

## Level 1 Diploma/Certificate in Hair & Beauty Skills

This Level 1 qualification is designed to introduce you to a range of practical skills from across the hair and beauty industry. This qualification will prepare you for employment as a supervised assistant/apprentice or for further learning in the hairdressing and beauty therapy industries within college.

### Why choose this course?

This course will lead you into the exciting industry of Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy. You will learn different techniques of styling, plaiting and twisting, along with some basic skills in beauty therapy. This programme will also support the fundamental skills of English, Maths and employability benefiting the career pathway of your choice. We will focus on how we present ourselves, particularly in an ever changing, fashion conscious world. The course will also help you to develop your skills in communicating knowledge about hairdressing to non-specialists and the general public.

You will start off by exploring and learning how different kinds of hair styles are created. You will learn how to communicate with a variety of clients that visit a salon and the range of hairstyles that they have. You will be provided with opportunities to investigate and research different areas of the Hair & Beauty industry and in addition creating and learning a range of Beauty treatments.

You will develop your spoken and written language to enable you to communicate in a professional salon manner with clients, friends and family that you will be working with.

You will discover how English and Maths play an important part in everyday life and you will learn how crucial these skills are to enable you to gain employment. You will investigate how you can adapt socially, looking at different accents and cultures that you will be dealing with on a daily basis in the salon. You will undertake independent coursework and assignments on hairdressing covering different topics within the course.

### What will I learn?

#### **Create a hair and beauty image using colour (Mandatory unit) including a selection of the following optional units**

*Face painting*

*Hand and nail care*

*Foot and toenail care*

*Make-up application*

*Nail art*

*Skincare*

*Customer service skills*

*Design a retail display area in the salon*

*Promote hair and beauty products*

*The hair and beauty sector*

*Follow health and safety in a salon*

*Plaiting hair*

*Colour hair using temporary hair colour*

*Blow dry hair*

*Winding skills*

*Shampoo and condition hair*

## Assessment Arrangements

**Your achievement in this subject is dependent upon excellent attendance, punctuality and effort. You will learn in a friendly salon atmosphere, using a variety of assessment methods:**

You will be assessed regularly on your written assignment work that is conducted either as homework or under timed conditions in class and given feedback on your progress. You also will be assessed regularly on your terminology.

Discussions and presentations are a vital part of our assessment process and you will be expected to contribute to those with presenting your work to your peers and tutor.

You and your tutor will review your own performance in 1:1 sessions with your tutor.

You will undertake practical assessments on each unit in the salon showcasing your skills.

You will be formally assessed on each unit that you study. The assessments are completed on a regular basis so there is no end of year exam. Your work is presented in a portfolio either in a ring bind folder or electronically, although mock exams will be administered in Maths and English towards the end of the year and your final exams will also be set to ensure progress on to a higher level. Coursework and assignments are compulsory.

## Information & Support

We encourage all students to widely research especially those who wish to study at higher level 2 and above.

### Where will it take me?

**On completion of this qualification you could progress onto one of the following:**

*Level 2 Diploma in Ladies Hairdressing*

*Level 2 Diploma in Beauty Therapy*

### What do I need?

3 GCSEs at grade E/3 or above and including either Maths or English (language or literature) at grade D/3

## Additional Information

### Awarding Body

VTCT