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Agriculture is arguably the most important industry in the world and makes a significant contribution to the economy in the South West of England. Without food we simply would not survive and the growing world population is making increasing demands on the agricultural industry. Agriculture is a highly technical, scientific and mechanised industry that needs the best young people to work both on farms and in the allied industries as advisors, consultants and technicians.

This course is ideal for those looking for a career in agriculture or allied industries whether you are from a farming background or not. Level 3 is an advanced level programme equivalent to A levels, providing UCAS points and progression to university undergraduate programmes. The programme is aimed at individuals with a keen interest in agriculture and a desire to develop a greater understanding of the knowledge and skills required to be successful in the industry. Agricultural science and business skills are taught alongside the key practical skills and knowledge required by the industry.

As well as utilising the college farm and estate you will have the opportunity to meet and work with key farmers and industry specialists from across the region to enhance your experience and expose you to a wide range of agricultural production systems and management decisions.

You will be learning from experienced agriculturalists both inside the classroom and on the college farm, it could be milking our herd of dairy cows, lambing our flock of sheep or ploughing a field before we plant our maize crop. You will spend some of your course time working alongside the farm staff, following the farm activities as you progress through the year, you could be selecting ewes for breeding in September, fencing in October, calving cows in February or shearing a ewe in May.

You will have the opportunity to develop your confidence, knowledge and practical skills, alongside more general skills required to gain employment or to continue in education. As a level 3 course this diploma is all about you gaining an in-depth and broad understanding of the knowledge and skills required by the agricultural industry.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for external applicants and school leavers

- Four or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above including English and Maths, or successful completion of a relevant Level 2 qualification.
- Functional Skills Level 2 in English and/or Maths will be considered as alternatives to GCSE, but a GCSE resit may be required depending on grade.



Entry requirements for existing learners with the Cornwall College Group

- Successful completion of previous course and maths and/or English at GCSE Grade 4 or Functional Skills Level 2.

Please note: Some of our courses may have extra entry requirements or need a bit more information, like evidence or experience. Don't worry—we'll guide you through everything when you apply!

LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Bicton College - 8 September 2025



LEVEL Level 3	DURATION 1 Year
ATTENDANCE Full-time	FEES Tuition Fees: £4425.00 FREE for school leavers*

Fees apply to adults and HE students only. Only the most common fees scenario is shown. Actual fees may vary depending on your personal situation. Please contact us for further information. Courses listed on this website are indicative of the subject, nature and level of study. The College reserves the right to alter specific qualifications titles, awarding bodies and levels of qualification, which can change in year. Any cost may also vary, based on personal funding eligibility. The Cornwall College Group reserves the right to withdraw any course listed at any time.



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