

## **Emilia - Early Career Journey**

Over the last number of years since getting into the racing industry and wanting to progress with it further in my career path, I've been travelling around to various places learning the ropes and gaining more knowledge about the horseracing industry.

So far, I have been to racing yards, racing events, racecourses, and much more which was all so amazing and I'm super thankful that I got to experience all of this, especially at such a young age.

Firstly, I started off going to a variety of different events with Careers in Racing. I have joined them on the Explore Racing Days at Brighton, Goodwood, Newmarket, and Newbury. I then joined the Youth Collaboration Group. This allowed me to network more with people of a similar age all wanting to work in the sport. I took up the chance to go to the BHA head office in London in April 2025. I got the chance to meet some of the group face to face (there's over 30 of us all around the country so this was a great opportunity to meet)

After one of my visits with the team a couple years ago I found out more about the British Racing School in Newmarket and what is on offer there to help me get further in my career.

Shortly after, I applied for the Riding A Dream Academy course and I got a place on it which was amazing. I went along to the one-week residential course that was part of RADA and I received some of the best experience and teaching that I could've gotten.

We went to the National Stud, had a talk about Tattersalls, visited the 2 racecourses in Newmarket and even got the most awesome opportunity to go into the weighing rooms and see what processes everybody must go through before the actual races.

I have been lucky to gather some hands-on experiences too. This has been at racing yards such as Coombelands Racing Stables & Suzy Smith Racing. Then I got the opportunity to go to Kingsclere Park House Stables. This was a big dream of mine as I am hoping to ride out for them and work there as my yard placement after I had completed the Foundation Course. I was lucky enough to land some work experience there with my school in June,

and it was the best time of my life! I have been invited back to work for them a little later in the year. I can't wait to head back.

There is so much to learn, and every experience has been exciting. I have enjoyed this journey so far. I honestly can't thank everyone enough who has helped plan and organise everything to fulfil my dream. I hope to start my foundation course next summer at the British Racing School.