

Why try Riding?

Equestrian Sport at Millfield covers different disciplines - show jumping, dressage, eventing and polo. With the potential to stable up to 60 horses in the heart of the campus and excellent facilities, riders are able to train throughout the school day.



Who can do it?

Riding is available to students as a Games option. Students may bring their own horses to school or in certain cases, when available, school horses can be loaned to help develop riding skills. Full-time riders are expected to ride six days per week and are encouraged to participate in competitions.

Coaching is delivered to the highest level by our experienced coaches, led by Danny Anholt, fellow of the British Horse Society, with regular clinics delivered by discipline-specific guest coaches. Coaching sessions are available 7am-6pm. Riding tuition is also available for students who have had limited riding experience. All in-house riding coaches are British Horse Society qualified.



Recent Highlights

- Year 11 student, Tara Kay, selected for 2021 British Eventing Pony Development Squad
- Highest number of BHS assessments taken in five years
- Riding trip to South Africa



Looking forward

- Redesign of the equestrian programme to focus on the all-round athlete
- Offering riders competition experience both on site and at external venues



High performance

The Millfield Equestrian programme supplements the in-house coaching with regular clinics held by internationally renowned trainers. These include the Youth Performance Coaches for eventing, showjumping and dressage. Students work with the coaches to produce an IDP to identify goals and competition requirements. Video analysis, performance profiling and strength and conditioning sessions are incorporated into the rider's programme.

Caitlin has been riding with Danny Anholt at Millfield for four years. She was selected to compete for GB in the International competition at CDIJYP Leudelange, Luxembourg in July 2019.



This season, Bronte has been competing at Pony Trials and 2** with horse Cuffesgrange Lord Admiral. She competed at the British National Pony Championships in June 2019. Next season, her aim is to get on the Pony European Team representing GB.

Success stories and future stars



Image by Sophie Taylor

Tara Kay has begun a campaign towards national and international competition after being selected for the 2021 British Eventing Pony Development Squad. Tara's dream is to become a professional rider and to compete at the very highest level for Great Britain at an Olympics or Badminton Horse Trials.



Freddie and horse Dunluce Rolling Thunder qualified to compete at Brand Hall for the 11th National Pony Championships. They represented GB and placed fourth in the Pony European Team in Lincolnshire.