

<b>Subject/Qualification</b>	<b>Combined Studies – Course Two - BTEC Level ½ Animal Care</b>
<b>What is the course about?</b>	For learners who want to acquire sector-specific applied knowledge and practical skills through vocational contexts by studying animal health and welfare, including signs of good and ill health, causes, transmission and treatment of common diseases in animals, the different health and monitoring checks, factors that affect animal behaviour, and how this impacts of handling and restraint; and what needs to be carried out to prepare, check and clean out animal accommodation as part of their Key Stage 4 learning. The qualification enables learners to develop their practical skills, such as using appropriate equipment and techniques to handle and restrain different animals, and to prepare and clean out animal accommodation ready for use using realistic vocational contexts. It will also develop personal skills, such as self-management and communication, through a practical and skills-based approach to learning and assessment.
<b>How is it assessed?</b>	Assignments and Practicals
<b>What can you do with this qualification?</b>	Go on to college to study further Animal Care courses or apply for an apprenticeship.
<b>Is there a main selling point?</b>	All pupils will get to spend time at a local farm to gain the experience and evidence required for this course.
<b>What other subject(s) does it combine well with?</b>	BTEC Level ½ Hospitality and Catering as part of the Combined Studies Programme.

