



Work Experience Case Study

Employer: Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

Ravenswood School and Noah's Ark Zoo Farm have worked in partnership for over ten years. During that time, the zoo has provided some wonderful opportunities for our students to work with animals. The zoo welcomes over 200,000 visitors a year and has an exciting, large animal collection of over one hundred species which includes African elephants, giraffes, lions, rhinos and spectacled bears. Visitors enjoy close encounters with some amazing animals.

Dillon's Story

Dylan had a passion and flair for working with animals and kept tropical birds at home. From an early age, Dillon's dream was to one day work with animals. We were delighted to be able to work with Noah's Ark to offer Dillon a two-week work placement as part of his ASDAN Employability qualification in P16.

Aims of Dillon's placement

- To give Dillon the opportunity to test his career aspiration
- To improve Dillon's confidence
- To learn new skill in animal management.

Dillon thrived at Noah's Ark. Dillon was able to share his passion and knowledge of a wide range of animals with staff and visitors to the attraction. This gave Dillon a real confidence boost! Dillon learnt new

skills in animal management and this cemented his view that a career working with animals was the right one for him.

Post Ravenswood School

Dillon left Ravenswood for Weston College where he recently completed a two-year Extension Study Course. Next year, Dillion will progress to a Level 1 qualification in Animal Care and will be another step closer to achieving his dream of paid employment in an animal care setting.