

A programme of horticultural activities specifically designed to develop knowledge, skills and understanding with particular relevance to the workplace. The course encourages learning through experience, including learning working practices, and relevant skills for the world of work.

The work related learning programme can be tailored to the needs of the group and delivered over a range of timescales. It can be delivered as a stand-alone package or alongside life skills development and other curriculum areas.

Students will initially work with staff to identify and record:

- Their own strengths and skills and how these might be useful in the workplace.
- Areas or skills they may want/need to develop in order to work effectively in a workplace.
- Individual goals.

Unit 1: Building working relationships

Students will learn to:

- Communicate information in an appropriate way
- Respond appropriately to requests
- Record information accurately
- Demonstrate good working relationships
- Demonstrate understanding of the ways in which good working relationships can be maintained
- Carry out activities that require teamwork
- Show effective cooperation, negotiation and flexibility when working as a team

Unit 2: Understanding the principles of good working practice

Students will learn to:

- Carry out work in a safe manner and according to instruction
- Use equipment and materials in a safe manner
- Understand and use safe manual handling techniques
- Maintain personal work related hygiene
- Understand and demonstrate procedures for reporting hazards and accidents

Unit 3: Identifying team skills

Students will learn to:

- Identify, understand and contrast skills needed for gardening, farming, office work, teaching and other roles
- Identify their own skills lay in relation to the above work roles and how they can develop and apply them effectively
- Understand a variety of working environments at Bore Place

Unit 4: Carrying out horticultural tasks in a working environment

Students will be engaged in a range of activities including:

- Carrying out a risk assessment
- Edging beds and borders
- Deadheading plants and weeding
- Potting up rooted cuttings, large seedlings and plugs by hand
- Establishing plants and seeds in soil
- Providing plant after care
- Identifying and contributing towards required record keeping

Throughout the programme, pupils will be encouraged to develop their independent working skills to achieve their potential.

Please contact Julie Easy JulieE@BorePlace.org or 01732 463255 for further information or to book the programme.