

This qualification is run through City and Guilds. The qualification is designed for pupils who wish to gain a basic knowledge of horticultural skills, and garden/grounds upkeep. The qualification will allow pupils to learn, develop and practice the skills required for progression into the horticultural sector. Pupils will be given the opportunity to gain a Level 1 Award (6 credits) or Certificate (18 credits).



This qualification consists of experience of 11 units which will be studied over 2 years. To achieve the certificate, pupils are assessed on the four compulsory units, then four other units of their choice.

Unit name	What does the unit offer?	Level	Credits
Unit 101: Prepare Ground for Seeding & Planting	This is one of the compulsory units. Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn how to weed, turn and rake a bed or border to make it suitable to sow seeds in or plant new plants in. To pass this unit, pupils must successfully complete a short written test.	1	3
Unit 110: Prepare Container for Display	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn how to prepare a large pot for planting, and then select plants to make an attractive display.	1	2
Unit 103: Prepare Soil & Apply Mulch	This is one of the compulsory units. Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn how to use a wheelbarrow to transport wood chippings to spread on a bed or border. They will be able to explain the reasons for doing this. To pass this unit, pupils must successfully complete a short written test.	1	3
Unit 123: Sow Seeds Indoors	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn the techniques for sowing a variety of fruit, vegetable and flower seeds. They will also learn to look after the germinating seeds.	1	2
Unit 144 : Use a Rotary Mower	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn how to do the safety checks on our self-propelled petrol rotary mowers. They will learn grass mowing techniques, and basic maintenance of the machines. They will be responsible for maintaining grassy areas on the school site.	1	2
Unit 124: Prick out Seedlings	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. They will learn how to separate and individually pot on seedlings from a tray, and will understand the reasons for doing this.	1	2
Unit 102: Plant Container Grown Subjects	This is one of the compulsory units. Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. Pupils will learn the correct techniques for transferring plants from pots into beds, borders or planters. To pass this unit, pupils must successfully complete a short written test.	1	2
Unit 122: Sow Seeds Outdoors	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. They will learn the correct techniques for sowing seeds outdoors in drills by hand.	1	3
Unit 145: Use a Nylon Corded Strimmer	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. They will learn how to use commercial standard nylon cord trimmers safely and effectively. They will be responsible for the upkeep of the school's grassy verges and banks.	1	2
Unit 104 : Water a Bed, Border or Area of Plants	This is one of the compulsory units. Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. They will learn the appropriate techniques for watering a bed, border or area of plants using hand-held equipment. To pass this unit, pupils must successfully complete a short written test.	1	3
Unit 148: Use a leaf litter blower.	Pupils will be required to select the appropriate PPE and tools for the task. They will learn the correct techniques for safe and efficient leaf litter blowing, and will be responsible for keeping the school grounds free of leaf litter.	1	2