

A photograph of three riders on horses in an indoor riding arena. The riders are wearing dark riding attire and helmets. The horses are dark-colored with some white markings. The arena has a sandy floor and wooden walls with slatted windows. The lighting is bright, coming from overhead fixtures.

Interested in an Apprenticeship?

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Equine

If you wish to follow a professional career in the horse industry, the quality of facilities and high calibre of staff at our Kirkley Hall campus will give you an excellent start.

Our enthusiastic and passionate team lies at the heart of our success in equine studies.

Our equine facilities include a 25 horse stable yard, eight horse DIY livery yard for student horses, two 60x30m outdoor all weather arenas and a brand new 50x25m indoor riding arena.

Other facilities include a horse walker, weighbridge, solarium, gait analysis facilities and indoor demonstrating barns. We have two floodlit all-weather surface arenas suitable for dressage and show jumping and a cross country course comprising of 12 solid fences and a mixture of portable fences, which considerably enhances our students' learning environment.

Students will experience a variety of equine related visits and trips and compete in national inter college competitions. We have a large variety of horses on loan, complemented by a small core of college owned horses.

We now offer non-riding routes through all of our equine courses for those with horse experience but with little or no riding experience. Our Equine Academy provides an opportunity for extra training towards competitions and BHS exams for those who wish to be further challenged and have suitable prior experience.

The Kirkley Hall One Day Event provides an excellent opportunity for all students to get involved in the running of a big equestrian event in addition to the programme of dressage and jumping shows which take place throughout the year.

Career opportunities...

Groom, livery yard manager, equine product sales and various specialist equine roles including equine dentistry are just some of the careers our past students have gone on to enjoy.

Equine courses

Entry Level 2 and 3 - Certificate in Skills for Life Land Based (Animals)

Code LBI0237P / LBI0238P **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you want to develop core skills within an equine environment to work towards progression to a level 1 course. You will study units including horse feeding and accommodation, preparation for work, Functional Skills and personal social development.

Entry requirements

You don't need any formal qualifications to join the course but you should have an interest in working with horses.

Level 2 - Apprenticeship Equine

Code LBI0133P **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you work in the equine industry and want to develop your skills and gain a qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D in English and maths, or a relevant level 1 qualification and be employed in the industry.

Level 3 - Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma / Extended Diploma in Horse Management

Code LBI0103F / LBI0241F / LBI0025F **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you would like to develop your knowledge, understanding and practical skills in equine. You will study units including horse husbandry, stable skills, equestrian teaching and event management.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English or maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification. You will need a good standard of riding experience if you take the riding option.

Level 1 - Diploma in Land Based Studies (Horse Care)

Code LBI0240F **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you want to begin learning about horse care and work towards progression to a level 2 course. You will study units including safe working practices, animal health and wellbeing and handling and restraint.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade F or above, or a relevant entry level qualification.

Level 2 - Diploma in Horse Care

Code LBI0128F **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you would like an introduction into the career opportunities available in equine and to work towards progression to a level 3 course.

Entry requirements



You should have two GCSEs at grade D or a relevant level 1 qualification. You will need riding experience if you take the riding option.

Level 3 - Advanced Apprenticeship Equine

Code LBI0134P **Location** Kirkley Hall

Ideal if... you work in equine and want to develop your skills and gain a higher level qualification.

Entry requirements



You should have four GCSEs at grade C or above, including English and maths, or a relevant level 2 qualification and be employed in the equine industry.