

YBS provides part time education to students aged 14-19 who have disengaged or is at risk of becoming disengaged from their mainstream education and who have an interest in Beauty Therapy in the London borough of Lewisham but is also available to all neighbouring boroughs.

Our vocational curriculum is Level 1 to 3 Beauty Therapy courses accredited by internationally recognised awarding body VTCT, that consist of a variety of units such as, nail treatment, skincare, make-up, waxing, health and safety, massage and many more, which designed to suit the appropriate age. Students have the opportunity to gain Awards, Certificates and Diplomas depending on whether students are on a short term or long-term placement.

The programme will offer educational, personal and social development, employable skills, a qualification, including interview preparation and techniques as well as transferable skills, qualities essential to all careers. They will gain essential skills such as communication, teamwork and problem solving, developing their confidence, self-esteem and leadership ability.

Students will develop knowledge and understanding of theory and practical skills learned throughout these qualifications to start the learner on their designated career pathway. There will be ongoing assessments, and some units require students to sit an exam with a 70% pass mark which will then be made up of oral questions to achieve 100%. The qualifications require students to work in a commercial beauty salon, whereby assessments must be carried out on real paying clients in line with commercial service times, and with this, students are gaining work experience which prepare them for employment as a beauty therapist or another role.

*Note: Students are accepted throughout the academic year but must complete and pass a course to gain a qualification.*

## Curriculum for 14-16

**Courses for 14-16 covers essential skills and knowledge to progress towards a career in the Beauty Therapy industry.**

The **Level 1 Certificate in Beauty Therapy** will equip students with the skills and knowledge required to provide basic facial skincare and make-up treatments for clients, as well as basic manicure and pedicure treatments for the hands and feet.

Students will gain an insight into working with others in the beauty sector, and gain knowledge of health, safety and hygiene requirements.

The **Level 2 Certificate in Beauty Services** is a substantial vocational qualification for students seeking a career as an employed and/or self-employed beautician/beauty specialist. This qualification is based on the beauty therapy National Occupational Standards (NOS) and is approved and supported by the Hairdressing and Beauty Industry Authority (HABIA), the standard setting body for hair, beauty, nails and spa qualifications as being fit for purpose for preparing students for a career as a junior beautician/beauty specialist.

This qualification will qualify students to become a junior beautician/beauty specialist and allows students to gather evidence in a realistic working environment for fee paying clients.

Underpinning this qualification, the learner will develop a sound knowledge of health and safety practice in a salon environment, and client care and communication. The learner will also develop a knowledge and understanding of the practical skills learned throughout this qualification to develop the learner on their designated career pathway as a junior beautician/beauty specialist.

Career opportunities exist in a variety of contexts as a junior beautician / beauty specialist, including:

- Working in commercial beauty salons
- Working in a retail concession in a department store
- Working independently/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings

Whilst this qualification's primary purpose is to prepare students for employment as a junior beautician/beauty specialist, students may choose to develop their skills further by undertaking a further vocational qualification in beauty therapy at Level 2 such as:

- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Nail Services
- Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy (Make-up)

## **Curriculum for 16+**

### **Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Beauty Therapy General**

Students will develop the knowledge and skills to prepare students for employment as a junior beauty therapist, the qualification requires students to work in a commercial beauty salon, whereby assessments must be carried out on real paying clients in line with commercial service times.

This qualification includes all the required elements to work effectively as a beauty therapist including: facial skincare, enhancement of eyebrows and eyelashes, waxing services, manicure, pedicure, effectiveness at work, health and safety and promoting additional products and services to clients.

Career opportunities as a junior beauty therapist exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Commercial beauty salons
- Independent/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings
- Beauty retails concessions

Students may choose to develop their skills further by undertaking qualifications in beauty therapy at Level 3.

### **Level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Massage Therapy**

The Level 3 Diploma in Massage Therapy is to prepare students to enter the specific sector of beauty therapy as a beauty massage therapist. All the units in this qualification relate directly to the specific job role of a beauty massage therapist.

This qualification will support students towards gaining employment as a beauty massage therapist, as the units contained in this qualification cover all the skills and knowledge required for this role. This is a vocational qualification and includes all the required elements to work effectively as a beauty massage therapist including mandatory units covering the following: body massage, pre-blended aromatherapy, client care, stone therapy, health and safety, and Indian head massage.

Throughout this qualification students will develop knowledge and understanding of relevant anatomy and physiology, health and safety, client care and massage medium products. Students will develop a range of technical skills enabling students to provide a variety of relaxing massage treatments using different techniques. Students will also develop interpersonal skills that will assist students to communicate effectively with clients, it also requires students to work in a commercial salon or spa environment whereby assessments must be carried out on real paying clients in line with commercial service times.

Students will also be eligible to join a professional association and gain insurance as a beauty massage therapist.

Career opportunities as a beauty massage therapist exist in a variety of contexts, including:

- Working in commercial beauty salons, destination spas and day spas
- Working independently/self-employed/mobile/home-based settings