

# COUNTRY FARM STUD LTD

Craven  
college



- WORK-BASED LEARNING DIPLOMAS
- NVQ COURSES
- EDUCATIONAL VISITS



**Country Farm Stud (CFS)** has been established for 20 years and has grown from a small family run stud to one of the largest Sports Horse Stud Farms in the UK. Positive referrals from satisfied customers have fuelled this growth. Owned and managed by Equine Lecturer Karen Raine (BHS Int SM, NVQ Assessor, Specialised Breeding & Performance Horse Assessor and A.I. Technician), CFS is an approved NVQ education and training centre with excellent facilities. The Blue Cross Animals in Education Award has been awarded for excellent care, facilities and the use of horses in the training of students.

## **WORK BASED LEARNING**

All current research shows that employers value Work-based Qualifications. CFS works closely with industry to ensure that students are equipped to be strong candidates in the job market.

## **STUDENTS & APPRENTICES**

The opportunities for real life hands-on experience in the yard are vast. Work-based Diplomas (NVQ) are offered at Level 2 and 3 with options of:

- Riding
- Breeding
- Youngstock Training
- Care of the Competition Horse

## **TRAINING STUDENT PLACES**

Work-based Diploma courses (NVQ) Level 2 & 3 are offered through Craven College. Please note the whole qualification is delivered at CFS. These courses are usually fully funded and therefore free.

Both part-time and full-time options are available, thus allowing for commuting distance if required. All courses are roll-on, roll-off, therefore start dates are flexible throughout the year. Each student has their own specific individual learning plan to enable individualised targets and timescales to be set.

**Apprenticeships** - Occasionally Level 3 Advanced Apprentice places are available.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

The following Work Experience opportunities are available:

- Equine, Veterinary and Vet Nursing work experience. From one week to whole summer placements
- Overseas student accommodation can be provided
- School Placements

## WHY CHOOSE COUNTRY FARM STUD?

You will study in a real working environment to back up theory – you will actually foal a mare, load horses into their wagons and groom them to County Show level.

CFS is a well-renowned stud with great reputation which is good for your CV and can lead to good jobs in the equine industry in the UK and abroad. Previous students have been offered the following employment in the following areas:

- Barn Managers in Australia
- Jobs in the thorough-bred breeding industry in USA
- Competition Grooms on the Sunshine Tour
- Head Girl/Boy posts in breeding, showing, eventing and show jumping yards



## SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DAYS

Bespoke days and visits can be organised for the following:-

- Schools and colleges
- Equine or Veterinary Nursing students
- Practical sessions for any experience level eg practical sessions on stallion management, semen collection & processing, dummy mare training, STI's and testing, faecal egg counting, foaling, mare and foal handling A.I. pregnancy scanning, backing and schooling
- Theory sessions in our classroom which can include underpinning knowledge on any of the subjects covered in practice

*"I began as an apprentice to Country Farm Stud after spending a year at college and deciding it was not for me. I gained NVQ Level 2 and 3, followed by extending my experience to become a show groom and head girl. I can't put a price on the experience and knowledge I have learned from Karen. It was a truly unique experience that I wouldn't change or have missed for the world!"*

**Nancy Dunn**

*"What a fantastic visit to Country Farm Stud today. The Equine Foundation Degree students from Craven College really enjoyed themselves and have come away with a wealth of knowledge to boot! Many thanks to Karen and the team, and I look forward to our next visit."*

**Danielle Fox**

*"I completed my NVQ level 2 and 3 Work-based Diploma at Country Farm Stud. The wide range of experience and training I gained whilst working with Karen has enabled me to go on to work at some of the top yards in the country. If you are looking for a starting block in the equine industry, I cannot recommend a better place."*

**Camille Best**

## **CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE COURSES AND AVAILABILITY.**

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