

INDUSTRY: HORSE RACING

ACTIVITY: CAREER INSIGHT & SITE VISIT

SCHOOLS: ALL SCOTTISH BORDERS



## RACING TO WORK

January 2020 saw over 100 Scottish Borders secondary pupils attended 'Racing to Work'. A career insight day held at a live race meeting at Kelso Racecourse. The event organised by DYW Borders in partnership with Scottish Racing Academy and Borders College saw pupils receive taster sessions of different careers within horse racing as well as the chance to see behind the scenes of a real race day.

Kelso Racecourse kindly provide their marquee for activities to be held in. When pupils arrive, they receive a warm welcome from Jonathon Garrett, Managing Director at Kelso Races, along with introductions from Sara Ward from DYW Borders, Eleanor Boden from Scottish Racing Academy and Lynne Gilchrist from Borders College.

After introductions pupils are grouped together to experience different activities. Activities include race card quiz, hospitality with mocktail making, horse care, farrier demonstration, racecourse and site tour and horse equicizer lesson from a national jockey coach.

The day is supported by many industry experts including Brian Harding, retired NH Jockey and now a Jockey Coach; David Merry Farriers; Borders College lecturers, Kelso Racecourse, Racing to School and Scottish Racing Academy. Pupils were also visited by Ryan Mania, Grand National Winning Jockey in 2013, who himself had attended the equine course at Borders College. He inspired and chatted to pupils about routes and the brilliant careers within racing.

The day ended with the pupils being able to watch the horses in the paddock as well as a selection of pupils getting the chance to pick the 'Best Turned Out' in the first race of the day. Later, they had the opportunity to watch the first two races before leaving for the day.

By holding the event on a live race meeting, pupils are able to experience the buzz of the horse racing industry and picture working in it one day.





## SCOTTISH RACING ACADEMY

As well as the activities taking place on the day, the Scottish Racing Academy were excited to launch their new qualification which is being delivered in partnership with Borders College. Courses included the National Progression Award in Racing Yard Routine which pupils can do whilst still at school.

Interested in finding out more about the Scottish Racing Academy  
[www.scottishracingacademy.co.uk](http://www.scottishracingacademy.co.uk)



## HAWICK HIGH NEWS SPECIAL

In 2019, the team of pupils at Hawick High News created a special news report on 'Racing to Work'. They provided clips from the day and interviews with pupils who attended.

Watch here: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=404007070350191>



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