

## 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:**

An Effingham Sixth Form Equestrian Scholarship is awarded to candidates joining Year 12 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 participating or volunteering on a Pony Morning/Afternoon or Day Camp, participating in an NSEA lesson on their own pony, or a lesson with their own instructor on their pony where a member of staff can observe. We also require our NSEA Scholars to attend care training sessions and achieve a minimum of their BHS Silver Challenge Awards.

**STE Equestrian Scholars** must attend a minimum of six training sessions per academic year. These could be riding lessons, and/or participating or volunteering on a Pony Morning/Afternoon or Day Camp. We also require our STE Scholars to attend STE care training sessions and achieve a minimum of their BHS Silver Challenge Awards.

The key characteristics of an Equestrian Scholar should encompass Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Empathy. Successful scholars are expected to progress rapidly in their riding/equine knowledge, be role models and, show a positive attitude to people and equines. NSEA Scholars should represent the school in NSEA competitions.

All Equestrian Scholars will also have the opportunity to take part in the Sports mentorship programme, including attending the Locker 27 sessions; this is provided free by the school.

Year 12 applicants are expected to have a record of competing in one or more discipline (eg dressage, showjumping, JWS/arena eventing).

All 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 photographs and videos. We also require a reference from a current or recent Instructor/Coach. Candidates will then be invited for an assessment session at STE.

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

Assessments will include a 30-40 minute ridden session, either on your own pony or an STE horse. The practical aspects will include grooming, tacking up and un-tacking for the ridden session and a question and answer session on horse care and equestrian life in general.

**Applications must be submitted on Applicaa by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Parents should retain this form.**

