



# The Oldershaw School

BTEC Level 2 First Diploma Animal Care - HOD: Miss G Alleyne

## Course Outline & Exam Ratio

The aim of this BTEC First in Animal care is to provide entry and progression into the animal care and husbandry industries as part of environmental and land based sectors.

The qualification consists of both mandatory and optional units and a work experience based unit.

All the units are portfolio based and internally assessed and externally verified. There is no external exam and all units need to be completed successfully to achieve the course. The units can be achieved at pass, merit and distinction.

The practical aspects of the course include looking after Oldershaw School's reptile and insect pets, any pets at home and regular visits to a local animal rescue centre to support the work they do with larger animals. We will also visit local zoo and wildlife parks as part of the course.

## Progression Routes

This course will allow progression to employment within the land based and environment industries or entry into L3 courses in these industries.

## Enrichment Opportunities

We will work with local wildlife charities and rescues, pet shops, zoos, wildlife parks and sanctuaries

BCS Level 2 ECDL Award in IT User Skills – HOD: Mr A Scott

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The aim of this nationally recognised IT user qualification is to improve learners' knowledge and understanding of IT, develop skills to work effectively and efficiently using IT and provide proof of IT competence.

The qualification consists of 3 components:

- Word Processing Software – students will learn how to use Microsoft Word to create and modify layout and structures for word processed documents, and software tools to format and present documents effectively to meet requirements.
- Presentation Software - students will learn how to use software tools in Microsoft PowerPoint to structures, edit and format slide sequences featuring different types of information.
- Spreadsheet Software - students will learn how to use Microsoft Excel to enter, edit and organise numerical data, and use appropriate formulas and data analysis tools to meet requirements.

## Progression Routes

This course will allow progression to employment that requires office-related IT skills or further study of IT at Level 3 or A-Level.

## Enrichment Opportunities

There are opportunities to speak with industry experts and local business leaders to enhance experience of the subject and provide potential routes into employment.

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