Capel Manor College
THE SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE AND LANDSCAPING
“Horticulture contributes £9 billion to the UK economy every year, and employs around 300,000 people across a variety of disciplines.” RHS Director General Sue Biggs speaking at the 2014 YoungHort conference in London.

Horticulture can be one of the most dynamic, creative and rewarding industries out there - with immense professional opportunities to earn a fantastic living.

James Wong, BBC Broadcaster, Botany Geek and author
WELCOME
A qualification in horticulture and landscaping can open the door to a whole new world. We are here to help you on your horticultural journey.

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For further ideas and inspiration about careers in horticulture, visit:

• British Association of Landscape Industries: www.bali.co.uk
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• The David Colegrave Foundation: www.davidcolegravefoundation.org.uk

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

• business owner
• garden construction
• gardener or head gardener in local, botanical, national or historic gardens
• horticulture journalism: TV, radio, websites, newspapers, magazines
• landscape and garden design
• landscape and garden maintenance
• park management
• plant hunting and working overseas
• plant propagation and nursery production
• retail horticulture in garden centres
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INTRODUCTION TO GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING DIPLOMA (LEVEL 1)

Starts: September
Duration: 1 year full-time
Available at: Crystal Palace, Enfield and Greenwich Park

This foundation course will give you a great practical introduction to gardening and landscaping and will provide you with an understanding of the type of work and career opportunities that are available in the industry.

Topics include:
• maintaining gardens throughout the different seasons
• plant identification – trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals
• using a range of tools and machinery
• establishing and maintaining lawns
• training in use of mowers
• building and maintaining garden structures
• work experience with employers
• first aid
• health and safety
• employability skills

A great deal of this course will be carried out in a practical environment with some classroom-based study. You will be assessed throughout the programme and given independent study projects to complete.

Find out how to apply for our courses in our Capel College Guide or the ‘how to apply section’ of our website: www.capel.ac.uk

Entry requirements
You will need at least one of the following:
• relevant prior learning or experience gained in an appropriate professional environment will be considered
• enthusiasm for working outdoors
• you will be encouraged to attend our Summer School.

What next after you complete your course?
Successful completion of this course will:
• enable you to progress to our Gardening and Commercial Landscaping Diploma (Level 2) or an Intermediate Apprenticeship in Horticulture (Level 2)
• help you gain employment in the gardening and landscaping industry, at an entry-level, career opportunities include: landscape maintenance, retail horticulture in garden centres or working in parks, gardens or sports turf
• visit the Grow website for more career options and ideas.

GARDENING AND COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPING DIPLOMA (LEVEL 2)

Starts: September
Duration: 1 year full-time
Available at: Crystal Palace, Enfield and Greenwich Park

On this course you will build a sound knowledge and gain solid practical experience in gardening, landscaping and the urban environment and go on to apply this foundation to real work situations in the UK and abroad.

Topics include:
• constructing and maintaining boundaries - landscaping
• care and maintenance of gardens in all seasons
• using garden and landscaping machinery and tools
• cultivation and assessment of soil texture
• identifying and maintaining lawns
• identifying plants by botanical name
• identifying damage caused by plant pests
• producing a basic garden design
• identifying plants using a range of tools and machinery
• pest and disease control
• producing and maintaining lawns
• dealing with customers - requests and providing advice
• propagating plants
• training in use of hedge trimmers, mowers and compactor tractors
• gaining first aid knowledge with strong emphasis on health and safety
• around 150 hours of work experience with an employer.

You will be assessed through a range of practical and written projects and assessments, to achieve the overall award you must successfully pass all specialist units.

Entry requirements
You will need at least one of the following:
• at least 4 GCSEs at grades D or above including at least two in English, maths or a science related subject
• an overall Distinction in an Introduction to Gardening and Landscaping (Level 1) or equivalent
• relevant prior learning or experience gained in an appropriate professional environment will be considered
• you will be encouraged to attend our Summer School.

What next?
Successful completion of this course will:
• enable you to progress to our Horticulture Advanced Diplomas (Level 3), an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture (Level 3) or a Garden Design Advanced Diploma (Level 3)
• help you gain employment at an assistant level in the gardening and landscaping industry, opportunities include: working overseas, in landscaping, turf management, parks and gardens, community gardens, garden retail or you could consider starting up your own business
• visit the Grow website for more career options and ideas.

You will be asked to attend an interview to explore your interests, experience and ambitions and complete an initial assessment so that we can help you study. References are also considered.

“Capel is an amazing place, the tutors are friendly, enthusiastic, motivated and always willing to help. I have just finished my Level 1 and progressed to the Level 2 Diploma, it’s the best thing I have ever done. The College environment is very welcoming, I’ve made some amazing friends and learnt so much. I knew what I want to do and achieve through my life now and in the future. Tom, ‘18 is completing our Gardening and Commercial Landscaping Diploma (Level 2)"

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Horticulture Advanced Diploma (Level 3)

Starts: September
Duration: 1 year full-time
Available at: Enfield and Gunnersbury Park

This programme has been designed for you if you have discovered a passion for horticulture and are aiming to change or develop your career. It will provide you with a firm understanding of the core horticultural skills.

Entry requirements:
- You need at least one of the following:
  - at least 5 GCSEs at grades A* to C including English, maths and a science related subject
  - an overall Distinction in a Gardening and Commercial Landscaping Diploma (Level 2) or equivalent
  - relevant prior learning or experience gained in an appropriate professional environment will be considered
  - you will be encouraged to attend our Summer School.

What next after you complete your course?
- Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to:
  - a Horticulture Extended Advanced Diploma (Level 3)
  - a Kew Diploma, Botanical Garden Traineeship, RHS Diploma (Level 3) or equivalent
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Top topics include:
- maintenance and establishment of trees
- ornamental plants, turf and landscapes
- propagation
- fruit and vegetable production
- plant and soil science
- maintained and established of trees
- hard landscaping and construction
- architecture
- plant-hunter specialist
- industry teacher or lecturer, industry journalist, nursery manager or producer, landscape designer, project manager specialising in gardening projects.

Horticulture Extended Advanced Diploma (Level 3)

Starts: September
Duration: 2 years full-time
Available at: Enfield and Gunnersbury Park

Horticulture is an amazing fusion of science, creativity and the love of plants and is perfect for you if you want to be hands-on and apply your knowledge to help improve the environment and communities you live in. This programme will provide you with an extensive knowledge of horticulture, you will cover the practical skills and theory of this diverse industry comprehensively.

Entry requirements:
- You need at least one of the following:
  - at least 5 GCSEs at grades A* to C including English, maths and a science related subject

You will want all of our students to maximise their personal development and prospects for employment or further study. While on your course you will continue to build skills relevant to work and study on our Skills Development programmes, which may include English, maths or computer skills.

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Maggie completed our Horticulture Advanced Diploma (Level 3).

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My experience at Capel was entirely worthwhile and most enjoyable, and the fact I now have a new and fulfilling career is genuinely incredible.

Hannah completed our Horticulture Advanced Diploma (Level 3).

I loved my horticulture course at Capel. It is a hugely inspirational place, the gardens and facilities are brilliant. In a short time I learnt a great deal and it also opened my eyes to many new opportunities in the industry. The staff are knowledgeable, professional and encouraging. I made some great friendships and contacts. The experience at Capel has been invaluable to me, I’d recommend it to everyone considering a career in horticulture.

Hannah won a national horticultural student scholarship from the DavidColegrave Foundation and received £500 to spend towards her studies.

You will be asked to attend an interview to explore your interests, experience and ambitions and complete an initial assessment so that we can help you study. References are also considered.

I have recently completed my Horticulture Extended Advanced Diploma and I am now working as a landscape designer.
THE GARDENER TRAINEESHIP (LEVEL 1)

Starts: Various (please refer to website for further information)

Duration: Full-time over 8 weeks

Available at: Enfield

The Gardener Traineeship offers an introduction to the knowledge required to work in the horticulture industry. You will join the highly experienced and skilled gardening team and assist in the upkeep of our 34-acre estate of show gardens and landscaped areas.

A Traineeship can help you become work ready or enable you to progress to an Apprenticeship or further study by combining some study at College with work experience. Our Gardener Traineeship lasts at least eight weeks and will cover:

- Work preparation ensuring you develop the confidence and skills to take the first step in your career.
- Practical work experience giving you a real understanding of work plus up-to-date skills.

Entry requirements

A Traineeship could be for you, if you are:

- Motivated to work
- Aged between 16 to 24
- Qualified to below Level 3
- Unemployed (or work less than 16 hours per week) and have little work experience.

What next after your course?

Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to an Intermediate Apprenticeship in Horticulture (Level 2) or our Gardening and Commercial Landscaping Diploma (Level 2).

INTERMEDIATE APPRENTICESHIP IN HORTICULTURE (LEVEL 2)

Starts: Rolling starts throughout the year

Duration: 1-year minimum

Available at: Crystal Palace, Enfield, Gunnersbury Park and Regent’s Park

The aim of our Intermediate Apprenticeship in Horticulture is to give you an opportunity to gain confidence, learn, develop and practise the skills required for employment and/or career progression in the industry.

Topics include:

- Using and maintaining non-powered and hand-held powered tools and equipment
- Garden maintenance throughout the seasons
- Using and maintaining pedestrian and hand-held powered equipment
- How to maintain amenity turf
- Plant identification by their botanical names and characteristics
- Identifying presence of pests, diseases and disorders
- Monitoring and maintaining health and safety in the workplace.

Entry requirements

You will need at least one of the following:

- A minimum of 30 hours per week under a contract of employment.
- You must be employed within the horticulture industry, working a minimum of 30 hours per week under a contract of employment and be responsible for specific tasks or projects at work.

What next after you complete your course?

Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to an Advanced Apprenticeship in Horticulture (Level 3), a Horticulture Advanced Diploma (Level 3) or continued employment in the horticulture industry.

ADVANCED APPRENTICESHIP IN HORTICULTURE (LEVEL 3)

Starts: Rolling starts throughout the year

Duration: 1-year minimum

Available at: Regent’s Park

Our Advanced Apprenticeship is a great opportunity for you to further build your practical horticultural skills, develop your theoretical knowledge and gain confidence to progress into supervisory and management roles in the industry.

Topics include:

- How to promote, monitor and maintain health, safety and security in the workplace
- Planning, estimating and managing programme resource requirements for landscaping projects
- Planning specifications for landscape maintenance
- Monitoring landscape maintenance and inspecting landscape features
- Preparing sites for soft landscape establishment
- Establishing and renovating planted areas
- Maintaining equipment and machines
- Transplanting large root-balled plants
- Planning and managing the control of pests, diseases and disorders
- Encourage and motivate volunteers.

The Apprenticeship will last for a minimum of one year with one day a week at College combined with training, experience and assessment in the workplace.

Entry requirements

You will need at least one of the following:

- A minimum of 30 hours per week under a contract of employment.
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What next after you complete your course?

Successful completion of this course will enable you to progress to:

- A New Diploma, Botanical Garden Traineeship, RHS Diploma (Level 3) or the Historic and Botanic Garden Training Programme
- Our Foundation Degree in Garden Design and Plantmanship
- One of our professional short courses
- Continued employment in the horticulture industry.

Further information about our courses is available on www.capel.ac.uk

If you are looking to start work, earn money and gain a nationally recognised qualification then an Apprenticeship is for you.

Your Apprenticeship will allow you to earn while you learn, gaining knowledge and skills on the job supported by regular college visits. You will develop the practical skills and foundation knowledge you need for a successful career in horticulture.

You will need to be employed in the horticulture industry to complete this qualification, but we will help you find and apply for a job.

We want all of our students to maximise their personal development and prospects for employment or further study. While on your course you will continue to build skills relevant to work and study on our Skills Development Programmes, which may include English, maths or computer skills.

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THE MAINTENANCE GARDENER (LEVEL 1)

Starts: September
Duration: part-time, 1 day a week over 1 year
Available at: Crystal Palace, Enfield, Gunnersbury Park and Regent's Park

This course will give you an introduction into the gardening industry, providing you with horticultural knowledge and the opportunity to gain practical gardening skills to boost your confidence when considering employment, further study or voluntary work.

Topics include:
- establishing and maintaining gardens and borders
- establishing and maintaining trees, shrubs and flowers
- care and maintenance of gardens in all seasons
- sowing vegetables and flowers from seed
- using a range of tools, equipment and machinery
- health and safety practices
- plant identification
- practical work in the College and other gardens.

Entry requirements
There are no formal entry requirements to our courses. You do not need previous experience, just a willingness to learn.

You may be asked to attend an interview to explore your interests, experience and ambitions or complete an initial assessment so that we can help you study.

References are also considered.

What next after you complete your course?
Successful completion of this course will:
- enable you to progress to our courses at the next level: The Professional Gardener, The Hard Landscaping Gardener, The Fruit and Vegetable Gardener or our Gardening and Commercial Landscaping Diploma (Level 2)
- prepare you for voluntary work in: gardens, parks, charities, community gardens
- help you gain entry-level employment in the gardening and landscaping industry.

THE PROFESSIONAL GARDENER (LEVEL 2)

Starts: September
Duration: part-time, 1 day a week over 1 year
Available at: Crystal Palace, Enfield, Gunnersbury Park and Regent's Park

This course will give you the knowledge, skills and foundation required to work in the horticulture industry and if you already work in the industry it will consolidate your skills.

Topics include:
- planting container grown trees, shrubs and perennials
- identifying plants by botanical name
- cultivation and assessment of soil texture and condition
- identifying damage caused by pests and diseases
- care and maintenance of gardens in all seasons
- producing a basic garden design and planting plan
- maintaining lawns all year round
- construction and maintaining hard landscaping
- propagation techniques
- using a range of tools, equipment and machinery
- dealing with customers’ requests and quoting
- constructing and maintaining garden boundaries
- using a range of tools and landscaping materials.

During the course you will also gain an insight into starting or running a business in horticulture.

THE HARD LANDSCAPING GARDENER (LEVEL 2)

Starts: September
Duration: part-time, 1 day a week over 1 year
Available at: Enfield

This course combines theory with hands-on practical hard landscaping experience to give you a solid foundation in this field.

Topics include:
- assessing soil condition and preparing ground for sowing
- training and pruning fruit trees
- pruning of soft fruit bushes and cane fruits
- planning crop cycle and production including harvesting
- propagating from seed and stem cuttings
- identifying damage caused by plant pests and diseases.

During the course you will also gain an insight into starting or running a business in horticulture.

THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENER (LEVEL 2)

Starts: September
Duration: part-time, 1 day a week over 1 year
Available at: Regent's Park

This course will provide you with the necessary foundation, skills and knowledge to work in fruit and vegetable production, on community farms, gardens and allotments and to volunteer. You will visit various fruit and vegetable production organisations.

Topics include:
- dealing with customers – providing advice and quotations
- quoting
- constructing garden structures
- looking at and understanding other garden structures
- carrying out and drawing up a site survey
- constructing paved areas
- dealing with customers’ requests and quoting
- constructing and maintaining garden boundaries
- using a range of tools and landscaping materials.

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Entry requirements
There are no formal entry requirements to our courses. You do not need previous experience, just a willingness to learn. You will need to undertake some independent study.

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What next after you complete your course?
Successful completion of these courses will:
- enable you to progress to our Horticulture Advanced Certificate and Diplomas (Level 3), a Garden Design Diploma (Level 2), an RHS Level 2 Certificate or you could consider completing one of our professional short courses.
- prepare you for employment in the landscaping and gardening industry, see our careers section for ideas
- prepare you for voluntary work in: gardens, parks, charities, community gardens.

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Sam completed our Horticulture Subsidiary Advanced Diploma (Level 3).

Please refer to our Capel College Guide or www.capel.ac.uk for course fee information. If you are aged 19 or over you can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to help with your course costs.

Entry requirements
You will need at least one of the following: at least 5 GCSEs at grades A* to C including English, maths and a science related subject.

What next after you complete your course?
Successful completion of these courses will enable you:

- to top-up units to a Horticulture Subsidiary Advanced Diploma, a Horticulture Extended Advanced Diploma (Level 3) or you could consider completing one of our professional short courses
- to confidently volunteer in gardens, parks, charities and community gardens
- look for employment in the horticultural industry, opportunities include: starting your own business, scientific researcher or developer, head gardener, social and therapeutic horticulture specialist, industry teacher or lecturer, industry journalist, nursery manager or producer, landscape designer, project manager specialising in gardening projects.

Please note:
Your choice of topics on our Level 3 Certificate and Subsidiary Diploma depends on what College centre and day you attend, please discuss your options with a tutor at one of our Advice Evenings or during interview.

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ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION (HE) HORTICULTURE DIPLOMA (LEVEL 3)

Starts: September
Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time
Available at: Enfield

Our Access to HE Horticulture Diploma is designed to give you the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to study for a degree in horticulture.

You will develop:
- plant identification skills
- knowledge in plant and social science
- amenity horticulture skills and understanding
- enhance your business management skills.

You can choose to study full-time for one year, a commitment of two days at College and one day self-directed study a week or choose the part-time route of one day a week at College including weekend study over two years.

An Access to Higher Education (HE) Diploma is a nationally recognised entry route for adults to a university course who do not have the expected entry qualifications and may not have studied for some time. For more information about Access to Higher Education Diplomas go to www.accesstohe.ac.uk.

ADVANCED LEARNING LOANS

You can apply for an Advanced Learning Loan to help you with the costs of a course if you are aged 19 and over. Further information is available on www.gov.uk.

FDSC URBAN GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION DEGREE (HORTICULTURE)

Starts: September
Duration: full-time over 2 years or part-time over 4 years
Available at: Enfield

Our new and exciting Urban Green Space Management Foundation Degree (Horticulture) has been created in partnership with the Royal Agricultural University (RAU), Cirencester.

Green spaces in our cities have great horticultural potential and offer existing career opportunities and benefits to society on a local and international scale. This programme will give you the specialist technical horticultural knowledge and practice you need, as well as the skills required to manage urban green spaces.

You will:
- Cover the practical skills and theory of this diverse profession, gaining a robust knowledge of horticulture and urban horticulture and complete a 300 hour internship with a horticultural business.
- topics include:
  - plant growth and knowledge
  - horticultural knowledge
  - social and landscape evolution
  - biodiversity and conservation management
  - urban landscapes
  - urban tree management
  - estates and facilities management

- community, volunteer and stakeholder relations and management
- commercial and events management
- business marketing
- contract, project and financial management.

Entry requirements

A minimum of 3 GCSEs to include English, Maths and a Science at grade C or above, and 120 UCAS tariff points from Level 3 qualifications. Although a desire and enthusiasm for life-long learning and ability to study independently are equally as important.

Entry requirements

The following Level 3 qualifications (and combinations) will be considered for entry:
- 2 A-level subjects or equivalent (e.g. Pass at Extended Diploma / M at Diploma / Merit at 90-credit Diploma)
- Irish Higher (e.g. CCA)
- Scottish Advanced Hriers and Highers (e.g. CCA)
- Access to Higher Education Diploma (45 credits at Level 3) in land based subjects or other subjects
- Successful completion of Advanced Apprenticeships, Technical Level Qualification and Technical Baccalaureate (TechBacc) qualifications can also be considered depending on the relevant work experience.

You should think about study materials, clothing and equipment that will help you in your studies and future careers. Your tutors will help you decide what is best.
Further considerations:

- Applicants where English is not the first language will require IELTS overall grade 6.0 (with no element below 5.5).
- Substantial relevant experience (considered individually where UCAS tariff is not met).
- A portfolio of evidence containing previously completed garden design or art based work.
- Applicants may apply for exemption from specified units on the programme through APL / APEL for no more than 40% of the total credits for the programme.

What next after your course?
Successful completion of our Foundation Degree in Urban Green Space Management (Horticulture) will:

- enable you to top-up your BSc at another institution
- ensure you meet industry standards for professional occupational competences to work as an employee or manager in urban open green spaces management for commercial companies or Local Authorities, Heritage Lottery Funded Green Space Projects, for Architects, Engineering and Building companies, Community Based projects, landscape or horticulture industry as an employee or self-employed, urban spaces designer, landscape manager, landscape technician, gardener, horticulturalist, contracts manager, gardens adviser, horticultural consultant or horticultural lecturer.

Further information about our courses is available on www.capel.ac.uk
HANDS-ON AND PRACTICAL

If you would like to try something different, develop a new gardening skill or gain a sense of achievement, enrol on one of our one-day workshops. They are engaging and informative covering a wide range of subjects.

Course details, dates, fees and registration information is available on our website: www.capel.ac.uk or you can call our friendly Admissions Team on 08456 122 122 for further information.

Propagation workshop one
an introduction to hardwood cuttings and seed sowing

Propagation workshop two
find out more about stem and leaf cuttings and seed sowing

Lawn care and maintenance
an introduction to the lawn care calendar – what to do and when

Pruning in autumn
an introduction to the principles of autumn pruning, pruning for good plant health, fruit, shrubs and trees

Pruning hedges, shrubs and roses
an introduction to the principles of pruning - pruning for winter colour and summer flowering shrubs

Get to know your plants and trees
learn to identify a range of trees, shrubs and perennials and be able to identify them by their bark and leaf shape

Gardening for wildlife
find out what plants attract bees and butterflies to your garden

Maintaining beds and borders
an introduction to the annual maintenance calendar for beds and borders and different types of beds and borders

Hard Landscaping - paving workshop one
a starter course to different types of paving slabs, preparing your site and laying paving

Hard Landscaping - paving workshop two
a how-to workshop on small block paving, preparing your site and laying blocks

Wooden garden structures
find out more about the different types of wooden structures available for gardens: fences panels and posts, arbours, arches, pergolas and how to construct and maintain them

Hard Landscaping – brick laying
experience making a low wall, preparing your site and foundations

Food growing
a taster into food growing: organics and permaculture

Composting
an overview to the composting process and choosing the right type of compost bin

Garden Surveying
surveying your garden: what should stay and what should go, measuring your garden and producing a scale plan

Planning and preparing your fruit and vegetable area
how to use your space effectively looking at raised beds, containers and the fruit and vegetable maintenance calendar

Garden machinery
an introduction to the types of machinery available for your garden: mowers, hedge cutters, strimmers, rotavators and leaf blowers and the maintenance of garden machinery and hand tools

Bulbs for all seasons
when and where you use bulbs, different types of bulbs

Hanging baskets
how to create the perfect hanging basket

Container growing
how to create, different types of container including herbs and alpines

Summer bedding
a taster into different bedding types and how to plant and what plants to use in your summer bedding
I couldn’t see myself going on to university so there didn’t seem much point in staying on at school to do A levels, being hands-on is what I prefer. With the Apprenticeship, there is a good balance of theory along with learning the practical skills and putting these into practice at work. The Kew Diploma is a 3-year course so it’s a bit like a degree, with lots of lectures combined with working on a variety of projects at Kew Gardens. After this, I’m considering pursuing a career in garden design. I got a taste of that when I helped build an RHS feature garden at the Chelsea Flower Show 2014, through my Royal Parks contract, and got to work with Sir Alan Titchmarsh. That was a really exciting experience!

Ben completed his Intermediate and Advanced Apprenticeship, a RHS Level 2 Certificate and maintained both Bushey and Richmond Royal Parks at Capel. As a result, he won one of only 12 places on the prestigious Kew Diploma, which will see him train for the equivalent of an undergraduate degree at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.
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