













## Equine Joining Instructions

### Uniform and PPE

A riding hat to the current standards of PAS015, ASTM F1163, SNELL E2001 AND AS/NZS 3838 are required. All hats will be checked and tagged prior to riding and any deemed old, worn or dangerous must be replaced before students will be allowed to ride.

	Standard and Date	Quality Assurance Mark	Examples
1	PAS 015 2011	<b>AND MUST HAVE</b> BSI Kitemark  Or Inspec IC Mark 	
2	VG1 01.040 (2014-12)	<b>AND MUST HAVE</b> BSI Kitemark  Or Inspec IC Mark 	   
3	ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards)	<b>AND MUST HAVE</b> SEI mark 	  
4	SNELL E2016	<b>AND MUST HAVE</b> Official SNELL label and number 	
5	AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)	<b>AND MUST HAVE</b> SAI Global mark 	

A back protector to the current standard (Level 3 2018) is required for all pole work, jumping and hacking lessons, students are also welcome to use these for flat sessions if they wish.

Gloves are compulsory for all practical and riding sessions and for internal work experience when leading/handling horses. Hair nets are compulsory for all riding and groundwork sessions.

Students should have a short jumping whip and a long dressage whip for riding lessons. 2-3 pairs of dark plain colour jodhpurs for everyday use (no bright or patterned colours).

BCA polo shirts and jumpers/rugby shirts must be worn for practical, riding lessons and internal work experience days. No leggings, vests or denim jeans are allowed on the yard at any time. In wet weather over trousers and full chaps are of course permitted for yard sessions.

Uniform is purchased online from: [goyalsbca.co.uk](http://goyalsbca.co.uk)

### Health & Safety

Students are reminded that NO jewelry or body piercings are permitted whilst on the yard, during practical lessons or riding lessons. Earrings/studs MUST be removed and cannot be covered with tape/plasters.

We do not allow students to carry their phones during any practical sessions unless a prior agreement has been sought from the tutor. There are lockers available on the yard for all students to safely store their belongings during practical sessions. Please bring your own **coded padlock** on your first day to be allocated a locker

Long nails are not permitted therefore false or real nails should be no longer than the fingertips. Students will not be allowed to participate in any practical session with long nails, they will be sent home immediately and will be required to make up any missed sessions.

### Additional Information

**All students are required to be Gold members of the BHS you will be asked for your BHS membership number at enrolment.**

We will be running the Riding Out Safely Award that has replaced the Ride Safe certificate. We will run these assessments as part of the Level 2 and 3 study programmes. There are no additional charges for this.

We run the Progressive Riding Tests alongside the level 2 and 3 programmes which are the equivalent to the BHS Stage 1 qualification and then a BHS Stage 2 in the spring term. The cost of this is approx £150 as students are eligible for training grants from the BHS which reduces the cost greatly.

Trips and visits may incur an additional cost, either for entrance tickets and/or coach travel.

### Industry Placement

**Level 2** students have internal placement at the BCA equestrian center **one weekend per half term 8am-5pm** (6 per year). A two-week external block placement in the Spring Term these dates will be confirmed at enrolment.

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**Level 3 Year 1** students have internal placement at the BCA equestrian center **one weekend per half term 8am-5pm** (6 per year). A two-week external block placement in the Spring Term these dates will be confirmed at enrolment.

**Level 3 Year 2** students have internal placement at the BCA equestrian center **one weekend per half term 8am-5pm** (6 per year).

For all of the above courses, you are provided feedback on your performance, skills development, and employability which will count towards your final grade. Any missed days must be made up to fulfil the requirements of the study programme.

### Student Expectations

Within Equine Studies we expect our students to conduct themselves in a manner that respects others, animals and the environment. A learner contract is signed by all learners ensuring that students are aware of the expectations that we have of them whilst they are on college premises or whilst representing the college offsite. This will include timekeeping and readiness to engage in learning. Food and drink (except water) are not allowed in the learning center, classrooms and workshop areas as well as following the PPE and uniform guidelines above.

### Additional Information

Please be aware we have a weight limit of 15 stone which is inclusive of riding equipment and the horse's saddle. Should you go over this limit during your time at BCA you will no longer be able to ride however you will participate in sessions from the ground. Level 2 does not have non-riding options on our courses it is imperative you are able to ride during your time at BCA to progress towards the riding assessments effectively.

**Students are weighed each half term and during induction for the above purpose. If you are concerned about this please speak to one of our tutors at or before enrolment.**