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**Information, advice
and guidance**

Learning from Racing

From its Racing to School programme, where children attend racecourses, to its innovative online education tool for the classroom, Racing is at the forefront of providing educational programmes and boasts some of the strongest activities envied by many other sports and corporations.

The world of racing offers so many ways to enhance learning. The racecourse as a venue offers opportunities to explain maths, literacy and science in real life situations and many children benefit greatly from this hands on learning experience.

RaceDay Online

The British Horseracing Authority has developed a FREE online education resource to be used in schools. RaceDay aims to engage 11-16 year olds in different aspects of horseracing and promotes the wider range of career opportunities within the industry.



It is an engaging interactive online resource allowing students and teachers to explore the industry within the context of Enterprise Education. All the activity and information is closely linked to the objectives of Enterprise Education in England, Scotland and Wales. Areas of learning include marketing, operations management, decision-making, leadership and financial management.

The resource is split into five training zones and culminates in a highly interactive game where students run a raceday from the point of view of a racecourse manager and racehorse owner or trainer. With teaching notes available it is easy to use and offers a great opportunity for real life learning. Its structure means that it can be delivered as a one-off activity or over a complete term, to a range of ability levels.

The resource can be accessed through www.britishhorseracing.com/racedayforschools

Racing To School

The Racing to School education programme, run by the British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust, introduces young people to the racing industry and addresses educational needs. It gives them an opportunity to consider the sport as both a leisure pursuit and career opportunity, whilst at the same time enhancing and enriching their studies. This is achieved through the use of real life, stimulating and innovative activities covering a wide range of National Curriculum areas. Since it started in 2000, the programme has enjoyed rapid expansion, with over 10,000 schoolchildren a year now taking part in the programme.

This FREE programme delivers educational activities for groups of pupils and students in the 4 – 18 age range. Extensive coverage of the National Curriculum is provided, with the opportunity to design specific activities to meet the needs of individual schools and colleges. The core subjects of maths, literacy and science are easily linked to the horseracing industry and are delivered through a variety of activities.

The activities are normally delivered on a racecourse, whenever possible on a race day, on a date agreed with the individual school. The programme is available nationally.

For more information visit www.racingtoschool.co.uk or call BHEST on 01638 560743.



The Prince's Trust

The British Horseracing Authority has joined forces with The Prince's Trust in a joint programme as part of the Trust's Sport United Scheme. With over one million young people not in work, education or training in the UK, the Prince's Trust helps disadvantaged young people to overcome their barriers and gain the confidence, skills and motivation to get back into work, education or training.

Racing Experience Days have been created to enable students to gain behind the scenes access to see the different jobs that make up a day at the races. The days support the Trust's Team programme run in schools nationwide for pupils in years 10-11

who are at risk of truancy and underachievement.



A new week long initiative, Get Started, is currently under development which will give young people a more in depth look at racing and inspire them to take the first step to increase their confidence, skills and employability with a view to entering further education or work.

How to get involved

The diversity of the sport and industry means there are many opportunities for schools to work with the industry to address educational needs. There are national opportunities, but they vary from region to region.

As well as the Racing to School programme, the 60 racecourses can provide a range of activities depending on the size of their businesses. They can range from experience days involving behind the scenes on a raceday, project work linked to the National Curriculum, activities linked to environmental, creativity, and business skills, to work experience.

Other educational activities can be supported through our specialist training colleges and other centres. These activities are regularly updated.

For more information on what is available or who to contact visit www.careersinracing.com



Why Racing?

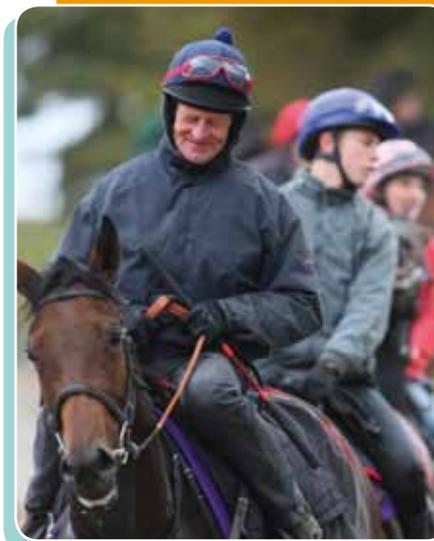
The racing industry offers a wide range of jobs and it often surprises people to see how large and diverse an industry it is. Excellent training and support are available to all and as such it represents a fantastic opportunity for any young person.

Size of industry

The common bond that joins many people who work in the industry is a real passion for both horses and the sport of horseracing.

The racing industry supports significant levels of employment in many different sectors, with the core of the industry sustaining over 24,000 full and part time jobs.

- Over 9,500 full time and around 7,400 part time employees are involved in the production and training of horses.
- Over 400 full time jockeys.
- Over 550 licensed trainers of racehorses.



- The racecourses employ over 1800 full time staff, with numerous additional staff employed on a raceday.
- Raceday employees equate to 2,500 full time equivalent jobs, and in excess of 5,000 people can work on course at the largest meetings.
- Other key bodies in racing that employ people include The Racecourse Association, The Jockey Club, and Weatherbys.

Job types

'Not your typical job' is perhaps a good way to describe all jobs in horseracing, whether working directly with horses or in an office. The variety of jobs available really does make the racing industry one that has a job for everyone of all abilities.

Key practical roles that involve looking after horses might be at racehorse training yards or breeding studs. Previous experience, whilst desirable is not necessary for entry onto the training schemes at the British Racing School, Northern Racing College or National Stud.

Further non-office based roles are also available at racecourses, and would include such roles as groundstaff responsible for turf husbandry to hospitality and catering roles.

In all of these practical roles there is a great deal of scope for ongoing training and career progression.

For graduates, and those that are interested in working in more of an office environment there are roles ranging from racing secretary to management roles at racecourses. All professional fields are required within the industry and racing is keen to attract the best accountants, marketers, and human resource managers to name just a few. For many seeking graduate careers it is a fantastic way to combine their academic achievements with working in an equine and sporting focused industry.



Training

The industry has two dedicated racing schools which are centres of excellence; The British Racing School based in Newmarket and the Northern Racing College based in Doncaster both of which offer fantastic FREE apprenticeship training for 16-19 year olds. No prior experience of horse riding is necessary. Both training establishments are recognised by government educational bodies as having some of the highest achievement levels within the land-based sector.

The National Stud also has specialist training for those interested in working in the stud world, which offers opportunities for working with horses without having to ride as part of the job.

Students are offered superb accommodation and help in finding jobs at the end of their course. The apprenticeships are also underpinned by a life skills programme aimed at enhancing the students' personal development. This programme covers anything from cookery and nutrition, finances, personal and sexual health as well as drug and alcohol awareness.

Other training providers include Haddon Training and Warwickshire College who both offer more work based learning opportunities, Warwickshire also offer Higher Education opportunities in horseracing.

For those who plan to go to university, the British Horseracing Authority has an exciting and well-established Graduate Scheme which sees around 20 graduates a year go through a two week programme followed by placements in the industry. Around 80% of the graduates attending this programme go on to work in the industry. Over the years graduates have gone on to some of the top jobs in the industry. Further case studies are provided on www.careersinracing.com





British Racing School

The British Racing School is a Centre of Excellence for training in the racing industry based in Newmarket, the headquarters of racing in England. They provide a whole range of different courses and training for those looking to get started working with racehorses through to advanced training for jockeys and racehorse trainers. They have state of the art purpose built training facilities.

For more information: www.brs.org.uk

Northern Racing College

Based just outside Doncaster and in the grounds of Rossington Hall, the NRC offers the same high level of training and support for those wishing to enter the industry. Like the BRS they provide training for those who want to work with racehorses to advanced training for staff, jockeys and trainers. They are also able to offer a limited number of free apprenticeship places for students with other equine qualifications to prepare them for the racing workplace.

For more information: www.northernracingcollege.co.uk

National Stud

The National Stud's courses are designed for people who have a passion for horses and an interest in the Thoroughbred racing and breeding industries. The Stud provides a variety of courses, many of which are free, aimed at those wishing to enter into a career in the stud world. For many people that do not wish to ride this is a fantastic route in the racing world.

**For more information:
www.nationalstud.co.uk**



Welfare & Support

The racing industry has a strong support structure and takes its responsibility for those that work within it very seriously. It is the British Horseracing Authority's role as the governing body to ensure the continued health and successful development of the sport and it's people. It works with many associations and organisations to provide a good infrastructure for young people.

Compared to many other jobs working hands-on with horses, racing has a defined and well structured benefits package. Further information is provided on the careers in racing website.

Safeguarding

The British Horseracing Authority and the racing industry are committed to creating a safe and positive environment for all young people to participate in the sport. It accepts its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of all young people and vulnerable adults.

As a result, it expects all individuals and organisations in the industry to play a role in supporting this philosophy. Our racing schools have a sound support system backed up by a number of key organisations. These organisations enable the support to extend beyond their early career, and provide wider support for all staff in the industry across a variety of jobs.



Support Organisations

Racing Welfare

Racing Welfare is the Jockey Club's charity. They provide help and support for all people who work or have worked in the racing industry. Racing Welfare is there to help and support the often unsung heroes of the racing industry in times of need. Part of their service provides a network of welfare officers who visit the workplace on a regular basis, a 24 hour helpline and a counselling service.

The Injured Jockeys Fund

Since 1964 the Injured Jockeys Fund has provided medical, financial and pastoral care, to jockeys (their spouses, or dependants) who have suffered through injury. There is no time or financial limit to this care which is there for as long as is necessary.

National Association of Stable Staff

NASS is the independent certificated Trade Union for Stable Staff. It is funded from a percentage of the Stable Staff Prize Money and thereby not only represents its members but is also required to give advice, guidance and representation to all Stable Staff who have problems. Membership of NASS is free.

Jockeys Employment Training Scheme

JETS is a scheme designed to help Jockeys who hold, or who have held race riding licenses in the UK. By offering career development advice their aim is to get jockeys to recognise and fulfil their potential by helping them develop lifelong career plans.



More information

To find out more visit the careersinracing.com website for detailed information on careers, training and job opportunities. We also offer the following opportunities on a regular basis:

Careers Advisor Days

Teachers and Careers advisors can join the careersinracing team on a day at the races where you can get a behind the scenes tour of the racecourse, talk directly with the training providers and experts on the opportunities available in the racing industry.

Taster Days at Racing Schools

The racing schools both offer regular taster days to give students and parents an opportunity to look around the facilities and find out more about the career prospects and training available. Ensure you keep your students up to date with these opportunities. A typical taster day looks at the training the students undertake at the schools, the qualifications and the many career paths that the industry offers.

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