

BTEC FIRST POTENTIAL STUDENT CASE STUDIES

Getting to grips with animal welfare

Matthew Hughes - BTEC First Diploma in Animal Care

When Matthew studied for his First Diploma at Oaklands College, his teachers were really impressed with his dedication and enthusiasm. This was reflected in excellent results - distinction grades in all his assessed work.

As an animal lover, Matthew does volunteer work at a local wildlife park when not studying. The confidence he gained from the BTEC First has encouraged him to start giving short talks to members of the public about the animals he cares for.

Matthew is clear about his reasons for choosing the BTEC Animal Care course: "I wanted to learn more about animals and how to look after my own zoo at home, as I have a range of animals."

As far as the future goes, Matthew intends to carry on with BTEC. "I plan to do the next course, the BTEC National Diploma in Animal Care, then the BTEC Higher National Diploma in Animal Management. My ambition is to set up my own reptile shop to sell, breed and give advice on caring for reptiles. I plan to get a full time job at a zoo working with reptiles and primates."