

## Entry Level 3 Certificate in Vocational Studies

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	Foundation Learning
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	AFP-FLEC-1100

## Course Overview

This is a 'First Steps' programme which gives learners a taste of different vocational sectors such as art & design, hair, beauty, hospitality and catering, Bakery, Digital, Enterprise and business, sport and public services.

It is perfect for learners who have not yet made their mind up about which subject they would like to study and to boost their English and maths skills.

On successful completion of the course, learners can progress to a Level 1 qualification in their chosen sector.

## Course Requirements

4 GCSE's at Grade 1 or above including English and Maths

## What You Will Learn

The qualification provides a pathway into a range of sectors giving learners the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills and behaviours associated with different job roles before deciding which career progression they wish to choose. Learners will study GCSE maths and English alongside their qualification.

There are a number of enrichment activities throughout the year including:

- Enterprise
- Community Projects
- Sporting activities
- Work Experience

# Assessment

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Assessment consists of both performance evidence and knowledge evidence. Performance evidence through direct observation and oral questioning. Knowledge through research and completion of assignments. English and maths will be assessed through exams.

## Progression

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Learner may progress onto a Level 1 vocational programme

Supported Internship

Apprenticeship programme

Employment

## Career Options

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Successful students who started the course with low esteem and self confidence have progressed to Level 1 and Level 2 programmes at the college.

## Mandatory Units

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Mandatory units for this course are:

- Personal action planning, Developing employability skills

Optional units for this course include:

- Skills for gaining employment
- Rights and responsibilities of citizenship
- Sector related projects

## Contact Details

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