

Trent Park Equestrian Centre



TRAINING AND INFORMATION PACK
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Trent Park Equestrian Centre (TPEC) is situated in North London within the 800 acre Trent Country Park. The centre lies between the countryside counties of Middlesex and Hertfordshire but is still only 12 miles from Central London.

TPEC is just 10 minutes drive from junction 24 of the M25. There is a main bus route on the doorstep and Oakwood Underground Station (Piccadilly Line- 40 mins to central London) 800yds away. The shopping centres of Enfield, Southgate, Cockfosters and Oakwood are all within a five minute bus ride.

The Facilities

- Stabling for 110 horses
 - Two indoor schools (220ftx80ft & 220ftx60ft) with 'soft track' surfaces, one international sized.
 - Outdoor dressage school (180ftx60ft) with equi-rubber surface.
 - Outdoor pony school (60ftx50ft) with sand surface.
 - Horse walker
 - Cross country course
 - Full set of BSJA Jumps
 - 800 acres of off road hacking
 - Gallery and Café
 - Self contained, centrally heated student accommodation.
 - Fully equipped student lecture room.
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The Working Pupil Course

TPEC is a BHS exam centre of Excellence. It has exam status up to Stage IV and is listed in the BHS manual of 'Where to train'.

We train working pupils from Stage I to IV. We accept working pupils at any stage of their training and the centre prides itself on being able to evaluate pupils strong and weak points, giving extra help in their weaker areas.

In return for working, students receive 4 taught riding hours and 4 stable management lectures per week, free centrally heated accommodation, weekend lunches and a weekly allowance. They have every Monday and one weekend in six off.

Students are expected to do some home study in the evenings using their own books. This is essential if students wish to progress through their exams. There is always extra help and support available for students who are having problems with topics. Students are also encouraged to seek help from one another.

Stationary and reference books must be provided by the student, some can be purchased at discount from the centre.

Providing an all round equine education for our students is extremely important to us. For the devoted student there are opportunities to compete and to work with young horses and ponies. Students may be given projects, for example they are given a horse to work with to achieve a particular goal.

At Trent Park we believe that the effort you put in determines the result you get. We have found that students who work hard in all aspects of their work and training will work well through their exams as practical experience is so important.

The Day Plan

The day plan from Tuesday to Friday

07.00	Breakfast
08.00	Start. Morning yards- Mucking out etc.
09.00	Grooming and preparing horse for morning lessons. 10 mins for coffee and to change clothes if necessary
10.00	Morning lessons and lectures.
12.00	Staff lesson
13.00	Lunch

14.15	Lunch finished. Prepare horses for afternoon lessons and start odd jobs.
14.30	Afternoon lessons begin
15.00	Start afternoon yards- skipping out, haying etc.
16.00	20 min break
16.30	Lessons and preparing horses for evening lessons
17.30	Putting horses to bed. Water yards and tidy tack rooms.
18.30	Finish

All students must work one late night per week from 19.15 to 20.45
and there is a weekend late water rota.

On weekends students start at 07.00 and finish at 17.00, with breaks at different times than in the week. At weekends the focus is on the customers and their development through lessons and escorted hacks. The students are required to participate and assist with these and it is a vital part of their training to see how a commercial yard runs.

07.00 Start. Morning yards- mucking out etc.

08.00 Breakfast

08.40 Yard work and teaching.

10.00 Break

10.20 Yard work and teaching.

12.45 Lunch (provided by the centre

13.20 Yard work and teaching

17.30 Finish

18.30 Late water checks, done on a Rota basis.

NVQ Courses

NVQ's are National Vocational Qualifications. These are government sponsored qualifications, recognised nationwide by employers.

TPEC, in partnership with Keits work to develop the students progress through the NVQ levels 2 and 3 in horse care.

The NVQ consists of 6 fixed units (3 parts to each unit) and one optional unit. At TPEC the optional unit is the riding section however if riding section however if riding becomes difficult, another subject may be chosen.

Students are not obliged to take the NVQ, however it is an extremely valuable qualification to have and training runs concurrently with that for BHS qualifications. For many people the format for the NVQ is preferable as it is a continuous assessment rather than one final exam, like the BHS qualifications. We have found that the two courses compliment one another, reinforcing the knowledge of the subjects covered.

Clothing Requirements For WP Courses

- Riding Helmet- PAS 015 or equivalent safety standard
 - 2 whips (jumping/ dressage)
 - 4-5 pairs of jodhpurs or breeches (one pair beige)
 - Yard trousers (for mucking out)
 - Plain fleeces and t-shirts (some will be provided following a probationary period)
 - Long riding boots for staff lessons and exams
 - Short boots and half chaps for yard work
 - Body protector
 - Waterproofs (including trousers)
 - Ski trousers in a dark colour
 - Grooming kit
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- Casual wear
- 2 sets of bed linen and a duvet and pillow
- Towels
- Toiletries and soap powder
- Own TV and radio and any other personal belongings required (storage space is limited)
- Mugs, plates and cooking utensils that you need, though accomodation is stocked
- NO PETS

Clothing Requirements BHS *Exams*

- Black/ Navy jockey skull cap or hat up to current safety standard
 - Hairnet (females)
 - Long black boots (ideally leather) or sg=hort boots with matching leather gaiters
 - Beige breeches/ jodhpurs
 - Tweed hacking jacket
 - Dark gloves
 - White shirt and tie to match hat
 - Dressage and jumping whips
 - Body protector
 - If candidates do not have these clothes then with advance notice the can probably be borrowed
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