

Level 3 Extended Certificate in Animal Management at The Warriner School



BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Animal Management 601/7524/2

Exam Board: Pearson BTEC

Broadly equivalent to 1 GCE A level

Entry Requirements: A grade of at least a 5 in English, Mathematics, Science and at least two other GCSE subjects required at a Grade 5. An interest in animals is key.

Subject details here: This programme offers an engaging qualification to support learners who want to pursue a career in an animal related industry. It can help entry into the workplace and as it has UCAS points attached, can assist progression into Higher Education.

Number of exams: Unit 3 is assessed via an externally set, Time-Constrained Assessment

This is like an exam but completed over an extended period of time — the topic question is set by BTEC and there is time for research, consolidation and production of the response (— it's usually carried out under exam conditions).

Coursework: Each of the 4 internally assessed units, that make up the course, will be assessed by a mixture of written projects, reports, time constrained assessments and some direct observation of practical skills. Each of these units has 3 or 4 pieces of coursework assessment to complete. Each unit has a range of grading criteria at either: Pass, Merit or Distinction grade. To pass the unit all the Pass criteria must be achieved. For a Merit, in addition to the Pass criteria all the Merit criteria must also be achieved. For a Distinction, in addition to the Pass and Merit criteria all the Distinction criteria must also be achieved. At the end of the course, all the unit grades are combined to create an overall aggregated grade.

[Pass~ E, Merit~C, Distinction~A, Distinction*~A*]

Field trips etc: Some of the subject matter of the course is likely to be delivered via visits to commercial animal related businesses (farms, animal shelters, zoo) or by visiting speakers.

Course content:

Year 12

Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics

Learners study the ethics, regulations, legislation and practices associated with animal welfare in animal-related industries. This is a double unit and runs over both years.

Unit 4: Practical Animal Husbandry

Learners explore the skills needed to manage high standards of health and welfare for a variety of animals by meeting their essential needs.

Unit 7: Work Experience in the Animal Sector

Learners study roles available in the animal sector and the progression routes required to attain them, and develop communication and employability skills through study and 50 hours work experience, in an animal-related business.

Year 13

Unit 3: Animal Welfare and Ethics – see above

Unit 5: Animal Behaviour

Learners explore normal and abnormal behaviours in a range of animals and how these behaviours develop. Learners observe, record, and interpret animal behaviour.

Unit 6: Animal Health and Disease

Learners study common indicators of health, disease and disorders as well as treatments and prevention methods in order to detect and protect animals from illness.

Career path:

In conjunction with 3 good science A levels – veterinary science at university;

or: veterinary nursing, animal care, livestock farming either at university or a land-based college;

or: entry directly into the workplace, accessing apprenticeships and management training schemes.