



MORETON MORRELL  
COLLEGE

# STUDENT LIVERY GUIDE

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# WELCOME

The Equine Centre is situated at Moreton Morrell College (part of the Warwickshire College Group) and facilities include the **main college yards**, a **student DIY livery yard**, **equine therapy training facilities**, **farriery training facilities**, **horse walker**, **sand turnout pens** and **three riding arenas**. We are BHS approved with a range of qualified coaches up to BHSI.

DIY livery is available to residential students enrolled on equine or animal courses and applications can be made from Easter prior to enrolling with us. The Equine Centre Team are keen to promote high standards of horse welfare whilst supporting a friendly environment for all livers and encourage all to approach any member of the team for advice or support.



# LIVERY SUMMARY

The student livery yard is a self-contained American barn style yard with an alarmed and padlocked tack room, CCTV, a feed and tool store and hay / haylage storage areas. Group turnout is available when possible with three sand pens open all year round. Liveries have access to our horse walker and all three arenas when not in use for timetabled sessions or events.

## Main Indoor Arena (Ashford)

**23 x 60m**

Andrews Bowen Pro Wax surface with training mirrors on two sides and a gallery at one end capable of seating 286 people.



## Arena with roof and no sides (Covered)

**25 x 65m**

Andrews Bowen Pro Wax surface, adjacent to the main school.



Photo by Karen Brown

## Outdoor Arena (Wolves)

**40m x 100m**

Silica sand and fine rubber surface.



Photo by Karen Brown

## Livery Benefits

Discounted veterinary visits - the college uses Avonvale Veterinary Surgeons and they are in attendance on a weekly zone day. They offer discounts for students who register their horses with them and no call-out fee is charged if a visit is booked on this weekly zone day. Students are responsible for all payment of veterinary visits.

## Free Shoeing Service

The college has a farriery training school on-site and it is sometimes possible to have your horse shod by apprentice farriers. Please be aware this procedure would take place during a practical lesson and would be carried out as required, rather than on a regular basis. Should you wish to use this facility, please see the Equine Team for details.

On-site farriers are available for standard and remedial shoeing. Livery owners are solely responsible for payment of all farrier treatments.

## Free Veterinary Physiotherapy Treatments

A free onsite clinic offered by 3rd Year Veterinary Physiotherapists, run under the supervision of qualified Physiotherapists, is available by appointment.

## Competitions and Events

Equestrian competitions and demonstrations take place at Moreton Morrell College all year round and liveries are actively encouraged to take part in them. There are unaffiliated and British Dressage competitions held monthly as well as Riding Club events for both dressage and show jumping. Clear Round show jumping is held once a month usually on a Thursday evening. We are host to the Moreton Morrell BE Horse Trials in May and September.

## Moreton Morrell Riding Club (British Riding Clubs)

Liveries are encouraged to join the Riding Club and take part in Team and Individual competitions. Riders can also sign up for the weekly Riding Club lessons which take place one evening per week.



## Horsebox / Trailer Parking

This is available by prior arrangement.

## Equine Nutrition Clinics

Free diet clinics can be arranged at the livery yards on request, from the likes of Dengie Horse Feeds. There are also opportunities to access the College weighbridge which are communicated via the Livery Noticeboard.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Stabling

All stables are approximately 12'x12' and are located within a self-contained American barn style yard. Horses must be a minimum of 4 years old and no stallions are permitted.

## Tools and Storage

Livery students will need to bring their own tools with them. A full list of what to bring can be found within the FAQ section. Storage is very limited within the tack rooms, so please keep this in mind. We recommend you bring a storage trunk which can be kept outside your stable for everyday items but it is advisable to ensure this is lockable. The tack room is alarmed and padlocked and there is CCTV coverage on the Equine Centre.

## Turnout

Group turnout is usually available during September and October and then from April until June. This is dependent on weather, ground conditions or other college requirements. Turnout will be allocated by the Equine Team and Senior Management who will regularly post updates on the notice boards and / or the dedicated Livery Google Classroom. There are no provisions for individual grass turnout and horses are turned out in same sex herds.

## Horse Walker

The horse walker is available for use by both College horses and liveries. Students must undergo an induction before using the horse walker.

## Arena Use

Student liveries may use any of the arenas until 8pm each evening, provided they are not already in use during teaching times, set up for an event or booked by a private client.

Timetables for teaching sessions are available for your information from the Equine Centre office and on each livery yard, and details of events and private bookings are clearly displayed on the notice board outside the show office. Riding school rules apply at all times.



## Jumping

We have a large range of wooden and plastic wings, poles and fillers available for liveries to train over. We respectfully request that liveries do not use the newer competition poles so that these are smart for competitions. Liveries are advised to wear body protectors to the current BETA standard when jumping but this is not mandatory. The cross country course is not available for schooling.

## Arena Housekeeping

Any equipment used e.g. jumps and poles, must be put away once you have finished your schooling session. Any breakages must be reported. All droppings must be removed before you leave the arenas.

## Lungeing

Lungeing is permitted in the Covered Arena only provided no horses are being ridden in the same arena. Loose schooling is not permitted in any of the arenas.

## Hacking

The College is surrounded by many lanes and bridleways. There are a variety of off road hacking sites nearby but you do have to ride on the road to get to them.

## Riding Lessons and Training

Liveries are welcome to book private lessons with any of our highly knowledgeable and qualified BHS coaches who form the Equine Team. Liveries studying on Equine courses are also welcome to use their own horses in their timetabled classes (subject to prior permission from the appropriate Instructor).



## Accident Reporting

Working with horses can sometimes result in accidents. Moreton Morrell College has Health and Safety policies in place and all accidents or incidents must be reported, even if they're only considered minor. These can be reported to any member of the Equine Team.

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## Biosecurity

The horse owner and student agree to abide by the Moreton Morrell College biosecurity policy created in partnership with Avonvale Equine Veterinary Practice.

All prospective new arrivals must complete a Health Status Declaration Form and show evidence of an up to date influenza and tetanus vaccination status before admission to the College i.e. last booster must have been given within 12 months prior to arrival or first two initial vaccinations must have been carried out.

A Strangles blood test must be organised within the three weeks prior to arrival at Moreton Morrell and a Livery will not have group turnout for the first 14 days after arrival and may be allocated specific slots in which to use the arenas and horse walker.

Liveries should notify the Equine Centre Team of any horses causing concern or showing signs of infectious disease. These horses will be isolated immediately and looked after only by their owner. Normal biosecurity measures are explained to students and staff on induction and set out in the Equine Centre Guide. We request that any liveries attending internal or external shows and events take all reasonable measures to minimise the risk of contracting diseases eg avoid communal water troughs, keep haynets out of reach of others, do not allow direct contact (especially nose to nose), keep away from coughing horses or those with a discharge or skin lesions of any sort.

## Farrier

The College has apprentice farriers who can sometimes shoe your horse for free. Otherwise you can request details of recommended farriers. There is a farrier on site once a week to shoe the College horses. He can be booked through the Equine office. Students are responsible for arranging and paying for their own horses at the time of shoeing.

## Worming

Horses will join a strategic and targeted worming programme on arrival, so it would be ideal if they have not been wormed 6 weeks prior to arriving on campus. Worm Egg Counts and wormers are arranged and sourced by the College and prices set at the beginning of the year. The College will source and distribute any additional wormers if required based on the results of Worm Egg Counts. Liveries will be invoiced for any additional wormers and required to make a separate payment.

## Holidays and Weekends

No horses can stay during the Christmas or summer holidays. Students aged 18 years and upwards are able to keep their horses here during Easter and reading weeks / half terms. Students under the age of 18 only have access to the livery facility from Monday to Friday during term times as they are required to return home for weekends and holidays to include half terms. Therefore they are also required to take their horses off site as there is no full livery service available. The details of local livery yards can be provided by the college for those wishing to investigate local full livery.

## Shows

Equestrian competitions and demonstrations take place at Moreton Morrell College all year round and students are actively encouraged to take part in them.

There are unaffiliated and British Dressage competitions held monthly. Riding Club Team and individual points and National qualifying competitions for both dressage and show jumping held throughout the year.

Clear Round show jumping is held once a month usually on a Thursday evening and unaffiliated show jumping competitions are held approximately once a term.

We are host to the Moreton Morrell BE Horse Trials in May and September and Riding Club Points Horse Trials in May. All students are encouraged to get involved in the running of these events.

Other events include Lusitano, Connemara, Haflinger, Appaloosa and USA-UK Saddlebreds annual breed shows, Mounted Games plus training days for the English Vaulting Squad and training and Summer camps for local Riding Clubs and Pony Clubs.

## Loan Horses

If you feel your horse may be suitable as a loan horse, please email the Equine Centre Team at [equinecentre@wcg.ac.uk](mailto:equinecentre@wcg.ac.uk)

More information can be found at [wcg.ac.uk/loanhorses](http://wcg.ac.uk/loanhorses)

## Taking Care of Yourself and Your Horse

The Moreton Morrell Equine centre is staffed by an experienced team who are always available to offer advice and support. It is important that all aspects of this guide are understood and followed for your safety and that of your horse. If you are finding it difficult to care for your horse you must make the equine team aware so the correct advice and support can be offered.



# TYPICAL DAILY ROUTINE

07.00	<b>Livery yard opens for morning yard duties.</b> If needing to attend earlier to leave for a show etc then please make the Equine Centre aware in advance. Liveries may exercise horses from this time and all arenas are usually available. Sand pens may be used.
08.00 – 10.00	The Refectory is open Monday to Friday until 13.30 with breakfast items available from 08.00 – 10.00.
09.00	All liveries to have arrived on the yard by this time. If a friend is taking care of your horse then they are also required to have started morning duties by this time. When turnout is available, fields generally open before 09.00 to allow students time to get to lessons.
09.30	College riding lessons commence. There are often gaps during the day where arenas are available and liveries are welcome to use them at these published times.
12.00 – 13.30	Lunchtime service is available in the Refectory Monday to Friday. You are welcome to visit the livery yard to make lunchtime checks, exercise your horse etc.
16.00 – 18.00	Dinner service is available in the Refectory Monday to Friday.
15.00	Once Daylight Savings ends in October, all horses should return to the Equine Centre after hacking by 15.00.
16.15pm	College student lessons finish for the day. Arenas are usually available for use until evening external bookings arrive. Please check the weekly equine event bookings board located in Cotswold Court. When grazing is available, horses are usually able to stay out until after this time however weather conditions / daylight hours may impact this. You will receive clear information via the dedicated Livery Google Classroom.
17.00	Lectures for degree students usually finish.
18.00	Afternoon yard duties are completed.
20.00	Arenas close both to liveries and external bookings for the evening.
21.00	<b>Livery yard closes.</b> If your horse is unwell at any time and you need to make a later check to monitor their health then please inform the Duty Warden and Equine Centre.



# FAQs

## What is included in the livery fee?

- Stable hire
- Full bed on arrival
- Unlimited Hay or haylage
- Unlimited Dengie HiFi
- One bale of shavings or flax per week
- Group turn out when available
- Use of the facilities



The livery fee is charged for the duration of the academic year covering term time for all students plus, for students 18 years and upwards, Easter and half terms / reading weeks. No fees are charged for the Christmas break as horses are required to go off site.

## How do I apply?

Applications for those wishing to move in in September open at Easter prior to the upcoming academic year but you can apply to move in once the year has begun subject to stable availability. Please email [equinecentre@wcg.ac.uk](mailto:equinecentre@wcg.ac.uk) for current fees and an application form. Any questions can also be directed to this email address.

Once the application form has been returned you will receive the remaining paperwork required including details of the payment plan, the Livery Agreement, arrival procedures and the full biosecurity protocol.

## When can my horse arrive?

Stabling opens the same day as your residential accommodation becomes available but full details of the arrival date and procedure will be confirmed during the application process. The first week of term is very busy and there is a lot to take in regarding your academic studies. Sometimes it works well for students to settle in over the first week or so and then bring their horse. You can still get involved in the yard inductions and become familiar with the Equine Centre.



## Are stables rubber matted?

No, however we do have a limited amount of matting for hire. This is allocated on a first come first served basis and can be requested in the special requests section on the Application Form. You will be notified nearer the start of the academic year if mats have been allocated to you and provided with instructions on how to pay.

You are welcome to bring your own matting. Please discuss this during the application process as you can arrange for your bed to be left up.

## How do I purchase additional bedding and feed?

Upgrades to Alfa A / Alfa A Oil (stock dependant) and additional bedding can be purchased via the online shop. Watermill Feeds is located a mile from campus in Wellesbourne and stocks all main brands of feeds and supplements. Delivery to campus can be arranged directly with them. Please note there is limited storage space for additional feed and bedding.

## What do I need to bring?

Please ensure you have all the equipment you will require for your stay at Warwickshire College as the Equine Centre cannot provide any tools or equipment.

Make sure everything is clearly marked with your name.

Where possible try to limit the amount of equipment you bring, i.e. leave heavyweight rugs at home until necessary in winter, as storage is very limited.

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| • Wheelbarrow                            | • Water Buckets             |
| • Skip Bucket                            | • Feed Buckets              |
| • Fork                                   | • Grooming Kit              |
| • Broom                                  | • Storage Trunk             |
| • Shovel                                 | • Headcollar and Leadrope   |
| • Hard Feed                              | • Tack / Lungeing equipment |
| • Hard Feed Containers<br>(vermin proof) | • Essential Rugs            |

# FAQs

## What should I wear whilst on the yard?

As a professional establishment, it is essential that students are dressed smartly and behave in a safe and professional manner at all times when representing the College and when on the Equine Centre:

- A riding hat (to the correct approved standard) with the chinstrap fastened, gloves and appropriate yard boots at all times when leading horses. This includes leading horses to the fields, horse walker, loading, trotting up or to graze in hand. Current hat standards can be found on the BETA website Beta Safety Equipment Standards
- No sleeveless tops. Long hair should be secured in a bun when riding or ground schooling
- When riding, liveries can wear breeches, jodhpurs or riding tights. Jeans (not ripped) are only permitted for yard duties
- Suitable footwear must be worn at all times on the yard for all associated activities and includes jodhpur boots, riding boots and wellies
- Headphones, earphones or earbuds are not permitted on the yard or while handling horses
- All jewellery, including earrings and other facial piercings, must be removed when on the yard, handling horses and riding
- Shoulders and midriffs must be covered on the yard and riding - no vest / crop tops

## Can I park my lorry / trailer at the college?

Yes by prior arrangement, please note that whilst the College makes every effort to safeguard staff / students property, the College management accepts no responsibility for damage to or loss of vehicles whether in contract, tort or negligence, whilst parked on College premises. Please state on your application form if you wish to park your vehicle during term time. Vehicles must be parked / stored in the designated areas only

## Do I need to sign out when hacking?

You must always sign out stating your route and estimated time of return on the notice board. You should also carry a mobile phone with a suitable contact number to call for help. We also recommend downloading the whatthreewords app.

## Can I go home for the weekend?

Of course. If you wish to leave your horse on site then you are responsible for arranging another suitable student to look after your horse. Please let the Equine Team know that someone else is taking care of your horse so that we are aware of who to contact in an emergency.

## What do I do in the event of an emergency on the yard or with my horse?

There is an emergency contact number which will put you in touch with a member of staff at all times. Emergency contact numbers for the duty warden and out of hours vet service can be found in the window of the Equine Office. If a Late Night Supervisor is on duty then they will also have access to emergency contact details.

## Can I use an outside Instructor / Coach?

Yes. You'll need to contact the Sports and Equine Events Coordinator to arrange this.

## What do I have to do when I go home for the holidays?

Please ensure your stable is fully mucked out with only clean bedding left in a neat pile. Feed areas should be thoroughly swept and valuables taken with you.

## How do I cancel my livery if my horse has been sold, returned home due to injury etc?

Please email [kbrown@wcg.ac.uk](mailto:kbrown@wcg.ac.uk) to give notice of your livery termination. Your livery contract will expire at the end of the month in which notice is given or at the end of the month in which the horse is taken off site, whichever is the latest.





# USEFUL CONTACTS

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## Saddlers / Tack Shops / Feed Merchants



Laura Dempsey (SMS Master Saddler)  
**07790 952517**



Rimells Saddlers (Shipston on Stour)  
**01608 662000**



Watermill Feeds (Wellesbourne)  
**01789 470470**

## Vets / Farriers



Avonvale Equine  
**01295 670501**



A list of local farriers can be  
made available on request.