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Animal Care Department

About us

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In Animal care our curriculum engages the students through various topics that are directly related to animal health and welfare. We teach to the specification of the BTEC Tech Award in Animal Care, level 1/2.

Our lessons

The Department has a strong focus and drive to develop independent learners and promote high standards of academic achievement. Through the Learning Cycle.Students through this become more resilient learners, it gives them the tools and the thirst to achieve and have higher aspirations.

The department has a strong belief that all students should be independent,enabling our students to develop personal responsibility and self-motivation and to consider the needs of others. This equips our students with the knowledge and cultural capital to succeed in life.

Areas for development

1. Continued improvement in both Academic Outcomes & Progress.
2. Cultural and Subject enrichment
3. Challenge for all

Our ambitious and inspiring curriculum for all

KS4 - Animal care is an ambitious and inspiring curriculum which emphasizes hands-on practical skills, broad exposure to diverse species and a passion for the care of animals. The Animal Care course, enables students to discover the latest exciting developments in animal care and learn how we can make a positive impact on the environment. Our students learn how to work with animals – whether it's in health, welfare, or management, this course will equip students for further education or work. Dreaming of being a zookeeper, vet nurse, or dog groomer? This course will give you the knowledge and experience to turn those dreams into reality.



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Our curriculum intent

Our curriculum intent is to provide students with both the theoretical knowledge and practical, hands-on skills needed for careers in the animal care industry, while also fostering crucial transferable skills like responsibility, communication, problem-solving, and a strong work ethic, preparing them for future employment or further education. The curriculum aims to develop a deep appreciation for animal welfare, a secure knowledge base about animal biology and health, and the practical expertise to handle, care for, and manage various types of animals in different settings.

Marking and feedback

All our students will receive a variety of marking feedback methods. Circulation around the classroom is a prominent feature in practical lessons where verbal misconceptions will be corrected. Students will peer assess work as well as receiving Feedback on their work allowing students to reflect and respond to teacher comments. KS4 will complete Practical Exam PPE's and Exam PPE's.

Quality assurance

The department evaluates the quality of teaching and learning to ensure that students can make the best progress. This is monitored by our whole school policies which include:

Learning Walks

Book Looks

Pupil Voice

Department standardisation and moderation of work for work and work for exam assessments.

Curriculum enrichment

The department offer an exciting and extensive enrichment programme to its students.

Animal care - Core visit: Yorkshire Wildlife Park,
Guest speakers - Guide Dogs for The Blind, Sam's
Safaris.

Intervention

The Animal Care Department offers a range of interventions these include

- SPS sessions - Lesson 6
- Revision Sessions in half terms
- Drop in sessions at lunch time
- Exam breakfasts and exam master classes.

Home learning

The department requires students to practice skills at home wherever possible for KS4.

KS4 students are required to complete homework tasks specifically to aid their learning and understanding for written exam papers so many past exam questions are used for this purpose.