



School of Animal and Environmental Studies

Prospectus



The College of
Animal Welfare

Welcome to The College of Animal Welfare

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Who we are

The College of Animal Welfare was established in 1989 by one of the leading animal welfare charities, Wood Green Animal Shelters in Cambridgeshire. The vision was to use education to help tackle animal welfare issues and the problem of unwanted and abandoned animals.

In 1996, the College, known at the time as the Wood Green College of Animal Welfare, became an independently managed, not-for-profit, organisation in its own right and changed its name to The College of Animal Welfare.

Today, the College has centres in Cambridgeshire, North London, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester, West Midlands and Scotland and specialises in training in the land-based sector.

We strongly believe that education and training is the key to raising standards of animal welfare. To this end, we strive to create new and accessible opportunities for learning, and encourage employers and those working with animals to undertake appropriate levels of training and continue with lifelong learning and education.

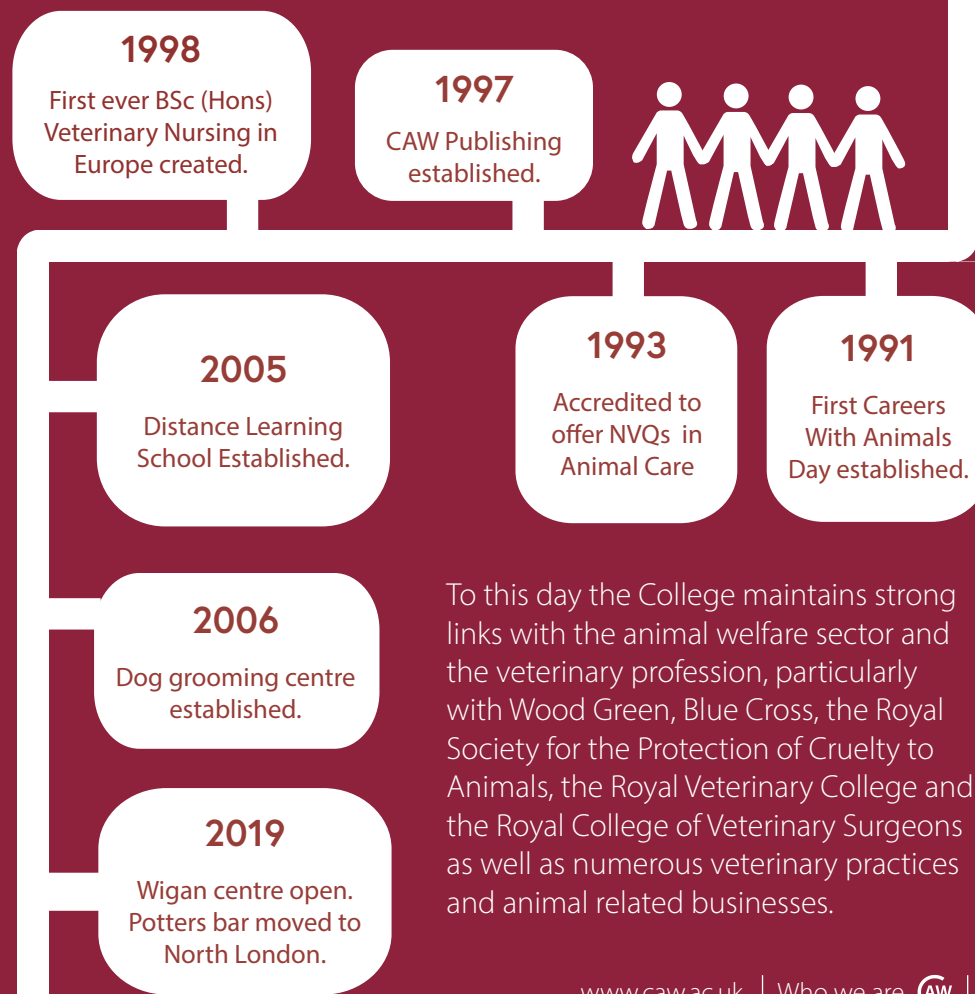
**VISIT US AT ONE OF
OUR OPEN DAYS**

**Visit caw.ac.uk/opendays
for dates and details**

Our History

As an established provider of work-based animal care training, we can offer you the opportunity to study with the guidance of an experienced team of assessors, who all share a common passion for animal welfare and a commitment to pushing forward what is already an exciting and rewarding profession.

The College has a well-earned reputation for excellence, delivering quality training and education, and has a history of being a pioneer with a number of unique achievements.



Why The College of Animal Welfare?

CARING

Over the years, we have developed teaching techniques and College systems to support you through your studies. We are here to help, we want you to succeed and we will do our utmost to help you achieve.

EXPERIENCED

The lecturers delivering our animal and environmental courses have significant industry experience and knowledge under their belts and all share a common passion for pushing their respective professionals forward.

CONVENIENT

The easy, remote access to learning resources provided to learners via our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) means that learners get the best out of their studies with us, both in and outside of College.

INTERACTIVE

Our online course material has been developed to guide you through your course and provide you with interactive, innovative ways of learning. In addition, you will benefit from FREE access to our extensive eLibrary.

“A very large proportion of learners on adult programmes achieve their qualifications. Learners on adult learning programmes have access to excellent online learning resources. Learners receive very good advice and guidance about career opportunities in their industry.”

Ofsted 2016 Report

The College of Animal Welfare was graded 'Good' across the board following its most recent Ofsted inspection (2016)



Our Courses

Animal Care

- Level 1 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care
- Level 2 Award in Work-Based Animal Care
- Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Animal Care
- Animal Care and Welfare Assistant: Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care Online Learning
- Level 3 Award in Implantation of Identification Microchips in Animals
- Level 4 Certificate for Suitably Qualified Persons (SQP)

See pages 10-19 for more details

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR ALL COURSE FEES

www.caw.ac.uk

Horse Care

- Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Horse Care
- Level 3 Diploma in Work-Based Horse Care
- Equine Groom: Level 2 Apprenticeship
- Senior Equine Groom: Level 3 Apprenticeship

See pages 20-25 for more details

Dog Grooming

- Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants
- Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming
- Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants: Intensive, Experienced Groomers
- Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming: Intensive, Experienced Groomers

See pages 26-29 for more details

Countryside & Environment

- Level 2 Diploma in Countryside and Environment

See pages 30-33 for more details

“ Providing innovative learning opportunities in pursuit of professional excellence ”

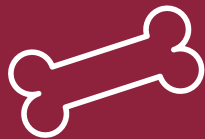
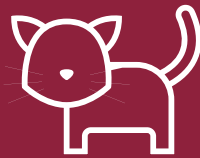
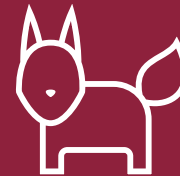


Animal Care

Animal care training is an obvious choice for those that have a passion for animal welfare. Whether you've dreamt of working with animals from a young age, or have decided later in life that this is what you really want to do, our animal care training will give you the underlying knowledge and skills needed to succeed in the animal care sector.

If you're looking for a job where you can combine a love of animals with varied, rewarding work, then working in the animal care sector could be the perfect career choice for you!

Those looking to work in the animal care industry should be hard working, motivated, passionate about animals and willing to undertake the necessary animal care training in order to succeed.



Why Animal Care?

GAIN REAL JOB PROSPECTS

Job prospects for those working in animal care are varied. As an animal care professional you could work in a variety of different environments, such as a kennels, cattery, grooming parlour or rescue centre. Many jobs in the animal care sector are flexible, with opportunities to work for yourself, work part-time or even overseas.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

The scope for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) upon completion of formal studies in the sector is wide ranging; with courses available on everything from care of zoological species and animal first aid, to animal behaviour and hydrotherapy.

VARIED CAREER OPTIONS

Professional opportunities for those working in animal care are varied. With training and experience you could move in to managerial roles supporting staff in the workplace.

You might also have the opportunity, with further training, to move into more specialised roles, for instance working in hydrotherapy or offering training and behavioural advice.

REWARDING PROFESSION

The benefits that come from working with animals, for instance, seeing an animal recover from injury or be rehomed to a loving family can make all the hard work worthwhile.

LEARN MORE AT CAREERS WITH ANIMALS DAY

See page 40 for more details

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”



Gaining Employment or Work Experience in the Animal Care Industry

Finding a job or doing voluntary work in the industry will help you decide whether a career working with animals is for you. What's more - it can help you achieve the entry requirements needed to enrol onto training and education programmes, paving the way to future employment.



Where to look for vacancies

Veterinary practices

Zoos

Rehoming centres

Catteries

Wildlife centres

Kennels

Animal charities

Stables

Farms

Check local newspapers & online job boards

Job boards such as the CAW jobs board, Vet Times Jobs or Animal Jobs Direct regularly list advertisements from animal care organisations.



Contact animal organisations directly

Depending on the size of the organisation, you may be able to contact them directly to introduce yourself and enquire about work placements/employment.



Look on animal care organisation websites and social media

Many animal care organisations post their latest work and placement opportunities on their website and social media.



Ensure your CV is up-to-date

Keeping your CV up-to-date means you'll be able to apply for positions as soon as they become available. Make sure your CV contains any relevant experience or hobbies that you may have.



Attend open days and career days

Career days such as our **Careers With Animals Day** bring local employers and colleges under one roof, which is the perfect opportunity to discuss career plans and gain advice from industry professionals.

Our Work-based Animal Care Qualifications

Whether you've always dreamt of working with animals, or have decided later in life that this is what you really want to do, our work-based courses (right) will give you the skills needed to succeed in the animal care sector.

Key facts

-  WBL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Pay monthly options
-  Practical training

Assessment

Assessment consists of completing a portfolio and passing work-based practical assessments.

Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements; however you must be either employed (or volunteering) in a suitable animal care environment within a 90 minute radius of our Huntingdon, North London or Leeds centre.

This could be a kennels or cattery, animal charity, zoo or wildlife centre.

See pages 14-15 for advice and guidance on finding work.

Course content

The qualifications cover a range of key skills including:

-  Animal handling and restraint
-  Animal accommodation and movement
-  Animal health, welfare and well being
-  Animal feeding and cleaning
-  Customer service and personal development

You will also choose from a range of optional units specific to your level of qualification and employment type.

APPRENTICESHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

See page 18 for more details

Level 1 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care

This introductory course is ideal if you're looking to kick-start a career in the animal care or have little experience in the industry. You will gain a solid foundation in basic animal care principles and practices from which to progress onto further training.



Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care

This qualification is aimed at those with growing experience in the industry, who are looking to build upon practical animal care skills and knowledge alongside employment in an animal care environment.



Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care

This qualification is ideal if you've been working in the animal care sector for some time, working in a supervisory or managerial role. This course will develop your skills in coordinating the care of animals and the leadership of staff in the workplace.



Visit www.caw.ac.uk/ac
for full course details

Our Animal Care Apprenticeships

Key facts

-  WBL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Start at any time
-  20% off-the-job training

Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, you will need to be living and working in England in a suitable animal care environment within a 90 minute radius of our Huntingdon, North London or Leeds centres, earning at least the National Minimum Wage for Apprentices.

See pages 14-15 for advice and guidance on finding work.

Assessment

Assessment varies across the two courses, including methods such as: a portfolio of evidence; an End Point Assessment (EPA), Functional Skills Level 1/2 English and Maths training (unless exempt), online examinations and practical assessments.

Course content

You will cover key skills and knowledge including...

-  Animal handling and restraint
-  Animal accommodation and movement
-  Animal health, welfare and well being
-  Animal feeding and cleaning

You will tailor the courses to your job role by choosing an available apprenticeship pathway. Example pathways include...

-  Veterinary Care Support
-  Wildlife Rehab
-  Operational/ Reception Duties
-  Rehoming
-  Movement & Transportation
-  Breeding
-  Animal Interaction and Handling
-  Working Dog Handler



Animal Care and Welfare Assistant: Level 2 Apprenticeship

18 months

This introductory course is ideal if you're looking to kick-start a career in the animal care or have little experience in the industry.

As an animal care apprentice, you will be employed in an animal care environment gaining vital practical skills and experience, and earning a wage alongside studying your formal apprenticeship qualification. Typical animal care settings that apprentices work in include kennels and catteries, doggy day care facilities, animal welfare centres, farm parks and pet shops.

You will gain a solid foundation in basic animal care principles and practices from which to progress onto further training.

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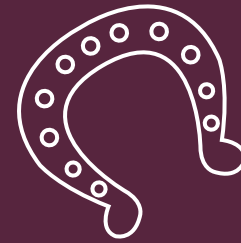
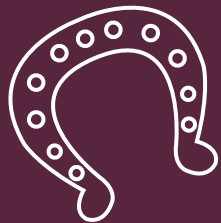
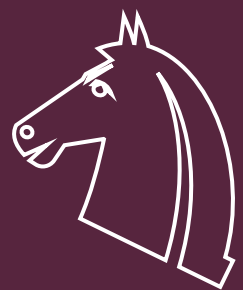
Horse Care

If you want a job you can be passionate about and one which allows you to turn your hobby into a living, then working with horses could be for you.

Working in the equine industry can encompass a whole range of careers such as groom, riding instructor, yard manager, farrier and equine veterinary nurse; the opportunities are vast.

The work can be incredibly rewarding and job satisfaction is high. Vacancies can be very competitive and what often gives applicants the edge is experience, enthusiasm and a qualification relevant to the job.

You must be hard working, motivated, happy to work outdoors at all times of the year and be passionate about horses. You will need to enjoy working as part of a team but also be able to work with little or no supervision. You should also have good people skills, as working with horses often involves significant contact with people, particularly if you are working in a riding school, for example.



Our Work-based Horse Care Qualifications

Our work-based horse care courses will give you the underlying skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the horse care industry.

Key facts

-  WBL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Pay monthly options
-  Practical training

Assessment

Assessment consists of completing a portfolio and passing work-based practical assessments.

Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements. However you must be either employed (or volunteering) in a suitable role and horse care environment, such as a riding school, horse charity or racing yard.

See pages 14-15 for advice and guidance on finding work.

Course content

The qualifications cover a range of key skills including:

-  Cleaning and maintaining stables
-  Provide Feed and Water to Horses
-  Restrain Horses Using Specified Methods
-  Maintain and Develop Personal Performance
-  Carry out Routine Care and Monitor the Health and Wellbeing of horses

You will also choose from a range of optional units specific to your level of qualification and employment type.

APPRENTICESHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

See pages 24-25 for more details

Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care

14-18 months

This course is ideal if you're looking for a qualification in horse care where the emphasis is on gaining practical experience with the theoretical knowledge and expertise required to support. Learn how to monitor and maintain the health and wellbeing of horses.

Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Horse Care and Management

18 months


Ideal if you're working in the equine industry in a position of responsibility and are looking for a more advanced level of qualification to reflect your skills and experience.

Visit www.caw.ac.uk/hc
for full course details

Our Horse Care Apprenticeships

Our horse care apprenticeships will allow you to begin and develop a career working with horses by developing your practical skills and knowledge.

Key facts

-  WBL tutor support
-  No college attendance
-  Start at any time
-  20% off-the-job training

Assessment

Assessment consists of a portfolio of evidence demonstrating skills, knowledge and behaviour; an End Point Assessment (EPA) and Functional Skills Level 1/2 English and Maths training (unless exempt).

Entry requirements




There are no formal academic entry requirements. However, you will need to be living and working in England in a suitable equine environment (such as a riding school, horse charity or racing yard), within a 90 minute radius of our Huntingdon centre, earning at least the National Minimum Wage for Apprentices.

Course content

You will gain key behaviours, knowledge and skills including:

-  Horse Anatomy, Physiology and Welfare
-  Horse Handling, Care and Appearance
-  Yard and Field Routines and Duties
-  Saddlery and Equipment
-  Safe Working Practices

You will also tailor your course to your job role by choosing one of five apprenticeship pathways...

-  Breeding
-  Riding
-  Driving
-  Non-Riding
-  Racing

Equine Groom: Level 2 Apprenticeship

12-18 months

Undertaking this apprenticeship will allow you to begin a career working with horses, by earning while you learn and developing your practical skills and knowledge.



Senior Equine Groom: Level 3 Apprenticeship

18-24 months

This apprenticeship is suitable for those working in the equine industry in a position of responsibility, such as a Head Groom.



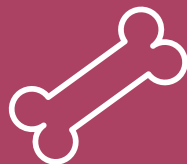
Visit www.caw.ac.uk/hc for full course details

Dog Grooming

If you have a passion for animal welfare and are looking for a career that comes with the possibility of becoming your own boss, then dog grooming could be the perfect profession for you.

Becoming a dog groomer allows you to make a difference to the lives of dogs and raise the standards of animal welfare on a daily basis, as part of a very rewarding profession.

What's more - once you have completed formal training and gained solid industry experience, many opportunities become available to you. You can seek employment as a dog grooming stylist, move into teaching or even set up your own dog grooming business.



Our Dog Grooming Qualifications

Key facts

-  Block or day release
-  College based
-  Pay monthly options
-  Practical training

Available to study at Huntingdon, Leeds, Wigan or North London.

Assessment

Assessment consists of written and practical assessments as well as an online examination.







Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements to enrol onto the **Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants**, however you should be able to demonstrate a good general knowledge of dog grooming and be confident handling dogs.

You must have achieved the level 2 qualification in order to enrol onto the **Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming**.

Course content

Over the course of the qualifications you will cover:

-  Prepare and groom dogs prior to bathing
-  Bathe and clean dogs
-  Clean and maintain dog grooming equipment
-  Control and restrain animals
-  Dry dogs and prepare their coats for styling
-  Carry out basic trimming
-  Clean and maintain the grooming environment
-  Customer service in a dog grooming environment

SEE WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY
See case studies on page 36



Fast track courses available for experienced dog groomers

Level 2 Certificate for Dog Grooming Assistants

5 weeks / 6 months

This qualification is an ideal course if you're looking to begin a career as a dog groomer.

Level 3 Diploma in Dog Grooming

5 weeks / 6 months

If you're looking to build upon the skills and abilities needed to succeed as a professional dog groomer, this qualification is for you.



Visit www.caw.ac.uk/dg for full details and start dates

Countryside and Environment

Working in the countryside is a worthwhile ambition if you're looking for the chance to turn your passion for environmental issues and wildlife into a rewarding, lifelong career.

Rapidly changing eco-systems and ongoing environmental challenges mean that more people are taking an interest in what we can do to safeguard our planet than ever before. Although outdoor work can be strenuous; ensuring that our habitats are conserved is a worthy mission that brings high levels of job satisfaction and a strong sense of personal achievement.





If you're looking to put your passion for the outdoors to good use, then our online course covering environmental management and sustainability could be for you!



Our Countryside and Environment Qualification

Our Countryside and Environment training is a great opportunity to develop a career by gaining valuable industry experience, practical skills and a recognised qualification.

Key facts

-  DL tutor support
-  Online learning
-  Pay monthly options
-  Start at any time

Assessment

You will undertake written and practical assessments.

Entry requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements, however you should be either employed or volunteering in a countryside based environment for a minimum of four hours a week.

You will need to have a suitable witness agreed in principle (min. 2 years in industry) who will be assessing your practical assignments.

Course content

The qualification covers the following units:

-  Introduction to Countryside Access and Recreation
-  Undertaking ecological surveys
-  Conservation & Improvement of British Habitats
-  Introduction to Urban Habitat Ecology
-  Undertake Work Related Experienced in the Land-based Industries
-  Environmental and Land-based business

SEE WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY

Read case studies on page 36

Level 2 Diploma in Countryside & Environment

12 months

Ideal for those looking to begin a career in the countryside and environment industry, this online course will give learners an introduction to the principles behind environmental management and conservation.

This programme is also suitable for those already working in the industry who would like to expand on existing skills by gaining a formal qualification.

If you have a passion for the outdoors and are interested in learning about how to improve the habitats of British wildlife, this course is an excellent opportunity to do so, whilst working towards an industry qualification that complements your practical skills!

Visit www.caw.ac.uk/ce for full course details

Lifelong Learning and Development

We strongly believe that education and training is the key to raising standards of animal welfare.

To this end, we strive to create new and accessible opportunities for learning, and encourage our students to continue with lifelong learning and education long after their formal training is complete.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Our range of Animal Care Short Courses are suitable for both those working with animals and those with a keen interest looking to learn more about key topics. We offer CPD on a range of topics including...



Dog Handling



Pet Sitting



Dog Grooming Seminars



Animal Behaviour



Tellington Touch Workshop



Animal Nutrition

Book six months ahead for a reduced course price!*

Bookings can be made online at www.caw.ac.uk/cpd

*Offer available on selected courses only and is subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

Leadership and Management Training

Our leadership and management training can help you take your animal career to the next level. You will gain the skills and confidence to lead a team of people and deal with a range of management issues such as conflict, recruitment, leadership techniques, and team work.

More details can be found at www.caw.ac.uk/ilm



Our Alumni

Thousands of people have chosen to study with The College of Animal Welfare since we opened our doors in 1989.

Many of our alumni have gone on to achieve great things after leaving college, becoming experts in their fields or flying high as successful business owners.



L2/L3 Certificates in Dog Grooming

After completing dog grooming training with us, Tiffany Saywell started her own business and regularly competes in prestigious grooming competitions...

"[The practical side of the courses] built up my confidence working with the animals, and also meeting the dogs' owners. This personal touch also aided my personal client relationship skills that I have now adapted into my own business"



L2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care

After building her skills and experience with us, volunteer Laura Reeve went on to secure a permanent job at an animal sanctuary...

"Throughout the year I gained a lot of new skills and was able to build upon my knowledge. Caring for such a diverse range of animals provides an interesting but rewarding challenge. Everyday is different and throws new challenges, but I love every minute of it."

CAW Connect

After you complete your studies with The College of Animal Welfare, you will be invited to join our alumni association, **CAW Connect**.

CAW Connect is an innovative social networking website and education hub which gives you the opportunity to...

Connect with other alumni and members of your industry

Make use of exclusive content

Find new career opportunities



Enjoy industry discounts

Keep up-to-date with the latest industry news



Visit www.caw.ac.uk/alumni for more information

Fees and Finance

Pay As You Learn

Our 'Pay As You Learn' scheme allows The College of Animal Welfare students the option to pay course fees (excluding professional or awarding body fees) on a monthly basis. Professional and awarding body fees are payable in full before the commencement of the course.

The College of Animal Welfare Hardship Fund

The College of Animal Welfare has a hardship fund which was set up to support those students who are suffering financial distress and, for whatever reason, are unable to access any other kind of assistance or where a top-up is considered necessary. To access guidance on hardship funding, and submit an application, visit our website at www.caw.ac.uk/finance

TOTUM Card (previously NUS extra)

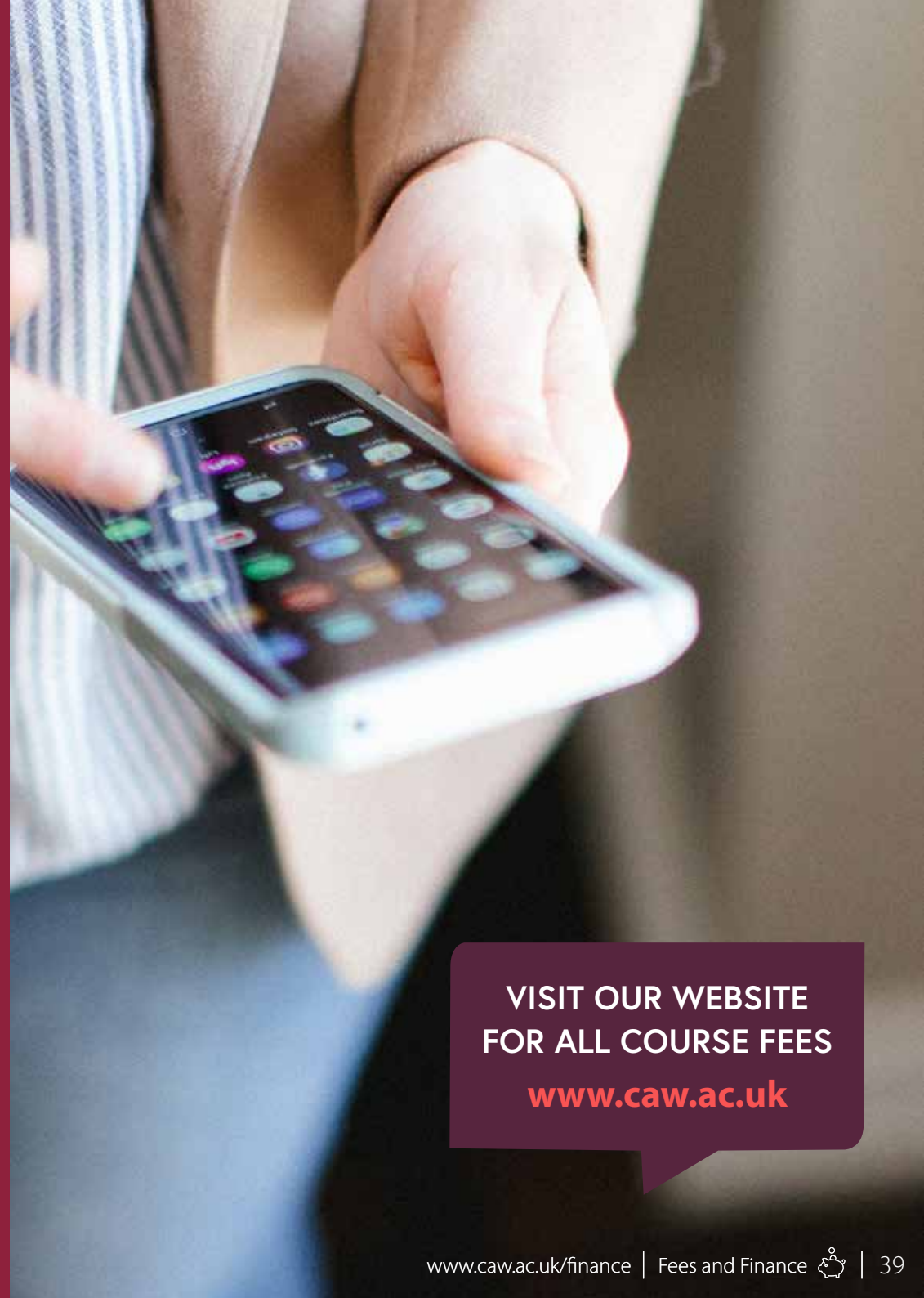
With an average saving of over £500, the TOTUM card can help you save on your purchases. The TOTUM card is available for eligible students for £12 a year. You could save on fashion, music, health, food and drink - and more!

Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19+ and are undertaking a level 3 qualification or above, you may be eligible to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan. There is no credit check and your household income isn't taken into account. You won't have to pay anything back until you are earning over £21,000 a year.

Grants, bursaries and additional help

To help you find financial assistance to support your training costs, we have gathered information on various grants, bursaries and additional funding information on our website at www.caw.ac.uk/finance, however this list is not exhaustive. We recommend that you take the time to have a look through and consider if any of these are applicable to you.



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www.caw.ac.uk

Events

Careers With Animals Day

Do you dream of working with animals? Come along to one of our free Careers with Animals Days for an opportunity to talk to professionals and gather career advice.

Whether you're at school, looking for a career change, unemployed and looking at how you can get back into work, or already working with animals and looking at different opportunities; you will have the chance to meet people and organisations within the animal care industry. Visit our website for more information

www.careerswithanimals.co.uk

Open Days

Our Open Days give you a chance to get a taste of College life! This is a great opportunity to talk to tutors, have a tour of the facilities and find out more about what it is like to study with us. Visit our website www.caw.ac.uk/opendays for further details.



Stay in the know...

Sign up to our email newsletter and you will be the first to hear our latest news, details of upcoming events, courses and offers.

www.caw.ac.uk/subscriptions

We're social...



Follow us on social media, to stay connected and get an insight into CAW and like-minded people!

Stay informed of current Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are an amazing opportunity to get paid a salary whilst gaining valuable experience in the workplace – all whilst studying for a recognised qualification! Keep an eye on our website for the latest apprenticeship opportunities.

www.caw.ac.uk/apprenticeships



Apply

If you're ready to begin your new career, apply to study with us today!

Course Application

Find your course on our website, click the "Apply now" button, create an account and start completing the application form. You can leave the form at any time, just log back in to continue.

Enrolment and Interview

Submit your proof of identity and other documentation. You may be asked to attend an enrolment day or interview at the college, or via telephone with a member of our programme teams.

Start Learning

Unlike many other colleges, our induction process starts before you get to college with our online induction courses, maximising your time in learning.



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