**New Beginnings Course**

**Part Time: Across 4 Days p/w.**

**Monday to Thursday**

**9.15 am to 3.15 pm**

**Chertsey College premise.**

At Chertsey College, we believe that people who have the potential to succeed and our mission is to help you achieve at a career of your choice or a University/Higher education.

“New Beginnings” is a newly created compact course solely to provide the opportunity for mature and non-traditional learners looking for a second chance to study academically and progress further.

“New Beginnings” have been designed to last over 2 terms. Each consisting of 12 continuous weeks. This will start in Late January/Early February 2017 (Student number dependent).

Due to the nature of the “New Beginnings” course full attendance required over four days per week.

On this course you will have the opportunity to develop and enhance existing skills, knowledge and academic experiences; this will enable you to make new, exciting but informed choices regarding the direction you wish for your future to take.

Successfully enrolled students on our “New Beginnings” course will progress, but at their own pace. Eventually the progression will lead to a variety of new course(s) at an institution of their choice or into permanent employment that has educational training included. New Beginnings, will help utilise all those skills you already have and gained from your previous home, work and social lives to prepare you for study at higher and/or degree levels.

Skills you will learn whilst studying on this; or any of the courses we offer, is how to:

* Be an effective learner.
* Read analytically.
* Think critically.
* Research effectively.
* Research academically any topic.
* Write academic essays.
* Write using academic language appropriately.
* Using academic conventions such as: acknowledging all your sources of information.
* Work independently, as-well-as in group setting.
* Give well prepared presentations on an academic subject.

**Overall you will…**

Develop your academic reading, writing and thinking skills in preparation for undergraduate study.

Develop your confidence and independence to transform your life, employability and career options.

Develop the ability to fit your studies around your existing life, home and family commitments.

Our New Beginnings course starts late January early February 2017; if interested please call : **01932 345142** and ask for an application form and course description to be mailed out.

**How does the course work?**

**The Format.**

New Beginnings will run over two, twelve week terms. With set subjects being taught each week. You must attend the two, three-hour contact sessions per day. It also requires at least 15 hours additional independent or directed study per week.

All contact teaching sessions unless otherwise direct by tutor will be held at the Woodham Park Road Campus.

**Assessment.**

Students on the New Beginnings course will produce a portfolio which is inclusive of the following items: two pieces of written work and hardcopy of your individual academic presentation and the group presentation for each subject taken.

You will be fully supported throughout this process by your tutor and all subject lecturers’. To enable a student to progress, and pass the New Beginnings course, you are required to pass all coursework and assigned tasks to move forward.

**Entry Requirements.**

Upon the successful completion of an entry assessment and personal interview with Curriculum Manager to evaluate a provisional student’s present level of skill you will be require to produce for photocopying evidence / certificates for a GCSE C grade in both Mathematics and English Language. (Otherwise be prepared to incorporate these into your study course.)

**How you will learn.**

With lectures, tutorials, group activities, presentations, workshops, guided reading and classroom written or oral exercises.

**Final Course Assessment.**

End of course assessments will be by a controlled written assessment for core and minor subjects.