

Animal Care Curriculum Journey

Key Stage 4 - BTEC level 1



Year 10

Autumn	Component 1 Animal Handling Learning Aim B, Learning Aim A then C Students have to be able to safely handle animals/hazards and control measures, hence starting with the handling element of Component 1. Understand Animal Behaviours and the impact of being handled. Demonstrate Safe Animal Handling and Restraint
Spring	Component 1 Animal Handling Learning Aim A more focus, but also preparing for PSA with B and C. Handling focus first, then more in-depth animal behaviour as their understanding grows. Sitting PSA from Jan to May
Summer	Component 1 Animal Handling Learning Aim A/B/C - PSA including second sitting, marking and moderation. Moving to Component 2 Animal Housing and Accommodation. Learning Aim B/C Prepare and clean out Animal Enclosures, they'll have general experience on this already, but without in-depth knowledge required for the PSA. Learning Aim A Understanding the factors affecting the selection of animal accommodation.

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Year 11

Autumn	Yr 11 Component 2 Animal Housing and Accommodation. Learning Aim A Understanding the factors affecting the selection of animal accommodation, this gives students more knowledge to go in depth with learning Aim B/C also. PSA taking place between Sept and Dec.
Spring	11 Component 3 Animal Health and Welfare Learning Aim A which is signs of health, animal housing and impact on health and animal care, which the next Learning Aim B builds from and goes into more detail with Animal Diseases, they need to know the health symptoms before this, hence starting with A. Potential resit of C1 or C2 depending on prior results
Summer	11 Component 3 Animal Health and Welfare Learning Aim C Animals and Legislation which includes Animals in Society which is simpler than A and B but builds into C2 Animal Organisations and Legislation. This also is how this influences A and B. Hence being last. Current 11s Unit 2 Animal Handling which would be Learning Aim B practical evidence for safe handling and restraint techniques.

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Key Stage 5 - BTEC level 2



Year 12

Autumn	Starts with Unit 5 Animal Behaviour, as this is required for students to work safely with animals. It also overlaps part of Unit 1 for Applied Psychology and A level Psychology meaning students have a better grounding in this area. Learning Aim A is Learning Theories, Abnormal Behaviours and Managing them. Unit 5 Animal Behaviours Learning Aim B is Animal Lifestyles which they need to know before analysing behaviour in Learning Aim C. Unit 7 Work Experience in the Animal Sector, since students do work experience in Year 12, this is fitting to prepare them for work experience but also the workplace as it includes legislation, applying to university, the different employment sectors. They do Learning Aim A which is an investigation into employment opportunities and future progression in the animal sector. Then they complete Learning Aim B which includes practicing applying for work, interview skills. This overlaps with PSHE and preparing for Employment that the school is already running.
Spring	Unit 7 Learning Aim C completing work experience, including practical work experience, customer relations and reflecting on their workplace practice, which can only be done after Learning Aim A and B. Unit 5 C which is observing their chosen species, using all knowledge from Learning Aim A and B. Then evaluating their welfare.
Summer	Unit 3 Animal Welfare and Ethics starts with Learning Aim B, as this is the first three activities in the exam. It is also the easier of the Learning Aims and you can bring knowledge of welfare from B, into Learning Aim A. Unit 5 final hand in and Unit 7 during this period.

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Year 13

	13s Unit 4 Practical Animal Husbandry which will build on practical lessons from Year 12 to explore safe handling techniques. Then moving onto Learning Aim B preparing, cleaning and maintaining animal accommodation. They require the handling techniques from A within B.
Spring	Resit Unit 3 exam Jan. Then move to Unit 4 Learning Aim C which is using the practical skills from A and undertake many different husbandry skills in C. Unit 6 Animal Health and Diseases, this is the hardest unit and therefore kept until they are the most able. Starting with Learning Aim A which is understanding the growth and reproduction of pathogens and parasites and how organisms defend against disease.
Summer	Resit if needed Unit 3 Unit 6 Learning Aim B which is undertaking health assessments to promote and maintain animal health and welfare. They needed knowledge of A before understanding this section. Then they move onto preventative health strategies, rather than just assessing health care. Students record and monitor overall health here also.