

Name:	Mr Bell – Head of Work Related Learning & Outdoor Pursuits
Subject:	Animal Care BTEC
Why study your subject?	Animal Care is actually an option subject, so you won't get really involved until Year 10. In the meantime, it's worth knowing that it's a subject that puts practical learning first and offers an insight into careers in the animal sector; a big local employer. The course includes a mixture of coursework and exams (very rare in GCSE subjects), so if exams are not your strength then BTEC subjects can be a way to acknowledge your skills in a different way.
What's the best thing about your subject?	Handling and looking after the animals.
Favourite famous person associated with your subject.	Dianne Fossey, primatologist, who dedicated her life to animal conservation.
Fun fact about your subject.	Rabbits eat their droppings! But only special ones called caecotrophs.
Joke related to your subject.	Too many... Two parrots on a perch; one says to the other, "Can you smell fish?" What do get if you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?... A woolly jumper!
Quote about your subject.	"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." – Mahatma Gandhi
Message to Year 7 students.	To introduce you to our animals you can join the Animal Club in Year 7 and in Year 8 become an Animal Leader.