

TURN YOUR PASSION FOR HORSES INTO A REWARDING CAREER



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Our Foundation Course is the ideal place to start your career in racing. Whether you have some experience of riding and horses, or are a complete beginner, the British Racing School's Foundation Course is the perfect stepping-stone to turn your passion for horses into a rewarding career working with some of the finest equine athletes on the planet.

The Course is for 16-24 year olds, lasts for around 18 months and is split into two parts as follows:

- **Level 1 Diploma** which takes place at the British Racing School over 18 weeks and
- **Level 2 Equine Groom Apprenticeship** where we will help find you a full-time paid job working in a racing yard where you can continue your training and begin your apprenticeship, fully supported by The British Racing School.

QUALIFICATIONS

As well as your Level 1 Diploma and Level 2 Apprenticeship, you will also gain the following skills and qualifications:

- Emergency First Aid Certificate
- Level 3 Award in the Principles of Transporting horses by road
- Functional skills in Maths and English if you do not already have a level 4 or above in these at GCSE

WHO IS THE FOUNDATION COURSE FOR?

- 16-24 year olds
- No experience necessary
- No academic qualifications needed – however, if you do not have a level 4 or above in Maths and English at GCSE you will take these subjects as functional skills whilst on the course with us.
- We do have a weight limit of 11 stone (70kg) for the Foundation Course for horse welfare reasons. If you are over 5'11 and weigh more than 11 stone, please contact us to discuss possible options.

HOW MUCH DOES THE FOUNDATION COURSE COST?

If you are a UK resident, the cost of the Level 1 course is £950

We also offer a bursary to help cover some of the costs for young people from low-income households.



ABOUT THE COURSE

The Foundation Course is split into two parts:

Level 1 Diploma - at the British Racing School

The Level 1 Diploma in work-based Horse Care and Riding (Racing) is an 18 week residential course at the British Racing School. You'll live at the school and our expert coaches will teach you all the skills you need, from stable management to riding racehorses, helping you develop a solid foundation in all aspects of horse care and racing.

Level 2 Apprenticeship - on placement in a racing yard

At the end of your Level 1 we will help you get an apprenticeship at a racing yard where you will get on-the-job experience and be a paid employee as you work towards your Level 2 Equine Groom Apprenticeship. As well as a mentor to help you at the yard, you'll also be assigned a dedicated workplace instructor who will regularly visit you in the workplace to check in on how you're getting on and support you in anyway they can.

Throughout the entire programme, which lasts around 18 months, you'll be supported by the brilliant team at the British Racing School.

Living at the British Racing School

During the Level 1 Foundation Course you'll be living at the British Racing School in Newmarket, CB8 7NU. All of our students live in the hostel where you will share a room with another student and there are separate corridors for the girls' and boys' accommodation. There is a common room to relax in during the evenings and breaks with a TV, pool table, as well as toasters, a microwave and somewhere to keep your snacks. There are also lockers for all your kit.



This is an example of a typical day on the Level 1 Foundation Course

6.30am	Morning Stables	4pm	Evening stables
8.30am	Breakfast	5pm	Snack
9am	Riding / Fitness / Functional skills*	5.45pm	Evening activity
1pm	Lunch	7pm	Dinner
2pm	Yard duties	7.30pm	Block Jobs
3pm	Lecture programme		

*as required

COURSES IN 2026

Start Date	Duration	Course
7th April 2026	18 weeks	396
11th May 2026	18 weeks	397
15th June 2026	18 weeks	398
24th Aug 2026	18 weeks	399
14th Sept 2026	18 weeks	400
28th Sept 2026	18 weeks	401
26th Oct 2026	18 weeks	402



START YOUR JOURNEY TODAY

We have courses starting throughout the year so if you're ready to pursue your passion for horses and explore a career in the racing industry, start your journey today by applying. We recommend you apply 6-8 months ahead of when you'd like to join.

1. Complete the online application form by going to brs.org.uk/course/foundation-course/
2. You'll then be invited to an assessment day at the British Racing School where there will be:

- a. A welcome talk from one of the BRS team and a tour of the yard and facilities.
- b. A fitness assessment which we will need you to pass
- c. A maths and English assessment.
- d. An informal interview with one of the team to find out why you'd like to apply



For more information or help with your application please contact us  01638 675905  careers@brs.org.uk