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# *Gardening & Horticulture*



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**Trends show that gardening is becoming even more popular than ever, especially with school leavers, and those who are looking for a career change. We have seen more students joining our horticulture courses over the last few years.**

We have amazing resources for our horticulture students, from the ornamental gardens at Brooksby Hall to the fabulous Brooksby Nurseries on the Spinney campus, which are open to the public. At BMC we have a long history of nurturing generations of estate managers, gardeners, garden designers and green keepers.

Many of our students have gone onto work on large estates, local authority parks and estates departments with English Heritage. Both the college and our students have won countless awards including the prestigious RHS Centenary Award for Horticulture.

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## QUALITY

Brooksby Nurseries offers a wide selection of quality flowers, bedding plants and baskets throughout the year at affordable prices. Our stock changes with the seasons from spring vegetables through to festive Christmas trees.

## EXPERTISE

Brooksby has a long standing heritage in horticulture, with numerous RHS prizes and awards. Out of our training centre we run a range of leisure courses from vegetable growing, to propagation, to festive wreath making and culinary herbs.

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# » ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (RHS) COURSES



## » INTRODUCTION TO HORTICULTURE

### RHS LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF HORTICULTURE

This is an introduction to the wide range of ornamental plants used in the garden, elementary design, growing fruit and vegetables, understanding soils, dealing with commonly occurring plant problems and also learn how to propagate new plants.

#### COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:

A part-time 1 year course, running on Tuesdays between 9.30am and 3.15pm, starting in September.

#### MODULES:

- Plant classification
- Plant propagation
- Soils and plant nutrition
- Maintaining plant health
- Garden features, plant selection and planning
- Establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawn
- Growing fruit and vegetables
- Growing plants under protection

#### Course Price:

##### (subject to change)

£480 plus Exam Fees (please contact us for up to date fees).

## » INTRODUCTION TO GARDEN PLANNING

### RHS LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF GARDEN PLANNING, ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE

This evening course provides a thorough introduction to the ornamental plant side of the garden and elementary design, as well as looking at the productive disciplines of fruit and vegetable growing and salad crops.

#### COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:

A part-time 1 year course, running on Wednesdays between 6.30am and 9.00pm, starting in September.

#### MODULES:

- Garden features, plant selection and planning
- Establishment and maintenance of garden plants and lawn
- Growing fruit and vegetables
- Growing plants under protection

#### Course Price:

##### (subject to change)

£305 plus Exam Fees (please contact us for up to date fees).

**BMC has been involved with the society programmes for many years and are the only accredited college in Leicestershire.**

These qualifications are aimed at people who not only wish to pursue a career in horticulture, but also for those leisure gardeners who wish to have their knowledge formally assessed.

## » ADVANCED PROPAGATION

### RHS LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN PRINCIPLES OF PLANT GROWTH, HEALTH AND APPLIED PROPAGATION

This course builds on the applied science and processes of horticulture covered on the Introduction to Horticulture course.

#### COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:

A part-time afternoon course running on Fridays between 1.45am and 4.30pm, starting in September.

#### MODULES:

- Plant taxonomy, structure and function
- Management of plant health
- Root environment, nutrition and growing systems
- Applied plant propagation

#### Course Price:

(subject to change)

£370 plus Exam Fees (please contact us for up to date fees).

At level 3, students can do both courses and attend for the whole day or just one of the courses and attend for half a day.

## » ADVANCED GARDEN PLANNING

### RHS LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN THE PRINCIPLES OF GARDEN PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION AND PLANTING

This course extends the landscape and ornamental plant topics dealt with on the Introduction to Garden Planning course.

#### COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:

A part-time 1 year course, running on Fridays between 9.30am and 1.00pm, starting in September.

#### MODULES:

- Selection and use of landscaping elements in the garden
- Setting out and construction of landscaping elements in the garden
- Design, theory and garden survey techniques
- Specialist elements in the establishment of garden and urban plantings

#### Course Price:

(subject to change)

£380 plus Exam Fees (please contact us for up to date fees).

## » STUDENT PROFILE

### Marcus Gray ADVANCED HORTICULTURE

"I really enjoyed the course, it gave me the opportunity to study an area I love as well as making some brilliant friends and being able to get involved in some great trips and competitions."

"This year I took part in the Institute of Horticulture's Young Horticulturalist of the Year Competition and am proud to say I won the local heat and got to compete in the regional final which was an excellent experience."

"It was really good to be able to represent the college at the competition and also get some exposure in front of professional horticulturalists and designers."



## » ROCK GARDEN PROJECT

This year, Horticulture students designed and created a brand new ornamental rock garden area within the grounds of Brooksby Hall. This feature was built using limestone to create terraces and outcrops with an aim to showcase a wide range of alpine plants for display and identification purposes.

BMC students really enjoy getting their hands dirty and working on a permanent feature that other students and visitors will be able to enjoy for years to come.



## » STARTING IN GARDENING

### CITY & GUILDS LEVEL 1 DIPLOMA HORTICULTURE

This course gives you a start in a range of gardening skills. You'll get to know a little about the industry and by the end you'll be able to make the decision about your next step in the trade.

#### **COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:**

A full-time 1 year course, running over 4 days per week, starting in September.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

2 GCSEs at Grade E and above.  
Successful completion of the Stage 1 of the Grow programme on p154.

#### **MODULES:**

- Learn basic gardening skills
- Learn basic estate skills
- Learn about conservation
- Learn basic landscaping skills

#### **CAREER PROGRESSION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

You can go on to do the Introduction to Gardening course.

**WORK EXPERIENCE  
AT BROOKSBY HALL  
AND BROOKSBY  
NURSERIES**

## » INTRODUCTION TO GARDENING

### EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 2 DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE

This is a hands-on course covering a large range of gardening skills to help you work in parks and gardens or garden centres. You learn the basic skills to start in the industry.

#### **COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:**

A full-time 1 year course, running over 3 days per week, starting in September.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

4 GCSEs at Grade D or above including English or Maths, or the Starting in Gardening course at Merit level.

#### **MODULES:**

- Plant and soil science
- Work related experience
- Horticulture industry and organisation
- Amenity and decorative horticulture
- Basic landscape construction
- Turf establishment and maintenance
- Horticultural machinery

#### **DEGREE PROGRESSION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

You can go on to study Further Horticulture. Former students found employment within the industry in areas such as: landscape gardening, green keeping, working at botanical gardens, as well as working in garden centres and with commercial growers.

# » FURTHER HORTICULTURE

## EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 3 SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE

**The course will provide you with a knowledge base to kick start your career in the horticultural industry as well as flexibility, knowledge, skills and motivation to become a professional.**

### **COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:**

A full-time 1 year course running over 3 days per week, starting in September.

### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

5 GCSEs Grade C or above including English and Maths or Introduction to Gardening course at Merit level. Mature students are welcome to apply.

### **MODULES:**

- Undertake an investigative project in the land based sector
- Land based machinery operations
- Undertake and review work experience in the land based industries
- Undertake identification, selection and use of ornamental plants
- Construct horizontal landscape surfaces
- Construct and restore walls
- Establish and manage exterior plant displays
- Manage plant propagation activities
- Understand the principles and practices of landscape and garden design

### **CAREER PROGRESSION**

#### **AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

You can go on to study the Advanced Horticulture course. You'll have a knowledge base for a wide range of practical careers in both the amenity and commercial horticultural industry, including self employment, or entry to higher level qualifications.





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## » ADVANCED HORTICULTURE

### EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE

**The advanced course will give you an in-depth knowledge and experience, and is aimed at those who are looking to become specialists in key areas of horticulture. So whether you want to be a top designer, consultant, project manager or plant specialist, or to progress onto higher education, this is the course for you.**

#### **COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:**

A full-time 2 year course running over 3 days per week, starting in September.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

5 GCSEs Grade C or above including English and Maths or Further Horticulture course at Merit level. Mature students are welcome to apply.

#### **MODULES:**

- Undertake an investigative project in the land based sector
- Understand the principles of plant and soil science
- Land based machinery operations
- Undertake identification, selection and use of ornamental plants
- Construct horizontal landscape surfaces
- Construct and restore walls
- Establish and manage exterior plant displays

- Manage plant propagation activities
- Understand the principles and practices of landscape and garden design
- Business management in the land based sector
- Undertake contract management in the land based industries
- Undertake horticultural production techniques
- Maintain turf in parks and gardens
- Undertake site surveying, levelling and setting out
- Understand the principles and carry out the practice of wildlife population surveys, ecology and conservation
- Construct and maintain decorative landscape features
- Undertake and review work experience in the land based industries
- Prepare landscape and garden design briefs

#### **CAREER PROGRESSION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

You'll have a knowledge base for a wide range of practical careers in both the amenity and commercial horticultural industry, including self employment.

You can go on to study a HND in Land Management.

# GARDEN DESIGN AT BMC

Are you interested in design? Want to develop your plant knowledge? Want to build on existing qualifications? Or are you working in the industry and want to learn new skills?

**We have the right course for you!**

Innovative thinkers such as designer and TV favourite Dairmuid Gavin and BBC Gardener's World presenter Joe Swift, are taking horticultural architecture to the next level, setting trends that are not only cutting edge but affordable and sustainable too, so why not get involved yourself?



**JUST 1 DAY PER WEEK**

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for Higher Education  
courses on p12.**

## » FURTHER GARDEN DESIGN

### EDEXCEL BTEC LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE (GARDEN DESIGN)

**The course will equip you with the skills and knowledge to design a garden with a sufficient understanding of plants and horticulture.**

#### **COURSE DURATION AND START DATE:**

A full-time 1 year course, running over 1 day per week, starting in September.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

5 GCSEs at Grade D or above including English and Maths. Mature students are welcome to apply.

#### **MODULES:**

- Principles and practices of landscape and garden design
- Preparation of landscape and garden design briefs
- Identification, selection and use of ornamental plants

#### **CAREER PROGRESSION AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

Students can progress onto the Advanced Horticulture course or the RHS courses.

#### **COURSE COSTS:**

£700 inclusive of exam costs.  
No fee remission available.