Studies qualification.

What could I do after this course?

You could apply to complete a Supported Internship with us, or a Level 1 course of your choice. We also provide advice about alternative external provisions if progression at Moulton College is not an option.



Level 1 Vocational Pathway

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but you will need to attend an interview to identify your interests and support needs.

Location: Moulton Campus

Duration: 1 year

Course details

This course is designed for students who wish to progress on to a mainstream Level 2 course. It includes vocational options (see page 6) and it is particularly useful if you have already been a student in Foundation Learning or if you are joining us having experienced anxiety or health issues in the past.

You will be expected to study English and maths with mainstream students as well as a range of units including:

- Being organised
- Developing a personal progression plan
- Running an event
- Preparing and cooking food
- Caring for and feeding animals

If you complete all course work you will achieve a Level 1 BTEC Introductory Certificate in Vocational Studies.

What could I do after this course?

You could progress on to a mainstream Level 2 courses in your chosen subject. We can also provide advice about alternative external provisions if progression at Moulton College is not an option.



Entry Level 3 Construction

Entry requirements

No formal qualifications are required, but you will need to attend an interview to identify your interests and support needs. You will then be offered to attend college for a taster day to see if you feel the course is right for you

Location: Moulton Campus

Duration: 1 year

Course details

This course is designed and available to students with additional needs.

You will develop your practical skills by taking on three construction trades during the year: bricklaying, carpentry and plumbing. You will also complete units in health and safety, English and maths.

Your lessons will be both inside and outside of the classroom and will include:

- preparing for adulthood
- personal and social development
- study skills
- careers

As part of your Personal and Social Development lessons you will complete travel training, enrichment activities, enterprise and work experience.

What could I do after this course?

You could apply to complete a Supported Internship with us, or a Level 1 course of your choice, depending on the entry requirements. We also provide advice about alternative external provisions if progression at Moulton College is not an option.

What is a supported internship?

We caught up with John Briers, Curriculum Co-ordinator, to ask him all about it.

Can you tell us a little bit about what a Supported Internship is?

A Supported Internship helps students to gain unpaid work and develop essential workplace skills that they can use once they complete the programme.

And who is the Moulton College programme aimed at?

The programme is primarily for students aged 16 – 24 who have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and have received funding through a Local Authority Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

How long does the Internship last?

The Internship is a one year course and runs from September to June. At least two days per week will be spent in the classroom building a portfolio of Employability Skills through a City & Guilds qualification. At least two more days per week will be at a work placement that has been sourced by your designated Job Coach ensuring that your interests are taken into consideration.

What else does the programme entail?

When you're not out completing your internship in the workplace, you will get to brush up on your skills in the classroom. Our tutors will support you with English and maths, and you will get to learn how to travel independently using public transport and learn additional life skills along the way.

What could I do after the programme?

Hopefully you will have secured paid or voluntary work. If not, then those skills and knowledge will have put you in an excellent position when applying for a job. There is an opportunity to look at an apprenticeship if you can find an employer to take you on.

Briefly, why should I choose to do a Supported Internship?

The skills and life experience you gain from completing a Supported Internship will stand you in good stead for your adult life. I've seen many students not only develop skills in the workplace, but develop their communication skills and confidence too. It's a fantastic opportunity to make connections with the working world, whilst still having the support of the College alongside you.





How will I get to college?

When you receive your offer pack in the post (there's more information about this in step 4 on the next page) you will also receive a transport application form.

You can choose to either travel using our main bus service, where you will sit alongside students from other areas, or there's our door-to-door option. Please tick the door-to-door box if that is the service you require.

We asked Derek Fox, Transport Co-ordinator, to provide a little more information:

What is the door-to-door service?

Moulton College has a minibus service where students can be picked up from their home address at an arranged time and brought home at the end of the College day. The minibus is usually driven by a Moulton College driver, and there are only a small number of students on each minibus. It's a very personalised service, and many of our foundation students choose this option.

Can anyone access this door-to-door service?

This service is offered specifically to students who have an Educational Health Care Plan in place. You can contact us if you have any further questions.

How do I know who my driver will be?

Parents and students who choose the door-to-door option will have the chance to meet their College driver prior to starting with us. Parents and students will be given the driver's contact number in case they need to get in touch with them.

If I choose the mainstream transport service (not door-to-door), will I also get to meet my driver?

Unfortunately if you choose this option, you won't be able to meet your driver beforehand. We use different companies for our mainstream service and although they do try to use the same driver, this is not always possible.

How much will it all cost?

The cost of our mainstream and door-to-door transport services was £690 per year for students who joined us in September 2023 (subject to change for 2024). You may be entitled to financial support, depending on your circumstances.

For further information call 01604 491131 and select option 4, or email transport@moulton.ac.uk



How to apply

Here's a step-by-step guide which runs through the application process. If you have any questions though, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Step 1

Make an application

Go to www.moulton.ac.uk to pick your course and apply online.

Step 2

Interview

You will be invited for a face-to-face interview with one of our Foundation Learning Team. This will take place at our Moulton campus and you will be informed beforehand who your interview is with.

Don't worry – this process isn't as scary as it sounds. We just want to find out a little bit more about you, and make sure we're the right fit for you too!

Step 3

Fingers crossed!

Hopefully you will shortly receive your conditional offer, which will be conditional on you getting the entry requirements, us receiving your EHCP, a learning support interview and references.

Step 5

Accept your offer

You will need to accept your offer by returning your acceptance form, or sending us an email, with a Transport and Bursary Application form if required.

Step 4

Check your letter box!

You will be sent through an offer pack in the post. This includes:

- A transport application form
- Your acceptance form
- Bursary application
 - Medical form
 - Residential form
- A booklet with more information about us

Step 6

Enrolment

In the summer you will receive your joining instructions in the post, inviting you to enrolment.

Your journey with us officially begins!

FAQs

How do we help with the transition from school to College?

You will have the opportunity to attend a taster day at College and you will also have the chance to attend our Summer School. Where possible we will attend your EHCP meeting.

What different types of support are in place?

You are taught by a tutor who is supported by Learning Support Assistants. There are staff who can assist with your wellbeing if you want to talk to someone else.

How big are the class sizes?

There are no more than 10 in a class.

Is there somewhere quiet to take a five-minute breather?

We have an area called the Spectrum Space that you can use if you need some real quiet space.

How will I get my child to Moulton?

You can choose to bring your child to College or you can request College transport via the main coaches or the door-to-door service (must have an EHCP).

Do I need any specialist protective clothing?

You will need overalls and boots. The colour will depend on your vocational area and you will need to wash them every week to ensure they do not harbour any germs.

I have allergies to pet hair / severe asthma. Will that affect the vocational choices I make?

Yes it might. We would however discuss this with you at interview.

If I feel poorly whilst at College, what happens?

We will let you sit in a quiet space for a while but if you need to go home we will contact your parents.

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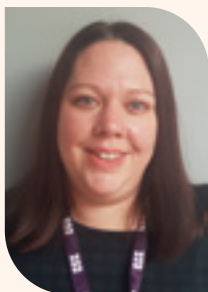
I've been impressed with Moulton College as a whole. There are amazing grounds, so many opportunities and all staff we have dealt with in the past year have been nothing but professional, supportive & helpful. My daughter has special needs so finding the right place was essential. Being at Moulton College she's the happiest she has ever been, especially in an education setting and I couldn't be more grateful for that. I highly recommended the College to all my friends and will continue to do so. Thank you!

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Meet the tutors

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Gemma Nugent

I have worked at Moulton since 2014 supporting students in a range of curriculum areas within the College. The facilities we have at Moulton are second to none, providing an outstanding hands on experience for our students in an inclusive environment. We try to make learning fun, helping students to flourish and reach their full potential, and making a difference to their next steps in life.

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Lisa Going

I have worked at Moulton in the Foundation Learning department since 2011. During this time, I have worked in most vocational areas within the College. I have had various roles here, currently I am a lecturer in Foundation Learning where I teach personal and social development, English and maths, preparing for adulthood and cookery.

I enjoy being a part of the student experience and ensuring their time at the college is positive and successful.

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Sophie O'Connor

I teach the Horse Care and Animal Care modules here at Moulton College. I have taught here for five years and was previously a student! I am so passionate about student and animal welfare that teaching the next generation is a perfect choice. I have four of my own horses alongside many other animals such as dogs, chickens and chinchillas to name just a few.

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John Briers

I have seen a lot of changes over the years but what still remains is the joy that students get from attending the College and using the fantastic facilities they have here. I am the Curriculum Co-ordinator for Foundation Learning, and I thoroughly enjoy seeing each and every one of our students reach their full potential.

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Jessica Cappell

I have a background in mental health and have worked in a variety of roles with young people over the years including Education, Pastoral and Probation. I am currently a mental health first aider and I am incredibly passionate about student welfare and wellbeing. I teach Life Skills, Personal and Social Development, Cookery and Functional Skills. The best part about the role is meeting students in September and watching them leave the following year having grown and flourished - I really enjoy being part of that journey.

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Kathryn Masters

I have worked at Moulton College for the past 12 years and many moons ago I was actually a student here myself! I currently teach Countryside, Agriculture, Horticulture and Floristry and no two days are the same. I am energised by the many students whom I have the pleasure of teaching. To put it simply I love my job. Together we face lots of challenges and most importantly lots of triumphs. All of our students build resilience and gain the knowledge and skills to live a happy and successful life.

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Chloe Tallett

I have worked with foundation students for around 10 years in different roles. My job at Moulton College has been by far my favourite. We have a team of wonderful, talented staff and students who have so much passion and have come through so much. This is what brings happiness to all of our team: seeing those smiles, hearing the laughing and seeing the achievement of each and every student.

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Find out more at our open event!

Foundation Learning Open Event
Saturday 2 March 2024, 9am – 12noon

Register to attend on our website:
www.moulton.ac.uk/events

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