

Case Study for Growing Schools Website

Title	Introduction to Beekeeping
Subtitle	Implementing Beekeeping into the school curriculum
Location	Abbey Hill School & Technology College SEN
Aim	To introduce students to the practical aspects of beekeeping.
Action	To participate in a practical beekeeping session.
Outcome	To develop both a basic knowledge of practical beekeeping and to build up pupil confidence levels in challenging situations.
Details	<p>The students were introduced to the apiary. The students were encouraged to take part in the demonstration but allowed to select their position within the activity, so that they were comfortable with their proximity to the hive. Some pupils observed the session from outside the apiary fence, some observed within the apiary perimeter. Some students were able to assist in the activity. All students were actively involved. The students often challenged their own personal boundaries, increasing self confidence levels. They also developed team work skills, as each student could only be checked at the end of the session by another student for the presence of follower bees on their suits.</p> <p>The school has also purchased a viewing shed. This is accessible for wheel chair users and for members of the group who are not yet confident enough to be in the open air around the bees.</p>

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Images	<p>See photographs below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students demonstrating use of clothing and equipment.</li><li>• Students observing from a confident distance, outside the apiary.</li><li>• Students observing from a confident distance, this time within the apiary.</li></ul>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to an apiary</li><li>• Bee PPE</li><li>• Camera</li><li>• Beekeeper</li><li>• Shed for viewing by more nervous students</li><li>• Knowledge of any student allergies</li><li>• Risk assessment documentation</li></ul>
Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Land Based Studies</li><li>• Science</li><li>• Enterprise</li></ul>
Subjects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beekeeping</li><li>• Enterprise</li><li>• Science</li></ul>
Key Stages	KS3-KS4
Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• British Beekeepers Association</li><li>• Local Beekeepers</li><li>• Local business groups for development of honey and the retail of honey</li></ul>

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Students demonstrating PPE

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Students observing from a confident distance, outside the apiary



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