

YOUR GUIDE TO PLUMPTON COLLEGE



Students are joining the college at an inspiring time for the land and environment sector, which is experiencing its most significant changes in over 50 years. These changes are driven by global factors such as population growth, climate change, and advances in science and technology. As a result, our

students are in high demand by employers seeking highly qualified professionals.

I'm proud to say that students at Plumpton are taught by lecturers who are experts in their field. Many have worked extensively in the industry and are passionate about helping students broaden their horizons and achieve their ambitions.

At Plumpton, we pride ourselves on supporting every student. We are committed to helping them learn, grow, and develop as individuals during this important stage of their lives.

IMPORTANCE OF MATHS & ENGLISH



Achieving a good standard of maths & English is essential for your young person to compete in today's workforce.

Many employers use maths & English qualifications as a filter in their recruitment processes, with a GCSE achieved at Grade 4, being the standard aspired to.

It is a requirement that any student who has not achieved a Grade 4 in GCSE English & maths has to continue to study and resit the exams.

As a parent/ guardian, it is really important that you support and encourage your young person to achieve this while at college. Students who do not may struggle to progress to their next level at the end of the year, even if they have done well in their vocational subject.

OUR VALUES



AMBITIOUS



PROFESSIONAL



ENTERPRISING



PROGRESSIVE



PASSIONATE



SUPPORTIVE

WEARING THE COLLEGE LANYARD

We need your support in ensuring your young person wears their lanyard on campus.

The lanyard is used to access certain services such as food in the dining room, loaning out library books, accessing areas of the college and most importantly, wearing a lanyard helps us ensure we can identify those who have a right to be on campus and around our students. **Students will incur a £5 fine for not wearing or losing their lanyards.**

ENROLMENT NOW OPEN An email has been sent to you which includes a link for your young person to enrol today. Enrolling now ensures your place is secured for September 2026, regardless of GCSE results. *Please check your junk inbox if this has not arrived in your main inbox.*

Once enrolment is completed, the last step before September is to upload GCSE results on Thursday 20th August 2026. Details will be sent to you via email on how to complete this nearer the time. *Please check your junk inbox if this has not been received on the expected date and time.*

We look forward to welcoming your young person in September.

Jeremy Kerswell, Principal

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Student Wellbeing & Safeguarding Team

studentwellbeing@plumpton.ac.uk

English & Maths Team

englishandmaths@plumpton.ac.uk

IT Team

helpdesksupport@plumpton.ac.uk

Financial Support

bursary@plumpton.ac.uk

Careers Team

careers@plumpton.ac.uk

Travel & Accommodation

studentservices@plumpton.ac.uk

Absence Reporting

via ProPortal or absence@plumpton.ac.uk
01273 892 100

Term Times



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GCSE Resit Exams in November in 2026

Maths

4th November - Paper 1

6th November - Paper 2

English

3rd November - Paper 1

5th November - Paper 2

GCSE Exams in May/ June in 2027

Maths

14th May - Paper 1

27th May - Paper 2

Maths

24th May - Paper 1

8th June - Paper 2

Level 1 Number & Measure Exams in 2027

12th January & 6th May

INSET DAYS

11th November 2026 and 4th January 2027

PARENTS' EVENING

All curriculum, Maths & English and 14-16 students

Autumn Term - November | **Spring Term** - March

Aiming to provide you with the necessary information about your young person's progress.

MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT LIST



JS Teamwear provide all of our college branded clothing. Through them, you will be able to purchase any course specific clothing. Please take a look at additional equipment you may need before starting.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION APPLICATIONS OPEN



We cater for up to 200 students in comfortable rooms, rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted (2023). We offer accommodation with flexible arrangements for all students studying Agriculture, Animal Management or Equine Management during routine periods. Bursaries may be available for accommodation depending on eligibility criteria.

COHORT LEADS

Every student will be allocated a Cohort Lead who they will meet with individually throughout the year. These are to ensure students know where they are in terms of their development, what they can do to improve their academic work further, and keep them on track. These are mandatory timetabled lessons.

CAREERS & PROGRESSION



Our Careers team offers a wide range of information, advice, and guidance to support curriculum content, work-related learning, and real-world experience. We aim to prepare students for their next steps whether that's applying to university, writing a CV or cover letter, or preparing for interviews. Students can book a one-to-one careers meeting with an advisor at any time during their studies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We expect all students to take part in meaningful work experience directly related to the subject they are studying. Work experience enhances your studies and is an important part of your course, ensuring you leave college ready for the world of work.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT



We pride ourselves on being inclusive, offering help and guidance to all our students, monitoring their progress and working with them to achieve their goals. Our Inclusive Learning and Development team support students with a range of learning difficulties.

PLUMPTON PARENT & GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

We will keep in touch with you via our Parent & Guardian newsletter every eight weeks to keep you up to date on parents' evenings, college news and how your young person can make the most of their time at college.

INFORMATION HUBS FOR 2026 INDUCTION

Everything you need to know about your young person starting their course can be found on our information hubs, which will be updated regularly as we approach enrolment.

EHE 14-16 HUB



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LEVEL 1, 2, 3 & FOUNDATION LEARNING HUB



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COLLEGE BUS NETWORK



Bus tickets go on sale from 8th July. The college bus service is provided by Zeelo. Visit our website for route details, bus timetables and information on how to purchase tickets.

STUDENT WELLBEING & SAFEGUARDING

We view supporting and developing students' emotional wellbeing as an essential part of the learning experience. The Student Wellbeing & Safeguarding team at college offers advice on a range of topics, including; building a wellbeing toolkit, staying safe online, healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol, and mental health.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT COACHES

Personal Development helps students build skills beyond their main course. Through mandatory weekly group sessions, led by experienced coaches, students are supported to become independent, respectful and responsible individuals who can contribute positively to society. They can also access one-to-one support.

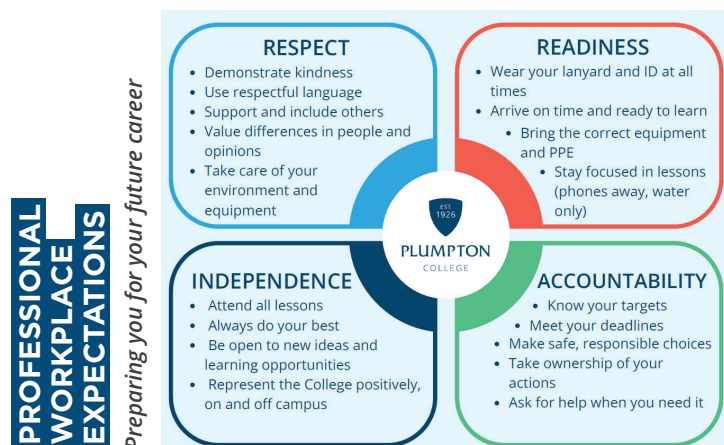
The programme covers key topics including personal finance, health, risk management, mindset and career planning. Students also benefit from cross-college events, guest speakers, and day, overnight and international trips, helping them develop important life and work skills such as communication, problem-solving, leadership and teamwork.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

BURSARY APPLICATIONS OPEN



We offer a range of bursaries that are given on a discretionary basis to provide financial assistance to eligible students. Bursary funding is available for bus tickets, residential accommodation, equipment and more.



RECORD KEY COURSE INFORMATION

Curriculum Area:

Level:

Days in College:

PERSONAL TUTOR AND COHORT LEAD

Name:

Email: