



## Riding Club

### Heanor Gate Science College



If you are interested in joining the riding club – please fill out the questionnaire below

Name	
Age	
Class	
Parent/Carer	
Emergency contact number	
Email	
Horse's name	
Horse's age	
Horse's height	
Own transport	Yes / No
Location of horse	
Discipline	Dressage / Show Jumping / Arena Eventing
Biggest riding achievement	
Description of level you are riding at – e.g. height of courses, level of dressage etc.	



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Dear Parent/Carer

Your daughter/son has expressed an interest in joining the new Heanor Gate Science College Riding Club. This club is for all students at Heanor Gate Science College who have a horse/pony they can compete with, have access to transport, and have riding/competition experience.

We have asked the students to fill out a questionnaire to express interest and we are planning on holding the first training session at Broomfield Equestrian Centre, during half term, to assess the level of interest and experience of the riders.

We then plan to train at Broomfield every other Friday evening; this will mean bringing your own horse/pony and the training will incur a charge to cover the cost of the arena. We hope this will be a minimal amount but may vary depending on the numbers in attendance each week.

Our plan is to compete against other schools at NSEA competitions (see website for more details <http://www.nsea.org.uk/>). We hope to run a dressage team, and a show jump team, depending on interest. There are classes from 40cm to 1m for show jumping and dressage classes are preliminary and they have now introduced arena eventing which are 70cm to 1m. So, hopefully, there will be something for everyone. The teams will be made up of four riders.

The school has agreed to pay the school membership fee, but there is an individual fee to the NSEA of £20 per competitor, which is an annual payment and will need to be paid for by each student. There will also be competition entry fees and we also hope to have some team clothing/numnahs etc. in the future.

We will be looking for more parents to get involved and help with organisation etc. and we hope to appoint a student as the Team Captain.

I (Sally Foskett) am aiming to do most of the training to keep costs down. I hold the BHSII and UKCC Level 3 coaching qualifications and have been coaching riders for over 20 years. I am a BHS accredited professional coach, which means I am fully insured, first aid trained and have a current DBS check.

We might look to invite guest coaches in from time to time to help prepare the riders for competitions. We would also encourage riders to have their own personal insurance when riding as it is classed as a risk sport.

We really hope that this will be a successful new club that will bring new opportunities to the students at Heanor Gate Science College.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact us – please see details below.

Yours sincerely

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