

Study Programme
Animal Care City & Guilds Technical Certificate
Level 2
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Dear student,

I am thrilled that you are joining us on the Level 2 Technical course this September and look forward to meeting you!

Here is some useful information to help you get ready to start, but please feel free to email me should you have any further questions.

Steph

Your FE course details

Welcome Week: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Timetable start date: Monday 8th September 2025

Course College days: 4 days from Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – you will be advised your specific course days on the Welcome Days

Please ensure you have the following items to begin your study programme:

- Folder
- Dividers
- Pens/pencils
- A4 lined paper
- PPE
- Recommended course book:
 - Level 2 Animal Care – Exam 024 Study Guide

<https://www.eboru.com/product/level-2-animal-care-exam-024-study-guide/>



Please ensure you bring all your equipment on the first day of your timetable

ADDITIONAL EXPENSES OVER THE YEAR

- Trips to Paignton Zoo/Plymouth Aquarium (£15-£20)
- Trip to Longleat Safari Park (£20-25)
- Personal laptop would be beneficial

WORK EXPERIENCE

A requirement of the course is the work experience unit, which requires you to log 150 hours of external work experience. The work experience block weeks are the week before the Christmas holiday break and the week before the Easter holiday break. It is never too early to start applying for a work experience placement.

- Bicton Uniform is compulsory for all college sessions. Uniform may be plain or branded uniform from our suppliers PVM.
- Minimum clothing suggested:
 - 2x Polo shirts or T Shirts burgundy
 - 1x Jumper (sweatshirt or fleece) burgundy
 - 1x Coat burgundy or 1x Gilet burgundy
- Steel toe capped safety boots / Wellington boots with steel toe caps
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (optional)
- Work type trousers/black jeans should be worn, but ripped jeans or jogging bottoms/leggings are not allowed
- Washable face mask for working in required animal areas
- No jewellery is to be worn during practical sessions, it must be removed (this includes all piercings)

PLEASE NOTE: uniform is expected to be worn on all college days, whether you are in practical or theory sessions. There are strict rules surrounding PPE for student and animal safety which have been outlined at interview and will be discussed further in Welcome Week.

If you already have black Bicton uniform from last year, you can continue to wear it, there is no expectation for you to buy the new burgundy uniform unless you want to.

Bicton College Animal Care branded clothing and steel toe-capped boots can be purchased from:

PVM Supplies Ltd
Units 1,2 & 4 Fair Oak Close
Exeter Airport Business Park
Exeter
EX5 2UL

Phone: 01392 444303

To order online from PVM, please click on the links below:

Uniform:

<https://www.pvmsupplies.shop/schools-colleges/bicton-college-new>