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New exam lifts the lid on burials

AN undertaker has launched a qualification that students will be dying to pass.

The first nationally-recognised qualification in funerals covers all aspects of burying the dead – including how to deal with bereaved families.

The eight-month course leads to an NVQ pass, equal to five GCSEs.

Ex-shoe shop worker Sue Oldham, 47, has signed up for the course run by Oxfordshire-based firm Midcounties Co-operative Funeralcare.

The mum of two, from Bicester, said: “Everybody thinks about funerals in a different way. For some it is very upsetting, but others are actually quite jokey. You have to get every part of the funeral right.”