

Environmental & Land Based Studies

GCSE

Unit 5 Livestock Husbandry

Day 1:

Introduction to Farm and the following 3 sessions

- Look around The Warriner School Farm buildings and then walk through fields to Town Farm - daily check to animals at grass.
- Look at cattle - genetics, production cycle
- Discuss feeds and feeding
- Discuss animal behaviour, flight zones, signs of ill health and basic care treatment regimes.

Day 2:

Routine Husbandry Tasks

- Feeding
- Mucking out
- Bedding down

Making use of the full range of animals available on the farm; basically all the practical tasks associated with running the farm on a day to day basis.

Day 3:

Handling Farm Animals

- Moving cattle and sheep
- Weighing cattle and assessing condition and fat class
- Weighing and grading lambs

There will be some data to take away for discussion/manipulation at a later date

Day 4:

Lambing and Lamb Husbandry Tasks

- Signs of lambing - process, when is assistance required and how to assist
- Care of the newly lambed ewe and lambs
- Hypothermic lambs, stomach tubing, fostering.
- Bottle feeding orphan lambs

Outstanding questions from all four sessions