

## Animal Care

At KS4 in Animal Care we follow the BTEC Level 2 programme. This vocational qualification gives the pupils a flavour of working with animals and ensures they understand the importance of land-based industry to the UK economy.

Animal Care at Key Stage 4 is designed to give an introductory overview to some of the key principles, knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the animal care sector. When studying this course, students will learn about animal health as a foundation as this knowledge and understanding is essential when caring for animals. They will also develop safe animal handling skills using live animals.

The Animal Health unit will develop student's knowledge and understanding of animal health, disease and parasite prevention, and how these link together. This unit will provide students with a sound basic knowledge to provide the best possible care for animals. Students will learn how to assess the health of a variety of different animals

The Animal Handling unit will help students to become competent in handling and restraining small animals, large animals, exotic animals and reptiles. Students will learn about the reasons why it is necessary to handle and restrain animals, such as for health inspections, grooming or training. They will learn how to approach, handle and restrain animals safely, and build their confidence through practical assignments.

The Animal Welfare unit will gain an understanding of animal welfare, the purposes of working with animals and the responsibilities of animal owners. Students will also learn how animal-related organisations promote good animal welfare and responsible animal ownership.

The Animal Behaviours unit focuses on the elements that can impact on an animal's behaviour and how animals need to be kept in an environment which fulfils their welfare needs.

Our curriculum at KS4 is as follows:

<b>Year 10</b>
Unit 2 – Animal Handling Unit 3 – Animal Welfare
<b>Year 11</b>
Unit 1 – Animal Health Unit 5 – Animal Behaviours

