

ZOOKEEPER EXPERIENCE

Bede's Zookeeper Experience Academy offers students an opportunity to become a zookeeper for a week. Students will help to care for the animals and learn about their natural habitats and behaviour.

OBJECTIVES

- To stimulate curiosity for the natural world
- To increase students' sense of responsibility towards animals and other living beings
- To learn about animal biology, typical animal behaviour traits and conservation
- To master the fundamentals of exotic animal management and aquarium management
- To acquire hands-on experience handling and looking after animals
- To develop awareness of animal welfare issues
- To exercise students' own judgement to assess and control risk relating to animals
- To broaden vocabulary relating specifically to animals and animal management

FURTHER INFORMATION

Here are some of the animals which are cared for at Bede's: Binturongs, Polecats, Rabbits, Kinkajous, African birds, Squirrel Monkeys, Lemurs, Dormice, Chipmunks, Owls.



SUMMARY

CENTRES	Eastbourne (6–11 years)	DAYS	Tuesday and Thursday
VENUE	Bede's Zoo in Dicker	LEVELS	Beginner, Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced
HOURS	3 hours per week (2x 1½ hour sessions)	INSTRUCTION	One teacher per 10 students
DATES	Eastbourne – Week 1: 28/06/2026 Week 2: 05/07/2026 Week 5: 26/07/2026 Week 6: 02/08/2026 Week 7: 09/08/2026	FEE	£295 per week

Minimum number of students is required for the Academy to run. If an Academy is cancelled, a refund will be given.