

### > WHERE DO I START?

LEVEL 1

#### SCHOOL / COLLEGE / WORKPLACE

- **GCSE (D-G / 4-1)**
- **Applied & Technical Qualifications**  
Carpentry and Joinery, Painting & Decorating
- **Traineeships:** For 16 – 23 year olds qualified below L3

LEVEL 2

#### SCHOOL / COLLEGE / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

- **Apprenticeship (Intermediate):**  
Environmental Conservation, Dry Stone Walling, Agriculture, Animal Care / Animal Technology, Nursing Assistants in a Veterinary Environment, Fencing, Game and Wildlife Management, Equine, Floristry, Trees and Timber, Golf Greenkeeping, Horticulture, Sports Turf Operative, Land-based Service Engineering
- **GCSE / IGCSE (A\*-C / 9-5):**  
Core subjects English/Maths (at C or above). Useful subjects: Biology, PE, DT, Geography
- **Applied & Technical Qualifications**  
Dog-grooming, Metalworking, Horticulture, Horse Care, Canine Behaviour, Landscaping, Floristry, Countryside Management, Agriculture

LEVEL 3

#### SIXTH FORM / COLLEGE / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING

- **Apprenticeship (Advanced):**  
Environmental Conservation, Agriculture, Animal Care, Veterinary Nursing, Maritime Occupations, Fencing, Game and Wildlife Management, Equine, Farriery, Floristry, Trees and Timber, Horticulture, Butchery, Land-based Engineering
- **A level:** Biology, Geography, DT, Food Technology
- **Applied & Technical Qualifications:**  
Blacksmithing and Metalwork, Horticulture, Equine Management, Game Management, Landscaping, Floristry, Countryside Management, Agriculture, Fishery Management, Butchery, Wine and Spirits

LEVEL 4 / 5 / 6 +

#### SIXTH FORM / COLLEGE / ON-THE-JOB TRAINING / UNIVERSITY

- **Applied & Technical Qualifications:**  
Operations & Departmental Management
- **Higher Apprenticeship:**  
Aquaculture Management, Maritime Occupations
- **Foundation Degree:** Agriculture, Animal Science, Animal Behavior and Welfare, Creative Metalworking, Veterinary Nursing
- **HE Degree:** BSc Viticulture and Oenology, BA Wine Business, BSc Animal Science

### > PROGRESSING TO...

#### CAREERS INCLUDING

Agricultural Crops/Livestock Technician **Groundsperson**  
Butcher **National Park Warden**  
Shepherd **Food Processor**  
Ranger **Conservationist**  
Veterinary Nurse **Dry Stone**  
**Waller** Education Officer  
**Community Officer** Aquaculture Manager **Winemaker** Florist  
**Engineer** Tree Surgeon  
**Marketing / Social Media**  
**Manager** Tractor Driver  
**Crofter** Herd Manager **Farm**  
**Manager** Agronomist **Fencer**  
Ecologist **Landscape Gardener**  
Environmental Consultant  
**Environmental Protection Officer**  
Gamekeeper **Land Manager**  
Nature Reserve Manager

#### TOP REGIONAL EMPLOYERS

**Rathfinney Wine Estate** Drusillas  
**The National Trust** South Downs  
National Park **Harveys Brewery**  
Haynes Agricultural **Burleys**

- There are 595,000 jobs in the UK land-based sector.
- 95% of employers are small businesses with fewer than 10 staff.

### > FIND OUT MORE

Plumpton College  
[www.plumpton.ac.uk](http://www.plumpton.ac.uk)  
Sussex Downs College  
[www.sussexdowns.ac.uk](http://www.sussexdowns.ac.uk)  
Sussex Coast College  
[www.sussexcoast.ac.uk](http://www.sussexcoast.ac.uk)

- Salaries vary widely in the land-based industries, but a large farm manager or land-based engineer could earn £40-70k.

