



Curriculum Pathways

Occupational Studies in the Workplace (for key stage 3 and above)

Learners can work towards Qualifications in NCFE Occupational Studies for the Workplace. This can be done at entry level 3, level 1 or level 2.

Depending on the amount of time learners are placed at The Lodge they can either gain:

- ★ Exploring Occupational studies - 3 credits - 30 GLH
- ★ An Award in Occupational Studies - 6 credits - 60 GLH
- ★ A Certificate in Occupational Studies - 13 credits - 130 GLH
- ★ A Diploma in Occupational Studies - 370 GLH

To achieve the qualification learners will complete a variety of pathways as indicated below:

Animal Care	Land Based Activity	Employability & Social Development	Cookery
Entry Level			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Building confidence with working with animals → Check that a small animal is healthy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Introduction to Propagation of plants → Introduction to garden horticulture → Introduction to garden maintenance skills → Environmental improvement → Developing skills for using and maintaining garden hand tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Working as a volunteer → Working in a team → Problem solving skills for work → Improving own confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Basic cooking → Basic food preparation → Food hygiene and safety
Level 1			
*Course change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Developing Skills in Garden horticulture → Sowing and growing techniques → Cultivating compost and soils → Cultivating herbs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Problem solving at work → Working in a team → Time management skills → Improving own learning and performance → Undertaking and enterprise project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Basic food preparation and cooking → Maintenance of a safe, hygienic and secure working environment
Level 2			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Principles of woodlands, forestry and ecology → Garden horticulture skills → Understanding how to grow fruit and vegetables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Problem solving in the workplace → Working in a team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Developing cooking skills → Cooking with meat, fish and vegetables → Developing good practice skills for use in the kitchen

*Learners interested in continuing with animal care related studies will continue onto the Asdan Animal Care short course
This course can accredit between 10 and 60 hours of learners' activities and involvement in caring for all types of animals.

Modules are as follows:

- Animal investigation
- Safety around animals
- Looking after animals
- Animals in trouble
- Animals in the media
- Animals and the law
- Careers in working with animals

Learners 14 years and above may also choose to gain credits or full awards from other Asdan short courses, such as:

- Gardening
- Land based sector
- Enterprise
- Bronze, silver, gold award
- Learners joining the Lodge on residential can work towards the Adventure and Residential short course



Jigsaw in the Outdoors

The Lodge staff at schools in the ALP chain follow the Jigsaw PSHE curriculum in both primary and secondary years. New to 2023 Jigsaw offer an extension of the PSHE curriculum known as Jigsaw Outdoors. This forms the basis of our primary education at The Lodge. It gives young people the opportunity to develop their knowledge of the outdoors with fun activities related to physical activity, social experiences and healthy living.

Outdoor Learning & Forest School

The Lodge Staff are certified by the Outdoor Teacher for forest school and outdoor learning activities. Forest School is a child-centered inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Forest School has a developmental ethos shared by thousands of trained practitioners around the world, who are constantly developing their learning styles and skills to support new and imaginative learners. Its roots reach back to the open-air culture or free air life, seen as a way of life in Scandinavia where Forest School began. It arrived in the UK in 1993 and has grown from strength to strength since then.

The process helps and facilitates more than knowledge-gathering, it helps learners develop socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually. It creates a safe, non-judgemental nurturing environment for learners to try stuff out and take risks. Forest School inspires a deep and meaningful connection to the world and an understanding of how a learner fits within it. Forest Schools approach to risk means that learners constantly expand on their abilities by solving

real-world issues, building self-belief and resilience. ALP Schools believe that risk is more than just potential for physical harm, but a more holistic thing, there are risks in everything we do, and we grow by overcoming them. Forest School therefore, helps participants to become healthy, resilient, creative and independent learners.

Swimming

Our STA trained swimming teacher certificates vocational qualifications across a range of swimming teaching, lifesaving, first aid, health and safety and pool plant disciplines. These accreditation designed to meet both legal requirements and national occupational standards for various industries. We deliver STA's International Learn to swim awards

