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**BHS APPROVED RIDING AND TRAINING SCHOOL**  
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### The CFH Futures Programme

Starting this summer, we're offering three young people the opportunity to train with us, every Saturday: working on our yard, then receiving care sessions and a group lesson at the end of each day. This scheme is designed for young people (aged 14 to 18) who would like to receive industry qualifications, but cannot afford the training to do so.

By the end of the programme, which runs from September 2019 to June 2020, participants will have the necessary work experience and training to successfully take the British Horse Society Stage 1 exam (if they so wish). The BHS Stage 1 is the first step on the BHS Excellence Pathway (a series of qualifications that aims to train riders, grooms and instructors to the highest possible standard) and is the best foundation for a career in the equine industry.

In order to get a place on the programme, applicants must fill in the written form attached below and return it to us (either by email or in the post) by no later than Monday 3rd June 2019. Shortlisted candidates will then attend a week's worth of training during the summer holidays (free of charge), so that they can meet the team and experience yard work for themselves, before committing to the 10 month programme.

The terms and conditions of the programme itself are as follows:

- **Participants must be between the ages of 14 and 18**
- **Participants must have 80% attendance on the programme in order to remain on it.** Holidays/days-off may be pre-booked, and sick days are of course occasionally expected, but those with less than 80% attendance risk losing their place on the programme.
- **Participants must complete the one week's training with us,** regardless of previous experience.
- **Participants must be respectful to and willing to learn from all members of staff, and follow all instructions,** as they are often given to ensure the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horses on the yard.



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| Name           |  |
| Date of birth  |  |
| Home address   |  |
| Postcode       |  |
| Contact number |  |
| Email address  |  |

Why do you think you deserve a place on the programme?

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What kind of equestrian career would you like to have in the future? (e.g. instructor, groom, competitor, etc.) Why is this?

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Do you have any previous experience with horses? (Having no experience does not necessarily prevent you from receiving a place on the programme - this question allows us to gauge the amount of training you will need in order to be up to yard standards)