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# What is Apex?

Apex is a vocational alternative education experience.

All of our staff are fully qualified and industry trained in their specialised area of work.

We provide high quality teaching delivered in small groups within our Ripley centre. Each learner will have access to their own learning mentor, have an individual learning plan, and review their progress every 4 weeks.

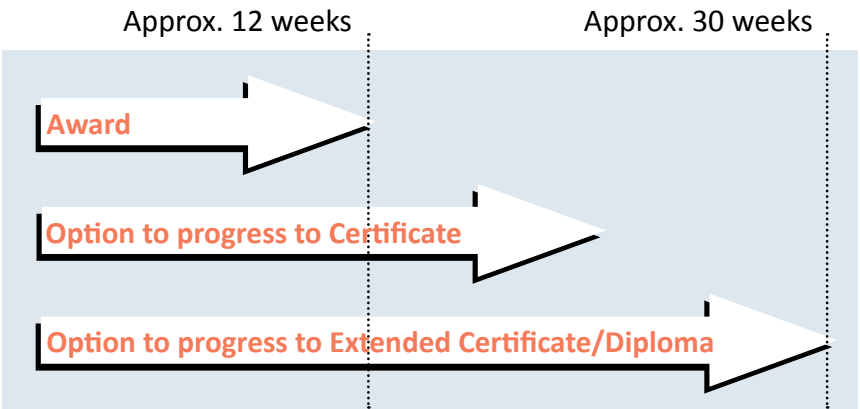
Careers information, advice and guidance is a feature of our delivery. We look to provide a supportive and nurturing learning environment where our students

can become inspired, motivated and responsible for their learning journey. Our IAG support will work towards strengthening positive outcomes in line with raising of the participation age (RPA).

Acorn Training Consultants Ltd are offering an alternative provision experience to KS4 pupils within their vocational learning academy. In addition we offer short courses for both KS3 and KS4 students detailed on pages 9.

The vocational course together with contents are detailed in pages 5 to 8. All courses will be delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays or Wednesdays and Fridays 9.15am - 4.15pm. Refer to timetable below:

		MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Group 1	AM	Vocational	Vocational	
	PM	Vocational	Employability/Careers	
Group 2	AM	Vocational	Vocational	
	PM	Vocational	Employability/Careers	
Group 3	AM		Employability/Careers	Vocational
	PM		Vocational	Vocational
Group 4	AM		Employability/Careers	Vocational
	PM		Vocational	Vocational



The cost per day per pupil is £50.00 invoiced to school half termly in advance. No refund will be made for students who are absent. However should students no longer wish to participate then their place can be filled by another pupil.



## To book your place

School will need to complete all paperwork prior to a learner commencing their programme.

- Complete and return referral form
- Complete student profile
- Supply parental consent form
- Transport to and from Acorn is the responsibility of the school and full details should be provided on the student profile form.

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## About Acorn Training Consultants

Acorn Training Consultants Ltd (Acorn) was established in 1996 in Ripley, Derbyshire. In June 2012 it was acquired by and now operates as a wholly owned subsidiary of The Rehab Group.

Acorn specialises in helping young people become work-ready or to progress to college. This involves

helping them to achieve qualifications in literacy, numeracy and vocational subjects.

We also provide Apprenticeships and NVQs as well as a variety of learning programs for individuals of all ages and employers. We work throughout Derbyshire Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands.

## Ofsted Information

### Inspection report:

**Acorn Training Consultants Ltd, 27 July 2012**

During the recent Ofsted inspection Acorn Training Consultants Ltd quality of provision was judged to be a 'good' with some outstanding features. Our qualification rates were rated 'excellent'.

*"The development of knowledge and skills is good, increasing the prospect of employment. Learners have the opportunity to gain further work-related qualifications through enrichment opportunities such as basic food hygiene courses. Learners feel safe and enjoy learning."*

We are pleased with Ofsted's findings but the Senior Management Team and staff strive to make continued improvement across all areas of provision.

Detailed below are some of Ofsted's findings:

### Summary of the views of users as confirmed by inspectors

#### What learners like:

- the preparation for the next stage in their lives
- the enjoyable external visits
- the friendly and supportive staff
- the opportunity to 'taste' the programmes offered by Acorn whilst still at school
- the opportunity to gain work-related qualifications
- the adult approach to their programmes
- that the programmes help develop their social skills and boost their confidence



## Certificate in Introduction to Health, Social Care & Children's and Young People's Settings (City & Guilds - Level 1)

This course is designed to introduce you to the world of Health and Social Care, and give you the knowledge and confidence to take the first step towards a career in caring for children and adults.

This programme is ideal for those who have a caring nature and are willing to help others.

### COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain an understanding of roles in health and social care settings
- Learn about the principles and values of supporting other people
- Gain knowledge and understanding of essential Health and Safety
- Learn about safeguarding of children & adults
- Investigate healthy lifestyles
- Learn how to communicate with children and adults in a working environment
- Sessions incorporate Maths, English and ICT



### CAREERS POTENTIAL

- Childcare Assistant
- Residential Carer
- Health Care Assistant
- Community Support Worker
- Nursery Nurse
- Youth Work
- Nursing

# Extended Certificate in Basic Construction Skills

(City & Guilds - Level 1)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills, which will prepare you for a career in the construction industry.

This programme is ideal for people who are not afraid of hard work, enjoy working in a practical environment and are willing to get their hands dirty.

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain practical experience within the construction industry
- Develop brickwork skills
- Develop paint finishing skills
- Develop plumbing skills
- Prepare for a career or apprenticeship within the construction industry
- Understand how to prepare surfaces
- Sessions incorporate Maths, English and ICT



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Handyman
- Bricklayer
- Labourer
- Painter and Decorator Technician
- Plumber

# Certificate in Sport

(City & Guilds - Level 1)

This course is designed to get you active, introduce you to the world of sport, exercise and fitness, and motivate you to become a leader through sport.

This programme is best suited to people who want to lead and participate in sports activities.



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Fitness Instructor
- Leisure Assistant
- Personal Trainer
- Sport and Fitness Nutritionist

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Build an understanding of exercise and fitness
- Challenge yourself to adopt a fitter and healthier lifestyle
- Find out how the body works through exercise
- Develop leadership skills
- Sessions incorporate Maths, English and ICT



# Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

(City & Guilds - Level 1)

This course is designed to give you the chance to learn and develop practical skills in food preparation and lets you put them to use in our kitchen.

This course is best suited to people who are able to interact with others and enjoy working with food.

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain practical experience within the food service industry
- Prepare food and drink and serve to customers
- Gain an understanding of basic food hygiene principles
- Understand the safe practice of using kitchen equipment
- Sessions incorporate Maths, English and ICT



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Catering Assistant
- Restaurant Manager
- Bar Manager
- Chef
- Housekeeper
- Kitchen Assistant

# Certificate in Introduction to the Hospitality Industry

(City & Guilds - Level 2)

This course is designed to suit a young person who is passionate about working in the hospitality and catering sector and would like to gain experience working in a busy kitchen environment.

The course is based on realistic working practices, including work experience in our onsite Bistro. You will gain the relevant skills needed to have a career in catering and could lead to opportunities in hotels, restaurants, pubs, cruise ships and the armed forces to name a few.

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain practical experience within the food service industry
- Identify career opportunities within the hospitality industry
- Prepare food and drink and serve to customers
- Gain an understanding of how to maintain a safe and hygienic working environment
- Learn how to produce basic vegetable, pasta, rice & fish dishes



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Catering Assistant
- Restaurant Manager
- Bar Manager
- Chef
- Housekeeper
- Kitchen Assistant

# Diploma in An Introduction to the Hair & Beauty Sector

(City & Guilds - Level 1)



This course is designed to equip you with the practical skills needed to work in the hair and beauty sector. Learn professional tips and techniques from our industry-based tutors in areas such as nail art and make up.

This programme is suited to people who have a creative flair and are keen to learn more about hair, beauty and cosmetics.

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain professional skills within the hair and beauty sector
- Learn basic manicure techniques
- Learn basic nail art techniques
- Design and create a hair and beauty image
- Develop knowledge of skin care techniques
- Learn how to apply make up
- Gain practical experience within the hair and beauty industry
- Sessions incorporate Maths, English and ICT

## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Beauty Therapist
- Manicurist
- Nail Art Technician
- Hairdresser

# Diploma in Beauty Therapy Services

(City & Guilds - Level 2)

This course is designed to provide you with the basic understanding of all the skills required to work in the beauty therapy industry.

Practical skills will be developed in the Academy's purpose-built salon. You will be required to carry out treatments on other people including the general public.

## COURSE SUMMARY

- Gain practical experience within the beauty industry
- Identify career opportunities in the beauty industry
- Gain work-related skills within the beauty sector
- Provide facial skincare
- Provide manicure treatments
- Learn how to shape and colour eyebrows
- Learn how to apply make up
- Complete a one week paid work experience



## POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Beauty Therapist
- Nail Technician



# KS3 & KS4 Apex Alternative Provision

COURSE DETAILS	COURSE OVERVIEW	PUPILS/COURSE	NUMBER OF DAYS	COST PER DAY
Anger Management & Challenging Antisocial Behaviour	Designed to provide alternative ways to manage anger and conflict more positively through team work, sport and challenging outdoor activities	6-8	1 day per week over 3 weeks	£50.00
Independent Living Skills	An ideal course for young people who are caring for others or in care. This course will provide all the budgeting and catering skills young people need to live independently	4	1 day per week over 6 weeks	£50.00 (Includes cost of all ingredients required) throughout the course.
Personal Safety	Information, advice and guidance on staying safe online, accepting responsibility for your own actions	6-8	1 day course	£50.00
Social Skills	Designed to promote soft skills as learners develop appropriate social awareness, respect for themselves and others	6-8	1 day per week over 2 weeks	£50.00



*"I enjoyed learning at Acorn. I learnt a lot, made friends and gained qualifications that will help me in the future"*

*"I enjoyed the Beauty course the most as that's where I gained new friends and I could show my creativity and skills."*

*"Acorn has turned my life around. If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be where I am today, leaving with an Apprenticeship"*

*"I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff, they never gave up on me like many schools and sixth forms have before. I gained the qualifications I needed to get my job. Thanks Acorn!!!."*

*"I have had fun at Acorn and it has made me more confident"*

*"I chose Acorn Training, because I wanted to get back into education and a ex-learner told me how good it was."*

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