



Otterhead Forest School

Supporting young adults who are
Not in Employment, Education or Training



Otterhead Forest School is set in the Blackdown Hills at the Otterhead estate near Churchoingford. Our site includes 230 acres of mixed woodland, lakes and a stretch of the river Otter.



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Otterhead Forest School recognise that for some, the transition between mandatory education to the world of work or further education is a challenge. For this reason, we offer programmes that focus on the social and emotional barriers that prevent these transitions from being successful. For individuals who are, or are at risk of being NEET (not in education, employment or training) the idea of entering into the next stage of their life can be daunting and sometimes demotivating.

Our programmes enable participants to raise their self-esteem and self-worth by mastering achievable tasks and activities which in turn leads to improved economic wellbeing. Forest School activities are used to facilitate this process.

During the programme, participants will take part in an enterprise project that is supported by QCF unit qualifications that both accredit their learning but more importantly gives them confidence that they are able to achieve both practical tasks as well as gain academic success.

Support is given nearer the end of the programme to progress and enable transition into further education or work. This is likely to include meeting potential employers, practicing interview techniques and preparing a CV.

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Although these programmes are available from a variety of settings, the Forest School programme is led by the individual's social and emotional needs rather than by the programme timetable and objectives.

We believe it is essential that the needs of individuals are supported before they attempt the challenge of overcoming the more practical aspects of this transition.



"Otterhead Forest School has been fantastic for our 'NEET' foundation learning students. Each student has shown enormous growth and thanks to Otterhead Forest School's gifted staff they have gained the confidence to progress firther and broken down barriers to learning"

Richard Huish College, Taunton

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