

BTEC Animal Care

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About the Course:

This course is for students who enjoy working with animals and covers a wide range of aspects of animal care including work with farm animals, domestic pets and exotics. This qualification will provide an introduction to some of the key themes within the Animal Care industry, enabling students to develop their knowledge and practical technical skills. It provides a good mix of theory and practical work and students will observe, handle and interact with a range of animal species during the course.

What will it be like?

Theory lessons are complemented by practical tasks. The course is mainly coursework based with one exam unit, so it is essential to be prepared for report writing, research and revision. As part of the practical coursework, you will be expected to undertake a range of animal health, handling and accommodation tasks. We will also need to take photographs of yourself carrying out various activities as part of your coursework evidence.

Areas of study will include:

Unit 1 - Animal Health (Exam unit)

Unit 2 - Animal Handling

Unit 3 - Animal Welfare

Unit 4 - Animal Housing and Accommodation

Beyond Year 11:

Successful students will be able to progress on to Level 3 animal care or other land based and science qualifications, followed by university or employment within the sector. Career options include Animal Care Assistants, Animal Welfare Officers, Veterinary Nursing, Animal Trainer, Groomer.

