

Dear Student,

**Re: Level 4 FdSc Animal Behaviour & Welfare
Level 4 FdSc Wildlife & Conservation**

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Merrist Wood University Centre and to the Animal Management Foundation Degree. Your course will start with an Induction morning. This day has been designed to cover all the essential information you will need to get your studies off to a smooth start.

Please read this email carefully as it contains important information and tasks you need to complete **BEFORE** induction starts.

Induction Date

Thursday 21st September

Time – 09.30 to 12:30pm

Location – Merrist Wood Campus – HE Student Centre (Westnedge Building)

Programme Overview

- Course and college information including academic calendar
- Your timetable and assessment schedule
- Meet your tutors and get contact details for tutors and admin team
- An introduction to University Regulations and Policies
- How to log in to Activate Learning Online (ALO)
- Stepping up to Level 4

Useful Information

You can park in the student car park on the orientation day. The Harris Centre is a short 2 minute walk from the Main Car Park and there will be clear signage and guides to help you find your way. There are food outlets on site but you may wish to bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided on the first day in the HE Centre.

Important Academic Dates

The course runs from September 18th, 2023 to the last teaching day of May 24th, 2024. You will be able to access a full timetable for your course on the ALO site during the induction day. All teaching is delivered at the HE Student University Centre.

Module Specifications and reading lists will be available on ALO as we are keen to operate in an environmental way and so will provide a lot of digital resources or links to material online.

An important part of your studies is the development of personal and professional skills. Each year you will be required to set personal and professional goals and develop these through opportunities working in the field and/or participating in workshops and a variety of short courses. This will give you invaluable experiences in your specialism. Tutors will guide you through different placement opportunities during your Development of Personal and Professional Skills Module.

During your studies you will have the opportunity to attend practical sessions with the animal collection at Merrist Wood College. To be allowed to work in the animal facilities you will have to wear protective clothing. Minimum requirement is long trousers and/or shorts (for example, cargo type trousers) and a polo shirt. You will also need protective footwear (for example, hiking boots or wellington boots - no trainers allowed).

You will have access to a digital Activate Learning HE Student Handbook and a Programme Handbook specific to your FdSc studies. Both can be accessed through our online ALO canvas (you will be shown these during Induction). The HE Portal provides details of HE study at Activate Learning. This includes links to the support services available such as HE study skills, bursaries, hardship funds and well-being as well as campus maps and other useful information.

Your scheduled teaching days, modules, and room numbers are specified on the timetable below:

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly at
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I would like to reassure you that Activate Learning will do everything possible to support you during your studies and should there be any changes to the information provided in this letter we will ensure that you are notified of these in a clear and timely manner.

Kind regards,



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