

Animal Care Curriculum at Brownhills Ormiston Academy

The departments vision,

As the Animal Care sector and employment is dynamic, content will remain current. The staff's commitment and enthusiasm for the subject ensures that high standards are set which fuel students' aspirations through their own conduct, support of the Brownhills values and the expectations of all students.

The aim of Animal Care is to provide a coherent introduction to the Animal Care sector. By studying Animal Care, students will broaden their experience and understanding of the varied progression opportunities available to them.

The Animal Care course brings together knowledge and understanding with practical and technical skills. we aim to develop students' **social skills** through group work. Students will work together to take responsibility for the animal's care and wellbeing.

Animal care also supports **moral issues** regarding the welfare of animals in the UK and around the world. Students are given the opportunity to explore the issues surrounding animal welfare students are encouraged to follow the UKs animal legislation helping students to become responsibility citizens.

Students study different **cultures** and their treatment of animals. Students can compare the treatment of animals and the world and are able to justify why the UK has legislations relating to animals.

Students are encouraged to be reflective about their own judgments and are given the opportunity to express these in a safe environment. Though this student will be developing their **oracy, writing and reading skills**.

Students with the opportunity to develop high level **literacy skills** as research, analysis and evaluation tasks will be completed. Students will cultivate report writing and planning skills alongside a strong level of computer literacy. Creativity will be encouraged through the chance to students gain to develop their own feeding and cleaning plans. Communication skills will be fostered as students are involved in activities such as presenting and practical activities. Time management will also be essential as students will have regular deadlines to meet as well controlled timed assessments. These transferable skills are ones which are highly valued both in higher education and the workplace.

Course delivery is through a combination of theory and hands-on practical work combined with links to outside industries such as Ashend Farm Tamworth. This approach ensures that the course is accessible to all Brownhills students irrespective of ability or SEND status.

Students can progress to a wide range of higher education courses and ultimately to employment in the Animal Care sector.

1: Animal Handling	Internal	course work unit
2: Animal Housing and Accommodation	Internal	course work unit
3: Animal Health and Welfare	External Synoptic	60-minute examination

Ultimately students will enter the employment market and therefore the final role of the department is to provide students with a real understanding of the employment options available to them both in the present and the future and the importance of developing employability skills.

Course structure / Assessment

Year 10 2022 specification

Year 11 2014 specification

Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Animal Care Unit Core units / assessment

1: Animal Health	External	60-minute examination
2: Animal Handling	Internal	course work unit
3: Animal Welfare	Internal	course work unit
4: Animal Housing and Accommodation	Internal	course work unit