

BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY EQUINE EXCELLENCE PATHWAY

This is the first professional teaching qualification awarded within the equestrian industry. The course can be taken as a Sixth Form Option. 72 UCAS Points are awarded for completion of the BHS Stage 3 Coach assessment. In order to gain this qualification, candidates must pass the following assessments:

BHS Stage 1- Ride and/or Care

BHS - Ridesafe

BHS Stage 2 – Ride and/or Care + Lunge and/or Teach

BHS Stage 3 – Ride (dressage + jump) and/or Care + Lunge and/or Teach

BHS Stage 4 – Ride (dressage + jump) and/or Care & Management + Lunge and/or Teach

BHS Stage 5 – Ride (dressage + jump) and/or Care & Management + Lunge and/or Teach

Programme of Exams:

Lower Sixth (Year 12)	Autumn Term – Stage 1	Min age 14 – Junior/Gold BHS Membership required for exams
	Spring Term – Stage 2 & Ridesafe	Min age 16yrs Min age 11yrs
	First Aid Course	Min age 16yrs
	Summer Term – Stage 3	Min age 17yrs if up to standard or pupil has Pony Club 'B' test
Upper Sixth (Year 13)	Autumn Term – Stage 3 Child Protection Course	If not taken in Lower Sixth Min age 18yrs

All examinations are practically based and assessed by a nationally recognised team of BHS Assessors.

These examinations require a natural aptitude towards riding and an interest in teaching as well as considerable dedication. Pupils need to be 17 years of age to take the BHS Stage 3, and 18 to take the Stage 3 Teach and Child Protection. Courses are tailored to suit the individual pupil but as a general guide they will need to attend lessons for five to six terms to have gained all the information and skills required. Each pupil on the course will receive 6 sessions per week to include riding lessons, stable management and teaching practise to cover all aspects of the syllabus. It is important, therefore, that pupils account for this time when considering their other 'A' level choices.

Whilst having your own horse at Millfield is not a requirement, it is an advantage to keep riding and training every day. If your horse is at livery at Millfield we request that pupils take their horses home during the holidays to continue competing to keep their riding levels up.

We recommend that pupils entering Millfield at Year 9, 10 or 11 who intend to participate in the course, should become (or remain) members of their 'home' Pony Club in order to achieve Pony Club 'B' test. This will reduce the work load when they reach Sixth Form.

Pupils will be charged for Examination Fees, BHS Membership and transport to/from Assessments.

The course is taught by Stage 4/5 Senior or Performance Coaches.

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Further information can also be found on www.bhs.org.uk