

## JACK EQUINE NORTH FARM STUD

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### Tell us about yourself.

My name Jack and I have just successfully completed my level 3 senior groom riding apprenticeship with KEITS and North Farm Stud. I passed with distinction!

My passion has always been horses. I have been riding since I was 9. I had my first pony Tiny Tim aged 11 and with the help of my local riding school I broke him in to ride and later when I outgrew him I broke him into drive.

I was very lucky that I had the opportunity to complete my level 1 in horse care and riding whilst I was still at school. Once I finished school aged 16 I knew I wanted a career with horses. I then enrolled on a course to complete my Level 2. I was based at North Farm Stud .

Once I passed my level 2 I was still only 17 so I was thinking about what to next . I was very lucky to be offered a Level 3 apprenticeship at North Farm Stud with KEITS as my training provider. At first I was overwhelmed with the amount of work that was needed to complete the course. I have always struggled academically and I have dyslexia. I was very fortunate I had people who believed in me, my family, everyone at North Farm Stud especially my employer Grace Muir and my assessor Emily McKay from KEITS. Everyone always understood it took me a bit longer to "get things" but with lots of encouragement I finally did it. One step at a time. I have my own way of retaining information a lot of it is visual and practical.

### What advice would you give to someone looking to come into the industry or looking to start and apprenticeship?

If someone is looking to do an apprenticeship I really advise you to go for it. I doubted myself but I did it. You can to. Put in the hard work and be determined.

### What next for you and your future?

Now I have passed my level 3 I am going to continue working in the equestrian industry. I hope one day to become a professional dressage rider. I know I have a long way to go but I will continue to work hard to get to my dream career.

## FEEDBACK FROM NORTH FARM STUD

*Jack started his equine career in alternative education, finding school a challenge, Jack was fortunate enough to be able to attend an alternative education program at HEROS education, a charity founded by Grace Muir It was here that Jack first started to thrive with an initial ambition to follow a career in racing. Jack's work ethic and well mannered nature led him to being offered an apprenticeship at North Farm Stud, owner by Grace Muir.*

*Jack has been a pleasure to employ and have around and has gained confidence through his apprenticeship journey found his voice and is much more assertive. He is now in a pupil yard supervisor role which we are working to upgrading in a short time to the full position. Jack is an exemplary employee and I am so proud of what he has achieved as none of it has been easy for him. A great result for a great student."*

