



Holland Park Ecology Centre

Environmental Education 2013-14
Secondary and Tertiary Prospectus

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About us

The Ecology Service was established in 1991 to provide environmental education to local schools. There is no substitute for first hand experience and the Ecology Centre offers valuable opportunities for active outdoor learning.

The Ecology Centre provides a base for studying the ecology and environment of the park. It has classroom and presentation facilities and a collection of live and static animal specimens. A range of scientific equipment is available for outdoor use. The centre can cater for groups of up to thirty pupils with accompanying adults.

Holland Park Wildlife Area has a wildlife pond with dipping platform, woodland paths extending round the enclosure, and three distinct habitats to study; pond, woodland and grassland.



School Visits to the Ecology Centre and Holland Park Wildlife Area

Our environmental education programme caters for all ages from preschool to higher education. Sessions last for two hours. They can be self-led or run by an experienced field teacher and have clear curriculum linked objectives. Visits are available all year round but please book early for the summer term as this is often fully booked.



A selection of our programmes



Session	Summary
Food Webs and Feeding Relationships KS3	Recognise how food chains within a habitat are interconnected; identify and classify animals in the centre and the Wildlife Area according to their trophic level.
Nature's Recyclers KS3	Relate recycling to the woodland nutrient cycle. Learn about the role of detritivores and decomposers in the woodland ecosystem and build a wormery.
Adaptation – Camouflage KS3	Discover how animals are suited to their environment by contrasting invertebrate colouration in two different habitats.
Classification –Tree Keys KS3	Examine different features of tree species found in the park to learn about variation and classification then construct a dichotomous key.
Sampling Techniques KS3/4	Learn and carry out ecological sampling techniques for a woodland and a pond.
Bioindicators KS3/4	Discover how a species survey can be used to assess the quality of a habitat by using pond invertebrates.
Biodiversity KS4	Explore the difference in the number of invertebrate species found on native and exotic tree species through practical investigation.



We can tailor sessions to meet your learning needs. For GCSE, BTEC, A Level and tertiary groups, sessions can be designed in consultation with you and with reference to the specific course requirements.

Please refer to our website for other topics and curriculum links

Charges 2013-14:

Schools within the Royal Borough

Use of wildlife area

Centre visit and use of wildlife area

Session led by Ecology staff

Free

£1.05 per pupil

£66.70

Schools outside the Royal Borough

Centre visit and use of wildlife area

Session led by Ecology staff

£3.55 per pupil

£66.70 (additional charge)

Booking:

For bookings and further information about our services, please contact us.

Location:

By the adventure playground next to the Abbotsbury Road Car Park.



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