



CHESTON FARM EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

CHESTON EQUESTRIAN LEARNING & CAREERS CLUB

What Is the CELC ?

A real learning and working experience opportunity at a commercial riding school getting involved in all aspects of horse care and riding. The club is an unpaid experience for just 1-2 responsible and capable youngsters who have already shown themselves proficient around safe and quiet CFEC horses. Attendees have two options:

1. Full time: You must be able to come regularly on a set day to work/train as a team supervised by our excellent staff who are all undergoing/have BHS qualifications
2. Irregular : You attend on an occasional or short term basis to gain some experience but unable to commit to regular days. A fee remains payable for this option.

Who is it for?

Ambitious, fit, strong and committed young people with a serious interest in training to work with horses as a career. This is not a 'Saturday Club' but for those who may have outgrown that experience. You will need to be prepared for taking responsibility, communicating and dealing with customers. You also need to be very confident around horses. Your riding skills need to be substantial to take part.

Why is CELC a good opportunity?

Whilst you help us on our busiest of days by being part of our team of staff, we help you get a real toe in the door of the equestrian industry. You will learn lots and realise how much more you need to learn to succeed. We show you the fun side and the hard graft. You will get a feel for a real horse business environment. If you need to know if the horse industry is for you, this will help you decide! As you progress, you may obtain qualifications such as the Riding School Assistant certificate, BHS Riding and Road Safety, BHS Stage 1.

Requirements of CELC Members

Attendees must already be able to show solid basic skills such as tie up, groom and tack up a horse and be confident and capable riders able to canter in open order in a group setting. They will likely join in a hack or a group lesson (perhaps both) during their day and may access competition opportunities on other days when we can accommodate you.

Strength and fitness is paramount as the physical side of the job is considerable. We are also keen to have committed attendees who expect to be able to come every week on their set day and often our careers club members choose to come 1-2 days during school holidays. This gives them opportunities to join in with other activities such as competing in Tuesday dressage or show jumping. We also have top class trainers visiting on Tuesdays and they may be able to observe or often join in.

You will also help with all aspects of caring for the horses from mucking out to treating injuries and you can get involved with our younger riders helping with Pony Club activities or even learning how to lead an activity.

Qualifications available to you via the Club

In the short term, you will be able to access various casual qualifications which will enhance your CV and show your commitment to learning new things and achieving. We deliver the BHS Riding School Assistant qualification as well as BHS Progressive Riding Tests.



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If you are seriously committed, we can even train you towards BHS Stage (career) exams or consider you for a future apprenticeship role with us.

Summary

- Age : 14-18 (and assessed as experienced and competent)
- Initial Costs: £40 per day during a 4 week probation (and for the 'irregular' commitment.)
- Regular commitment following passing your probation targets = £30. Fee then will decrease with increase in skills and responsibilities and achievements of your goals and then we may even pay you when you are really good!
- Hours 8am – 5pm with 1 hour lunch. (bring your own lunch – kettle/microwave here)
- Casual and more formal qualifications can be achieved
- The Club includes care/riding/training, option to enter extra clinics and competitions and train towards BHS exams, paid work may become available when the appropriate age and experience is attained.
- Previous and highly dedicated CELC members have been put in for and had BHS exams paid for and been offered occasional and regular paid work and now even work full time in apprenticeship employment.

If you want to know more, you need to come and discuss with Sophie the options available and what your motivation is for coming to join CELC. Please call us to discuss.

Speak to Sophie on 01364 649461



Club graduate and now our new apprentice, Shannon Gribbins, riding Cheston horses at the yard and at Red Post Show Jumping

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