



WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience at Orchard Therapeutic aims to grow confidence, responsibility, independence and employability skills, supporting young people with honing skillsets needed in adulthood through a nurturing, safe and supportive environment.

Opportunities include:

- Running The Kitchen at Hitchcox coffee shop every Friday morning, developing hospitality, customer service and food preparation skills
- Supporting office administration, building communication, IT and professional confidence
- Working amongst the Orchard community supporting with animal care; developing responsibility, initiative and practical care skills.
- Gaining hands on experience, supporting fine and gross motor skill progression and bringing learning to life through trades and engineering projects.



Post-16 Pathways

Alternative Post 16 education that's practical, purposeful & personalised



Set on a farm 🌿 Rooted in nurture 🌿 Focused on futures

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A SAFE PLACE TO GROW & BELONG

We offer two Post 16 pathways designed to help young people build confidence, develop their skills, and take their next steps towards further education, training, or employment. All learning takes place in small groups of up to six, allowing us to provide bespoke, scaffolded and holistic support for our young people.

VOCATIONAL PATHWAY – LEVEL 1

This pathway offers scaffolded support for learners looking to go into employment and to build up to a level 2 qualification.

Learners will study:

- One Level 1 Qualification in Art, Hospitality and Catering, Trades/Mechanical Engineering, Sport, or Animal Care
- Maths and English Functional Skills
- Work Experience and Practical, Employability Skills
- PSHE and Independent Life Skills
- Thrive Approach and Sessions Supporting Emotional Regulation and Development
- Careers and Employability Guidance

Progression:

This pathway supports learners to develop fundamental skills needed to support them into adulthood and their next steps in education.

PLUS ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Choices include sports, bushcraft, cooking, animal care, fishing, woodwork, enterprise, reptiles and taxidermy.



ACADEMIC PATHWAY – LEVEL 2

This pathway is suited to learners aiming to progress into further education or apprenticeships.

Learners will study:

- One Level 2 Qualification in Art, Hospitality and Catering, Trades/Mechanical Engineering, Sport, or Animal Care
- Maths and English (Functional Skills, with GCSEs available from September 2026)
- PSHE and Independent Life Skills
- Work Experience and Practical, Employability Skills
- Thrive Approach and Sessions supporting emotional regulation and development
- Careers and Employability Guidance

Progression:

This pathway leads to further education, Level 3 courses and apprenticeships.