

## Diploma in Stud Practice and Management

The National Stud Diploma provides students with a comprehensive introduction to the Thoroughbred industry. Students work alongside stud staff during the breeding season to hone their practical skills and, through regular yard rotations, gain a full understanding of all aspects of stud work. Students also attend evening lectures that are delivered by industry professionals, providing students with the opportunity to network and make valuable contacts. Lectures cover everything from veterinary practice and stallion selection to marketing and the business elements of stud management.

Students benefit from the stud's domestic and international connections and have regular mentoring sessions to help guide them in the next steps of their careers. In addition to the internationally recognised National Stud Diploma, students also graduate with a Level 3 Certificate in Thoroughbred Stud Practice accredited by 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Sport.

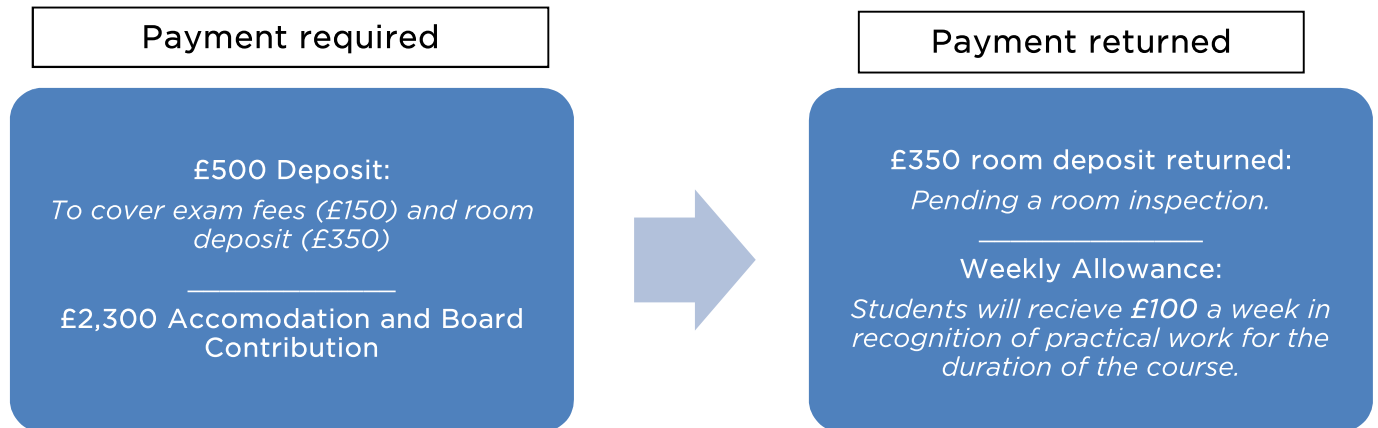
### Format

- Students arrive at the stud for a three day induction prior to the course officially beginning on the following Monday. Full board and lodgings are provided in purpose-built single study bedroom accommodation, all rooms are en suite.
- Students will be assessed via a range of assessment methods during the duration of the course to gain a Level 3 qualification accredited by 1<sup>st</sup>4sport as well as the prestigious National Stud Diploma qualification.
- Tuition during the Diploma course includes attendance at evening lectures covering all aspects of Thoroughbred stud practice, the bloodstock industry, pedigrees and farriery. Lectures are delivered by veterinary experts and industry professionals.
- Students will gain certification in Emergency First Aid and Manual Handling with Health and Safety training also provided.
- In the final weeks of the course, students will have the opportunity to visit leading industry organisations and venues including; the Jockey Club Rooms, Tattersalls, Newmarket Equine Hospital, and Palace House - home of the National Horseracing Museum.

### Points for consideration before applying

- The Diploma course is a five and a half month commitment. Students will be required to work every Saturday morning and every second weekend.
- Students are not permitted to bring their own horse or any other animals on-site during the course.

## Costs



## FAQs

**What are the admission requirements?**

Applicants must be over 18, have practical experience in handling horses (preferably thoroughbreds) and have a passion for the bloodstock industry.

**What is the selection criteria?**

Students are selected by a panel based on interview, previous experience and employer references.

**What three words describe a successful course graduate?**

Hard working, ambitious and dedicated.

**Are students liable for any additional expenses for the duration of the course?**

Students are provided with single occupancy en suite accommodation at Westbrook House for the duration of the course. Three catered meals are provided during the week and brunch on Saturday's. Minibuses and a stud car are provided to transport students around the farm. Any other expenses incurred are covered by the individual.

**Are students required to have their own transport while completing the Course?**

Some students have cars and this does make it easier to get into Newmarket town centre. As referred to above, there are stud vehicles available but these are strictly for use on the farm only.

**Do students have the opportunity to visit other stud farms and industry organisations during the course?**

We arrange several external visits each year and these are usually scheduled in the latter part of the course.

**Is The National Stud near any racecourses?**

The National Stud is located beside Newmarket's Rowley Mile and July courses.

**Is there any financial support available if I cannot afford the fees?**

If required, students can apply for a contribution to fees in the form of a bursary from the Wavertree Education Trust. All applications are means tested, and are a contribution towards fees not the full amount. Bursaries are awarded based on the grounds of eligibility and need by the WET trustees.

**What equipment will I require?**

Successful applicants are required to bring steel toe capped boots, a skull cap and a pair of waterproofs. All other uniform will be provided.

## How to apply

- Application forms can be downloaded from The National Stud's website: [www.nationalstud.co.uk](http://www.nationalstud.co.uk) with interviews held in late summer.
- The Education team can help with any questions regarding the course or your application. Please email: ✉ [students@nationalstud.co.uk](mailto:students@nationalstud.co.uk) or phone: ☎ (0044) 1638-663464.
- Candidates from overseas are welcome to apply but must be aware that they will need to obtain their own visa and international fees will apply, please contact a member of the education team for more details. International students can be interviewed via digital means.

*We look forward to hearing from you!*