



Curriculum Levels 4 - 6

Level	Theory	Practical	Riding
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Identify parts of the horse (point of hip, hind quarters, gaskin, flank, breast, fetlock, cannon bone, croup, forearm, chestnut and ergot). U Show an understanding of the features required in a paddock for a horse, and how to identify a safe environment. U Identify signs of illness and health in a horse. U Describe and identify different types of saddles, saddle blankets, halters and bridles (including nosebands). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Rug and unrug the horse safely. U Pick out both the front and hind hooves. U Catch, lead and tie the horse, and safely pass another horse. U Demonstrate the correct way to turn out a horse. U Saddle & bridle a horse unassisted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Perform a change of rein at the trot. U Identify the number of strides between two poles at the walk. U Demonstrate the correct position when trotting up and down a hill. U Demonstrate forward seat at the walk and trot.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Understand the pattern of footfalls of the canter (both leads). U Explain when a horse needs to be wormed and how internal parasites should be managed. U Discuss routine vaccination requirements. U Identify different types of wounds and possible causes. U Identify and understand the purpose of specialised equipment – martingales, breastplates, chambon, side reins, draw, check reins. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Adjust a rug to fit the horse. U Sponge or hose a horse appropriately and demonstrate appropriate drying. U Dismantle and clean a saddle, demonstrating knowledge of common areas of wear. U Fit a running martingale. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Walk and trot without stirrups down the long side of the arena. U Ride a figure of 8 at the trot demonstrating the correct trot diagonal. U Identify the number of strides between two poles at the trot. U Demonstrate a canter down the long side of the arena.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Demonstrate a basic understanding of hoof care: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify when a horse needs re-shoeing • Describe the basic shoeing procedure • Recognise farrier's tools U Explain how to care for a stabled horse and a standard stable routine. U Describe common vices of the horse, outlining their causes and possible solutions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Correctly clean and assemble a bridle identifying common areas of wear. U Adjust a bridle to fit the horse. U Safely lead a horse through a gateway and turn out into an occupied field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U Identify both canter leads. U Demonstrate a walk and trot bareback. U Identify the number of strides between two poles (trot and canter) U Demonstrate a 3 loop serpentine at the trot. U Adjust the girth while mounted.