


Course Title:	 Award/Certificate/Diploma in Practical Horticulture Skills (7573-01)
Level and accrediting examining body:	Level 1 NPTC/City & Guilds
Length of course:	September 2011 - June 2012 Designed as a progression route for Year 11 students who successfully complete Skills for Working Life (Horticulture) in Year 10.
Method of assessment:	Observation of practical skills and a combination of written and verbal questions
Performance Points	50
Date of final examination:	Each unit is assessed at the end of the training phase for that unit.

The vocational courses delivered at The Warriner School Farm help to develop a wide range of personal, social and work-related skills. The aim is to increase the student's confidence, provide new experiences, help the student to move on to a higher level of education or work based learning, as well as to provide the student with an industry recognised qualification. The courses are ideally suited to those students who would benefit from learning via a vocational route and who learn best in a practical situation.

This course is suited to students interested in following a career in horticulture. The course structure allows the practising of various horticultural skills, until they can be carried out well by the student; at which point they will be assessed. The qualification is equivalent to 2 GCSEs, grades D - G.



Programme content:

4 core units:

- Prepare ground for sowing or planting
- Plant container grown subjects
- Prepare soil and apply organic mulch
- Water a bed, border or area of plants in containers

Plus a number optional units from a list of 49, depending on level, eg:

- Cultivate land by single digging/forking
- Prepare and plant container for display
- Care for planted area
- Sow plants outdoors in drills by hand
- Propagate by stem cuttings
- Use wheeled rotary mower
- Maintain hand tools
- Identify weeds

Progression opportunities:

A successful student would be able to progress to level 2 qualifications in a land-based subject either: Work-based Horticulture, City & Guilds Level 2 Certificates/Diplomas or BTEC Level 2 Certificates/Diplomas.