

## **FOUNDATION LEARNING – ENTRY LEVEL**

**‘On Your Marks....’** (Located within easy reach of the main College Campus)

**Course Length - 18 Weeks Average – Tailored to Individual Needs**

**Start Date Flexible (Throughout the Year)**

### **COURSE CO-ORDINATOR:**

Linda Stone

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Entry is dependent upon a successful interview with a member of the course team and a willingness to learn!

### **WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?**

This course should be your choice if you:

- Are unsure of your career choice
- Would like to gain employability and/or personal & social development skills
- Are not yet ready to join a mainstream course within the College
- Would like to progress to a level 1 course 2011/12
- Would like to gain an apprenticeship

### **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

This programme has 3 main elements leading to a minimum of four qualifications!

#### **1. A VOCATIONAL QUALIFICATION AT ENTRY LEVEL IN EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS**

#### **2. THREE FUNCTIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATIONS**

As part of this course you will attend sessions to improve your numeracy / literacy and computing skills. These sessions will be with subject specialists and delivered at a level to suit you.

#### **3. A PERSONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUALIFICATION IN PROGRESSION**

An important part of your course will be developing a portfolio to demonstrate to future employers, training providers or teachers that you have the personal skills to be employable as well as the academic skills. Your tutor will guide you through this qualification throughout the course.

## USEFUL WEBISTES

[www.qcda.gov.uk/25405.aspx](http://www.qcda.gov.uk/25405.aspx)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### Resources at the Isle of Wight College

You will have access to PCs and a wide range of resource materials developed specifically to meet your training needs.

### How to apply

You should complete a College application form

### Further Course Information

Please contact Linda Stone Tel 01983 525583

**The Isle of Wight College is committed to equality of opportunity in every aspect of its activities.**



## STUDENT SERVICES

### **Welfare, Finance, Information and Advice**

- Funding your course
- Further Education fee concession
- Higher Education Funding (Full time and Part time)
- State Benefits
- Funding Childcare
- Housing Problems
- Other Welfare Support

If you would like information and advice on any of the above please visit or contact Student Services direct: 01983 550581.

### **Students 16-18**

If you are 16 and under 19 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> September in the year you begin your studies your tuition and qualification fee is free, provided you are a resident of the UK or European Community for three years (not on a student visa).

### **Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and student travel**

If you would like information on Education Maintenance Allowance, County Bus Pass, or Rider Card please contact Ruth Fisher, direct: 01983 550642.

### **Students 19+**

If you are aged 19 or over on 1 September in the year you begin your studies you are responsible for the payment of tuition, qualification fees and course expenses.

### **Level 2 and Level 3 Entitlement**

If you are aged 19 or over and without a full Level 2 (equivalent or higher) qualification then you may not have to pay for your tuition fees. If you are 19, but under 25 without a full Level 3 (equivalent or higher) qualification then you may not have to pay for your tuition fees. For further information and eligibility please contact Student Services direct: 01983 550581

### **Adult Learning Grant**

Students 19 and over studying their first full Level 2 or Level 3 qualification, the Adult learning Grant is a means-tested allowance of up to £30 per week. For further information and eligibility please contact Student Services, direct: 01983 550581.

### **Career Advice and Guidance**

You can obtain free impartial career advice and guidance at College from either Connexions, if you are 16-19 or Next Step 20+. For further information please contact Nicola Frohnsdorff direct 01983 535210.