

# **Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE)/Wider Key Skills**

## **Outline of course**

A 2 year course leading to: CoPE Level 1 equivalent GCSE Grade E  
Or Level 2 equivalent GCSE Grade B

For more able students Wider Key Skills (level 2) is also available as an extra qualification equivalent to 2 GCSE Grade B

## **The aims of the course:**

- To help develop and demonstrate a range of skills needed in everyday life.
- To provide a way in which the student can gain credit for what he/she has learnt from the wide variety of activities undertaken both inside and outside formal education.

## **Cope/WKS will help:**

- Recognise personal achievements
- Help manage your own learning
- Broaden experience
- Develop employability skill and personal effectiveness
- Help build a progress file.

## **Coursework requirements:**

- Take responsibility for planning, organising and carrying out a number of activities or challenges.
- Develop and provide evidence of working with others, improving own learning and performance and problem solving.
- Develop and provide evidence of the skills of research, discussion and presentation.
- Produce evidence of achievements in a Portfolio (100% coursework).

## **How parents can help at home:**

Parents will be an invaluable help for some of the challenges as some of the latter deal with some every day to day problems. For example how to deal with the gas, electricity and water supplies to the home, what bills are to be paid in an average household over a year.

The students will also need to take responsibility for some of the tasks in the home such as shopping and feeding the family for a weekend or take responsibility of the laundry for a week. Parent's supervision and feed back will be needed. Parental signed statements that the student has performed tasks will be accepted as proof of completion.