

Using the school farm to raise attainment at GCSE

Friday 25th June 2010

10 am to 4 pm

Thomas Alleyne's High School, Uttoxeter



Course Summary

Understanding how to raise attainment at GCSE using a school farm, links with local farmers, and specific understanding of how to handle sheep and use a small tractor.

Venue:

Thomas Alleyne's High School, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire ST14 8DU and Whiteoaks Farm

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Agenda:

10.00 Welcome, introductions- Tea and Coffee

10.15 Farm tour - as would be given by Ed (Farm Manager) if he were delivering a lesson on selective breeding to a year 10 core science group.

11.00 Tea and Coffee

11.15. "Get Your Hands Dirty" A choice of two practical activities as would be given to a year 10 ELBS class.

Option 1. Sheep Handling.

An opportunity to try handling our Herdwick Sheep and carry out routine checks.

Option 2. Tractor Handling.

An introduction to basic tractor handling using our small Kubota.

12.15 Lunch

1.45 Travel to Whiteoaks Farm.

This is a state of the art dairy farm which is well adapted to school visits. We use the farm as one of our Land-Based enterprises which the students have to study as part of their coursework for the GCSE ELBS. There will be an opportunity to see the students' portfolios based in part on their visit to Whiteoaks.

The **School Farms Network** (SFN) is a self-development network of practitioners running, or wishing to develop, a school farm, or for schools starting to keep reptiles or other small animals. The SFN provides advice and support, arranges training and networking opportunities, mentoring, and an online resource *Get Your Hands Dirty* available on the Growing Schools website (www.growingschools.org.uk)

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Age range taught now:

* I enclose a cheque made payable to 'FCFCG' or

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Please note the fee is non-refundable 10 days before the event

Please advise any dietary, medical or other needs to be taken into account:

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Date:

** Confirmation of booking and all other information will be sent to you via e-mail. Please make sure that the e-mail address you have given is both correct and the one you use regularly. If you do not use email you will receive information by post.*

Further information and directions will be sent approximately two weeks before the course. Payment is required before the day.