

# ST TERESA'S EFFINGHAM

## APPLICATION FOR AN EQUESTRIAN SCHOLARSHIP

(Information for parents of candidates)

A practical assessment will take place at St Teresa's Equestrian Centre in

### October 2025 half-term holiday

Candidates will be notified of the date and time of their assessment

#### **Equestrian Scholarships available:**

A St Teresa's Equestrian Scholarship is awarded to candidates who show their enthusiasm for riding and caring for horses and a willingness to learn. They must also show talent and determination in their chosen discipline.

There are two scholarship opportunities available; one for those who have their own, share or loan pony (the NSEA Scholarship), and one for those who do not currently have access to a horse (the STE Scholarship).

*NSEA Equestrian scholars* must attend a minimum of six training sessions per academic year. This can be either a lesson or another activity at STE such as a Pony Morning or Day Camp, at an NSEA lesson on their own pony, or with their own instructor on their pony where a member of staff can observe.

*STE Scholars* must attend a minimum of six training sessions per academic year, these could be riding lessons, Pony Morning/Afternoon or Day Camp. We also require they do Stable Management lessons with us and complete the minimum of the BHS Silver Challenge Awards.

If awarded an Equestrian Scholarship, candidates are expected to progress in their riding/equine knowledge, be role models and show a positive attitude to people and equines and represent the school in NSEA competitions (NSEA Scholars only). The key characteristics of an equestrian scholar should encompass the following attributes; sportsmanship, teamwork and empathy. Scholars will also have the opportunity to take part in the Sports mentorship program, including attending the Locker 27 sessions; this is provided free by the school.

As part of the application, candidates are required to complete the application form and supply an Equestrian CV, to include their riding history to date, and anything they'd like to say about their future riding plans and aspirations. The CV can be in any format and can include pictures and videos if preferred. We also require a reference from a current or recent Instructor. Candidates will then be invited for an assessment lesson at St Teresa's.

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We will book an assessment over the October half-term, where applicants will be assessed on their ridden and care knowledge capabilities. This will take approximately one and a half hours.

Assessments will include a 30 minute ridden session, either on your own pony or an STE horse. The practical session will include grooming, tacking up and un-tacking for the ridden session and a question and answer session.

**Parents should retain this form.**

