

Additional  
Learning  
Support

## Careers in Animal Care





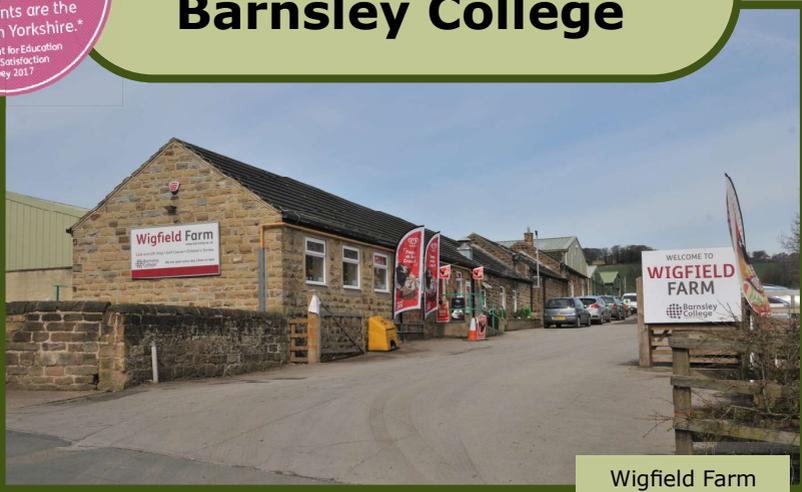
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# Welcome to Barnsley College



Wigfield Farm

## Welcome to the Additional Learning Support Guide for Animal Care.

Moving to college is an exciting but worrying time for everyone. We hope our guide will help ease any worries and give you assurance before you start your course in Animal Care and you enjoy yourself whilst at Barnsley College.



Wigfield Farm barn



Wigfield Café

At Barnsley College, we care about you. We want to give you the knowledge, skills and experience that will help you to progress to the next stage in your career, whether that's university, an apprenticeship or employment. We pride ourselves on transforming lives.

Animal Care offers a variety of animals for you to work with and fantastic facilities for you to develop your skills so we can provide you with the best foundation upon which to build your future.

# Getting to the Farm



Wigfield Farm Entrance

The Wigfield Farm campus is a working farm and visitor attraction in Worsbrough on the outskirts of Barnsley. Wigfield Farm is easily accessible by public transport and the college's free bus service.

For details of pick up points and times for the college's free bus service visit

 [www.barnsley.ac.uk/travel](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/travel).

The Animal Care Department is located at Wigfield Farm. You will need to enter the farm through the top gate. Whilst at the farm you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times. Your student ID badge will be given to you during enrolment. You will need to scan your student ID badge to access the Teaching Barn and the LEAF Centre. Wigfield Farm Campus is accessible for all.

Wigfield Farm has a wide range of livestock and exotic animals providing you with the opportunities to work with a variety of different animals.



Teaching Barn



Stable Area



Paddocks

# Wigfield Farm Uniform



Wigfield Farm uniform

At Wigfield Farm you will need to wear a standard uniform at all times. This includes:

- A Barnsley College Animal Care fleece hoody
- A Barnsley College Animal Care polo shirt
- Trousers
- Sensible shoes

The uniform will need to be worn at all times whilst on the farm. A full list of equipment and uniform needed for your course will be given to you during your interview.

## Expectations

The Animal Care Department has high expectation for all of its learners. For every practical session they will expect you to:

- Wear your student ID badge at all times
- Tie long hair back
- Remove all jewellery and false nails
- Wash your hands after handling the animals
- Be respectful to the animals on the farm
- Bring all equipment needed for practical lessons
- Clean all the equipment used and your boots after each session.

# Protective Equipment for Animal Care



Protective equipment

When working with the animals during practical session, you will need to wear your protective equipment. This includes:

- Barnsley College Wigfield Farm overalls
- Steel toe cap boots

The Animal Care protective equipment can be ordered through college with the protective equipment costing approximately £25. The Wigfield Farm uniform costing approximate £20.

You will be expected to wear your protective equipment to every practical session and can be kept in your locker which will be given to you during enrolment. The lockers are found throughout Wigfield Farm.

You can get help with the cost of protective equipment and uniform if you are eligible from the Learner Support Fund.

If your household income is less than £35,000, the Learning Support Fund could help. You can pick up an application form from Student Services.



Lockers in the Teaching Barn for you keep your belongings.

# Different Learning Environments in **Animal Care**

## **Teaching Barn**



To access the Teaching Barn you will need to scan your student ID badge. The Teaching Barn has a number of classrooms where you will be based for English, Maths and theory lessons.



# Reptile House

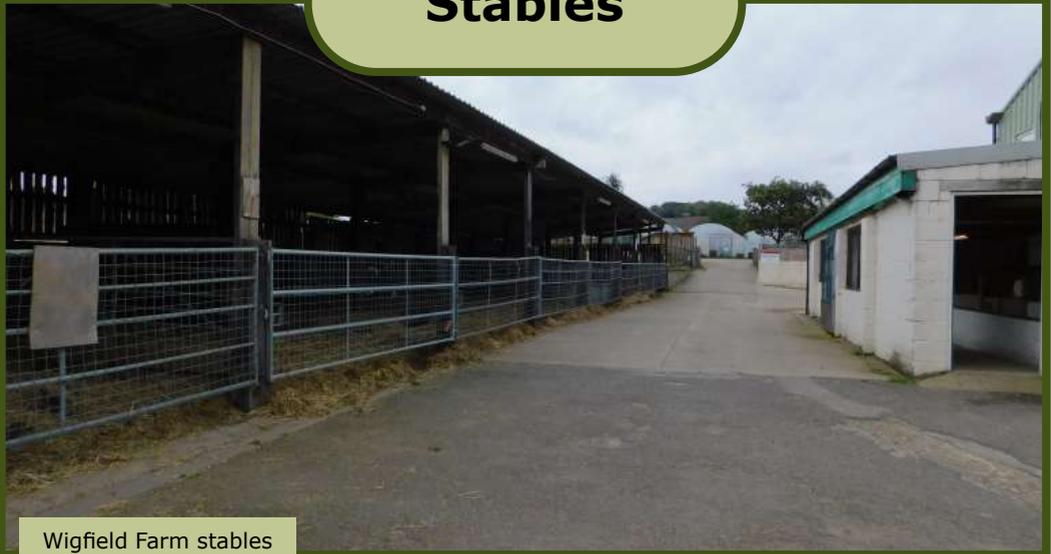


The Reptile house is the home to a number of snakes and lizards. When working in the Reptile House you will handle the reptiles, feed them, bathe them and clean out the vivariums.

In lessons you will need to wear overalls and wash your hands after handling the reptiles.



# Stables



Wigfield Farm stables

At Wigfield Farm you will regularly work with the farm animals giving you the experience and confidence to work with a range of animals giving you the practical skills needed to pursue a career in Animal Care. Housed in the stables are sheep, shetland ponies and donkeys.

For practical lessons you may work with these animals completing a range of tasks such as brushing the ponies, moving them to the paddocks, cleaning out their hooves and the stables.

At the farm you will need to complete a programme of work experience. This may take place at Wigfield Farm or at another placement in the area.



# Dog Grooming Room



## Student Profile

**Cherise Ramsey**

Level 1 Animal Care

**"I am enjoying the Animal Care course as I get to work with a lot of different animals on the farm. Since starting Barnsley College I am more confident with the animals and would recommend the course to others if you want to work with animals!"**

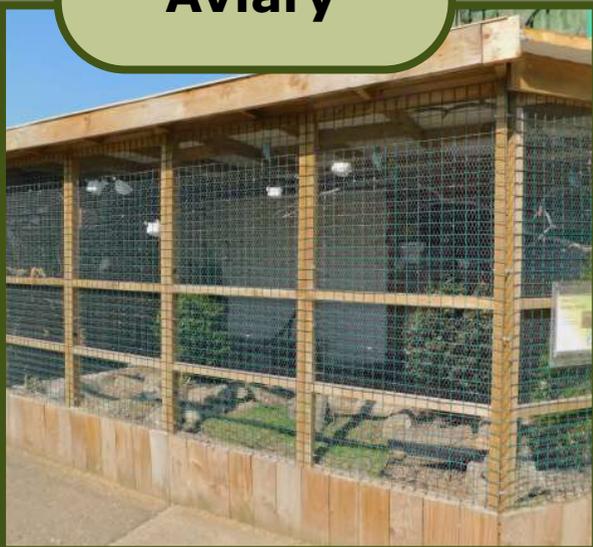


# Meerkat Enclosure



## Student Profile

# Aviary



**Jordan Arnott**  
Level 2 Animal Care

**"ALS have given me lots of support and new technology to work with to improve certain things that I needed to improve. I am enjoying the Animal Care course because of the activities that we do and the farm animals. I also enjoy the new people that I meet and the food is good."**

# Pig Pens

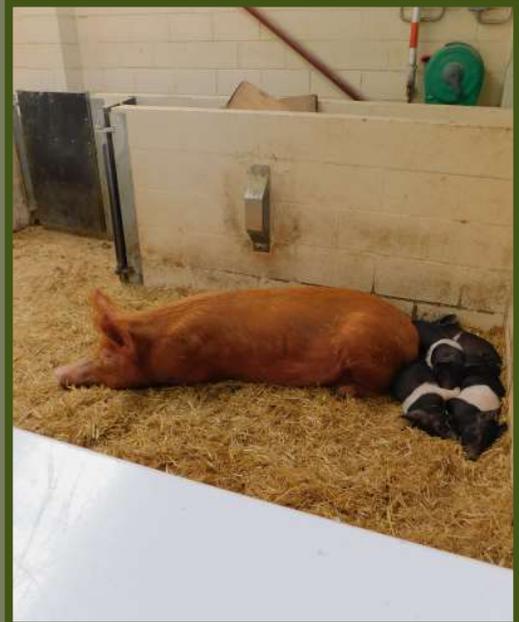


## Student Profile

### Oliver Skyes

Level 1 Animal Care

**"The ALS team have helped me a lot since starting my course, if I didn't have support, I don't think I would have achieved as much as I have! I am enjoying the Animal Care course as it is very hands on and I get to work with a variety of animals on the farm."**



# Rabbit and Guinea Pig Enclosure



# Aquarium Room



# Paddocks



The Paddocks at Wigfield Farm have goats, alpacas, ponies and donkeys. The Meerkat and Raccoon Dog enclosures are also found in this area.

In practical lessons you may work with some of the animals in the paddock particular the donkeys and ponies.

# Tractor Barn



The Barn is used as a store for the animal care equipment so you will be expected to use the barn throughout your course. There are lockers in the Barn which you can use to keep your belongings while working with the animals.

You **must** wear all your protective equipment when working with the animals on the farm. These will need to be cleaned after each practical session.



# Theory Lessons



Animal Care gives you lots of opportunities to work with animals with theory lessons and tutorials used to provide a better understanding of the animals and how to care for them.

Theory lessons will look at animal welfare, behaviour, wellbeing and biology. Theory lessons will be classroom based where you will work through a workbook for each unit. This will be assessed throughout the year, so you won't need to do any animal care exams.

## Do I need to do English and Maths?

If you have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths you will not have to do them at college.

If you have a GCSE in English and Maths below a grade D/3 you will need to attend two GCSE Maths and/or two GCSE English lessons each week. These will be on your timetable.

If you are working below this level you can do functional skills instead.

If you have an EHCP it may be possible for you to be exempt from English and Maths. You need to speak to your tutor or ALS about this.





**“Studying on a working farm is fantastic and means that I get to work with a wide range of animals. The facilities are great and I am really enjoying the practical aspects of my course.”**

**Taylor Clarke**

Level 3 Animal Management

Former Wath Comprehensive School pupil

# Before you start college

## Application



You can apply for your course at [www.barnsley.ac.uk/animalcare](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/animalcare) or by using the application form at the back of the course guide. Your school may help you fill your application form in.

## Assessment



The ALS team will invite you for an initial assessment to discuss your support needs before you start college. This is before your course interview if you have an EHCP.

## Interview



After you apply for your course in Animal Care, you will be invited into college for an interview with one of our tutors.

At your interview you will find out more about the course and details of the standard uniform and protective equipment needed for the course.

After the interview, you will either be offered a place on the Animal Care course or referred to a more appropriate course.

The Animal Care Department will invite you in for an afternoon taster session so that you can get an idea of what you will be doing when you start in September.

## Enrolment

You will be sent an invitation and an enrolment pack will be sent out to you at the beginning of August 2018 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your study programme at the end of August 2018.

When you come to enrol you will have your photo taken for your student ID badge and will be told when your first day at college will be.

For more information contact our Admission team on **+44 (0)1226 216 106** or **✉ [interviews@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:interviews@barnsley.ac.uk)**.

# Support

If you have an EHCP, Additional Learning Support (ALS) will put support in place to help you during your lessons. Both support workers and your tutors will know your support needs and will help you achieve. Our support will depend on your needs and will be discussed during your initial assessment. If you do not have an EHCP, your support will be provided by the Animal Care team.



## How do I get Support?

1. When you fill in the application form or you apply online at [www.barnsley.ac.uk/animalcare](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/animalcare). You will be asked if you have a learning disability/difficulties. If you have your information will be sent to ALS.
2. When you declare a learning need ALS will contact you to organise an initial assessment.
3. The initial assessment is where you meet one of the ALS coordinators, who will discuss your learning needs and how to best support you while in college. A support plan highlighting the support that will be provided to you, will be produced.
4. This will be passed onto the Animal Care Department. We will also send you a copy home.

# What to Expect during your first week



In Animal Care, your first two weeks will be induction. You will be expected to attend all the sessions. During induction:

- You will have lessons where you will meet your group allowing you to make new friendships and meet your tutors
- You will receive your farm uniform and personal protective equipment for practical sessions
- You will be given a locker so remember to bring a padlock
- Animal Care will share what they expect of you during the course and explain all the Health and Safety information for working with the animals
- You will be given your timetable
- You will be introduced to key people such as the Safeguarding Representative and the Tutorial Learning Mentor (TLM)



During induction Support workers will be in the sessions to provide support. Support will settle down once timetables have been finalised. Your support worker for the rest of the year will usually be the same support worker who was with your group during induction.

## Do you have an EHCP?

Each academic year you will have an annual review of your EHCP which takes place at college. There will be yourself and family members/advocate, TIAG, staff from the college and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. We will also review your EHCP to see if anything needs updating. The meeting can take anything from 1-2 hours.



## Are you a Looked After Child?

You will have a meeting three times a year at College, which is called a Personal Education Plan meeting (PEP). There will be yourself and carers/ advocate, TIAG, staff from the College and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. The meeting lasts approximately an hour.

Every looked after child on College roll is entitled to claim the guaranteed bursary which is a payment of £1200 pro rata across the academic year. The purpose of the guaranteed bursary is to facilitate access to education and provide financial support towards such things as travel, food, equipment and kit.

**Application for the guaranteed bursary is made through completion and submission of an internal application form into Student Services.**



# Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure you and everyone in college are kept safe and protected from harm.

At Barnsley College we pride ourselves on going above and beyond to make college a safe, happy and thriving environment for all. It is important to us that anyone coming into college is treated with respect and dignity and feel safe and listened to.



## Reporting a safeguarding concern.

If you feel unsafe, you can contact our team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 142** or ✉ **safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Or you can talk to the Animal Care Safeguarding Representative if you are concerned about your welfare or someone else's. They will be introduced during Induction.

# Tutorials

At Barnsley College all learners will have a detailed tutorial programme looking into a range of themes such as bullying, healthy relationships, mental health, radicalisation and cyber safety.

You will also have one to one meetings with the Tutorial Learning Mentor throughout the year to review your progress.

## Connect Hub



At Wigfield Farm, there is the Connect Hub. To access the Connect Hub you need to scan your student ID badge. The Connect Hub is an independent study area giving you access to a collection of books and IT facilities to help you complete your work. There is also laptops for you to use to complete your work.

## IT Suite

The Connect Hub has IT facilities for completing your work and also has laptops for you to use. The laptops can also be loaned out at a cost of £10 each month.

You will be given your own log on to access the computers. There are printing facilities in the Connect Hub for you to print your work. There is a charge for printing and photocopying.



## Social Areas



Seating area at Wigfield Farm



## Places to eat



Café at Wigfield Farm

At Wigfield Farm, the café offers a wide selection of hot and cold foods and a selection of drinks. All food and drink is ordered at the counter and eaten in the social area for learners.

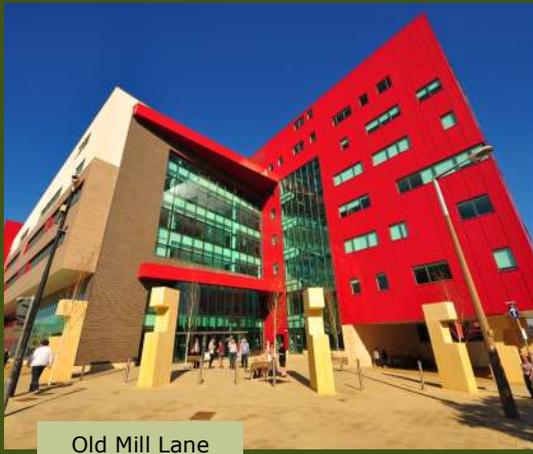


Wigfield Farm student seating area

### Free Meals

If you are aged between 16-18 and have a household income of less than £20,000 per year you may be eligible for free meals at college, please apply to the Learning Support Fund.

# Old Mill Lane



Old Mill Lane

The Old Mill Lane site is a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange. As you come in from Church Street you will be greeted with a busy Reception. A quieter entrance is the Urban Park on the lower ground floor. Old Mill Lane is a pick up and drop off point for the free college bus to Wigfield Farm.

From September, all students will use the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor. This is easily accessible and is a short walk from the Church Street entrance.

Old Mill Lane has all the college services offered to learners. To access Old Mill Lane you will need to scan your student ID badge to get through the barriers. When in college you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times.

The college services are found on the ground floor with catering facilities on the lower ground floor.



Old Mill Lane Reception



Old Mill Lane entrance



Urban Park entrance

# College Services



On the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site we have a number of services which you can use. These are:

- Student Services
- Information Unit
- Wellbeing Centre

## Health and Wellbeing Centre



Our award-winning Wellbeing Centre is available to everyone and offers confidential advice and a range of health services. We have a dedicated team of people including NHS nurses who will provide advice on counselling, Mental Health Access Team, diet and nutrition advice, contraception and sexual health services, smoking, drugs and alcohol support.

They also hold events across college throughout the year to raise awareness of health issues and update you about the services they offer.

You can speak to someone in confidence by contacting the Health and Wellbeing Team on ) **+44(0)1226 216 233.**

# College Services

## Information Unit



Please contact our friendly information team for more information on the Animal Care courses or any other course you are interested in.  
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## Student Union



You will find the Student Union in the atrium on the lower ground floor at the Old Mill Lane campus. The Union runs lots of activities, societies and a volunteering scheme.



# Student Services



Student Services is on the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. They will be able to help you with financial support through the Learning Support Fund, information on the free college bus services and the concessionary travel pass.

## Did you know?

**You don't have to carry cash on you.**

You can load money onto your student ID and pay for food, drink and other items available at the college through our Way2Pay cashless system. For more information visit:

 [www.barnsley.ac.uk/way2pay](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/way2pay)

## Learning Support Fund

If your household income is less than £35,000\*, you could be eligible for financial support from the Learning Support Fund.

**You can pick up an application form from Student Services.**

## Contact the Student Services Team:

☎ +44(0)1226 216 267 / +44(0)1226 216 114 or

✉ [studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk)

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