

Home Education at Easton and Otley College (Easton Norfolk and Otley in Suffolk) from September 2016 <http://www.eastonotley.ac.uk/> Queries etc to andrew.farley@eastonotley.ac.uk

We will have an open meeting on **Saturday 9th January 2016 at 13:00** for students and parents who want to learn about opportunities for home educated students at Easton and Otley College part time. **Courses will be exclusively for Home Ed Students.** The meeting will start with a tour of the campus on a tractor and passenger-trailer at 1.00 pm, followed at 2.00 pm by a meeting of all parents and students.

Venue: Sports and Conference Centre at the Easton Campus, Hall Lane, Easton Norwich Norfolk, NR9 5DX (watch the sat-nav takes you to Easton, not Dereham)

We are able to offer free courses to any child that is home educated, is not on the roll of any other school, is 14 or over on the 1st September 2016 (in other words in year 10 or 11). We can accept 15 year olds for one year on some courses. Another condition is that parents ensure their children are taught English and maths.

Most of our courses are 2 years long, and we can offer courses in any of the following subjects or combination of subjects:

- Agriculture
- Animal Care
- Construction
- Agricultural engineering
- Care of the countryside
- Horse Care (must be able to ride a horse (beginner's level))
- Fisheries
- Floristry
- Horticulture (commercial gardening)
- Sport
- Tractor driving (as part of another course as an extra, student must be over 13 years old)

We are prepared, if numbers are high enough, to have exclusively Home Educated students on the courses. We need to be paid for 12 students per course, though if more than one course is offered we are prepared to average number a little (e.g. 9 and 15)

Courses normally run normally 9.30 till 3.30. We can mix and match courses, so we could offer Sport with Engineering, or Construction with Horticulture etc. We run a course at Easton called "Farming Gardening and Animal Care" which is very popular.

We can take students to a maximum of 2 days a week. We could offer one year courses, so families would only commit to one year at a time, but this can limit what courses we offer.

The key is to have enough students wanting to do the same subject, or combination of subjects. Parents may need to decide what to offer, then limit the choice to the students. We recommend animal care, care of the countryside, construction, engineering and Horticulture, but we are very flexible about this.

