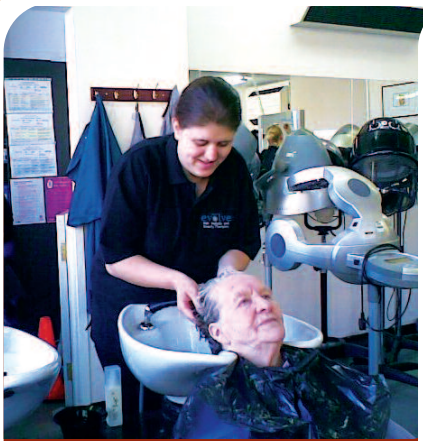


why study

foundation studies

at BCoT



Kelly Dimmock gaining hands-on experience washing a client's hair in one of the Hairdressing Salons



Arran Donaldson in the Carpentry Workshop working hard on his project

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS

As part of the Directions course, students have the opportunity to choose to study vocational areas across the college such as:

Hair and Catering

Automotive Technology and Construction

Care and Animal Care.

POOL TOURNAMENT

A Pool Tournament was organised by Foundation Studies students and was held on 25 January in the Student Zone.

The Foundation Studies students challenged staff and students across the college and swept the board with success.



Great cue action from Ray Davis, Foundation Studies who won the tournament!



Demi Ford, Foundation Studies concentrating on her shot

SCALING NEW HEIGHTS AT INDUCTION

Most students soon overcame any fears and enjoyed the climbing wall as part of their induction activities.



The climbing wall was a very successful activity and enjoyed by many students.

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN FOUNDATION STUDIES?

- if you found school challenging *or*
- if you failed to gain GCSEs then the Directions course could be for you.

For more information please contact Sue Hill on 01256 306220

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

Name: Nathan Hall

Course: Directions

School: Dove House

"I am really enjoying the Directions course. It has given me the chance to try out Construction and Catering as well as improve my Maths and English and learn different skills.

"Lots of my lessons have been interesting and will help me in my future life. In one lesson we compared healthy foods with prepared foods which made me think about what I eat. We also visited the gym as part of a lesson to learn about keeping fit.

"As part of my Catering lesson I learnt to cook a main meal which I really enjoyed. I also loved the profiteroles which I made.

"My Construction option gave me the chance to try out brickwork, painting & decorating and carpentry.

"I like the free atmosphere at BCoT and the way lecturers treat me as an adult. I have also made lots of new friends at college.

"Each day is fun and here is an example of one of the days I really enjoyed:"

9.00am LITERACY

I have been learning English in a fun way. By scrambling words I have been taught how to make sentences and I also have spelling practice as well as spelling tests.

10.00am BREAK

A chance to meet up with my friends and catch up.

10.15am ASDAN PERSONAL & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

I really enjoyed the environmental awareness lesson at The Orchard, (Environmental Services Offices). We cleared an area, dug holes and planted



Making Scotch eggs in the training kitchens at BCoT.

three trees – pear and apple. To make the area look nice we also planted some pansies. At lunchtime as a special treat we had pizzas delivered - it was great fun!

2.00pm MANAGING MONEY

I watched a video which has helped me to budget. It showed how people manage their money and work out how much money is left after paying bills.

4.00pm END OF DAY

"Thanks to Foundation Studies and all the skills I have gained, next year I am joining the plumbing course."

TUTOR COMMENT

Nathan is a very pleasant young man who is always punctual, eager to learn and very supportive of other students. During his time with us he has blossomed.

Nathan was awarded the Tutor Award for achievement this year.



Learning computer skills at BCoT.

BCOT DIRECTIONS – ACCESS TO VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Entry Level 3 – 1 Year

Course Code: VFT1

This course is suitable for you if are undecided about a particular course or career, you did not obtain your GCSE grades for your chosen course and you want to learn some new skills which will help you to take the next step onto a full-time vocational programme or into employment. You will study towards qualifications in Personal and Social Development, English, Maths, IT and a vocational option of your choice e.g. construction. You will be challenged and supported to achieve at diploma level and encouraged to take part in work experience and enrichment activities when possible.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entrance requirements however all students will need to provide a good reference and be interviewed. Personal qualities such as motivation, enthusiasm and willingness to learn are key.

Methods of assessment

Continuous assessment in a variety of ways including portfolio work, projects, assignments and practical activities.

Progression

Further study or employment in a vocationally relevant job.

BCOT DIRECTIONS – WORK LIFE SKILLS

Entry Level 2/3 – 1 Year

Course Code: VFT2

This course is suitable for learners with mild/moderate learning difficulties. It will support you to develop the confidence in becoming independent or gaining the skills you need to get a job, including functional skills in English, Maths and IT. You will also have the opportunity to attend a range of vocational workshops to gain experience as well as learning key skills such as time management, team working, problem solving and communication.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entrance requirements, however a good school reference and interview is required.

Progression

You may progress to Directions – Access to Vocational Studies or go into work or supported employment.