

Welcome Week Timetable 2026

Monday 14 – Friday 18 September 2026

Department	Equine
Programme title	Foundation Year – All Equine Programmes
Level	3
Programme Manager	Sarah Todd

Time	Activity	Location
Monday 14 September 2026		
9.30 – 10.30am	Equine welcome talk This welcome meeting will introduce you to the Head of Equine Sciences, Catherine Porter. This short talk will be your initial meeting point for the day if your programme has Equine/Racehorse/Horseracing in the title.	MDC1
10.30 – 11.30am	Campus tour	Outside MDC1
11.40am	Non-residential students: visit to the Welcome Hub This will include: - Welcome/help desk - Registry team (checking enrolment status) - Collection points: ID card/car parking pass - Finance help desk - Admissions help desk - Achievement and Success Centre (ASC) help desk - Wellbeing team help desk - Students' Union/Student Experience team stall - Student Advisor desk (for general student enquiries) If you miss this timeslot, please visit main reception.	University Learning Hub (ULH)
12.30 – 1pm	Meet the Foundation Year cohort Programme Manager This short talk will introduce you to the person who co-ordinates the Foundation Year across the different schools/departments (sport, equine, animal).	Hartpury House A06
1 – 2pm	Lunch	Graze, Legends bar or The Feed Room
2 – 3pm	Programme meeting one What's ahead for the next year? Learn about the programme and your peers, as well as the tools available to you during your study.	GR09
Tuesday 15 September 2026		
9 – 9.30am	Therapy centre tour Meet the Therapy Centre team, see what the centre can do and find out how you can volunteer to help out, or offer your horse for a demo.	Meet by the arch next to the equine treadmill*

	*if a horse is on the treadmill, please be quiet so as not to disturb it.	
9.30 – 10am	Hat Check Please bring your hats for safety standard checks, without these, you will not be able to do any practicals on the yard. **please wear appropriate yard boots or shoes, not trainers, crocs or flipflops.	Yard**
10 – 10.30am	Yard Tour General introduction to the yard and fire safety information. Without this, you will not be able to do any practicals on the yard.	Yard**
10.30 – 11.30am	Programme meeting two Navigating the first year.	GR09
12 – 1pm	Equine icebreaker Activities across the equine degrees!	Outside Legends
1 – 2pm	Pizza social Enjoy a free pizza from Gumbie's Wood Fired Pizza van, as well as a free drink. It's your chance to meet other students from your department. Make sure you're wearing your Student ID card to get your free pizza!	Outside Legends
Wednesday 16 September 2026		
11am – 2pm	Fresher's Fayre Opportunity to sign up to our clubs and societies, hear from local businesses and groups, and grab some freebies! You'll meet local businesses, support groups, charities, bars, and clubs, and find out about part-time work opportunities – on campus and locally.	Legends
2.30 – 4pm	Active Bystander <u>MANDATORY</u> Attend this workshop by the Holly Gazzard Trust.	MDC1
4 – 4.30pm	Café-style meeting with your degree Programme Managers (PM) An informal get together with the PM of your degree programme.	ULH101B
Thursday 17 September 2026		
10am – 3pm	 Wellfest Visit a wide range of exhibitors and explore the HE Zone. There will also be a variety of workshops. Take part in workshops: • Mental health, anxiety, and stress/self-harm • Mental health resilience • Healthy relationships/sex • Sexual harassment and consent • Gender identity	Exhibition including the HE Zone: Equine Arena Workshops: MDC
12 – 1pm	British Grooms Association (BGA) talk Talk by Lucy Katan, Executive Director of the BGA. This will be relevant, even if you are not interested in becoming a groom, as there will be information on good employment practices. Attend this session if you are studying:	Hartpury House A06

	Equine Science Equine Business Management Equine Dental Science International Horseracing Business Racehorse Performance and Rehabilitation	
1 – 2pm	British Grooms Association (BGA) talk Talk by Lucy Katan, Executive Director of the BGA. This will be relevant, even if you are not interested in becoming a groom, as there will be information on good employment practices. Attend this session if you are studying: Equine Performance and Rehabilitation Equine Performance and Welfare Equine Performance and Coaching	Hartpury House A06
3 – 4pm	Introduction to Equestrian Research Club Find out what the club is all about and how you can get involved.	Hartpury House A06
Friday 18 September 2026		
All Day	Trip – details TBC but Blenheim (eventing) or Newbury Races Details will be available at the start of the week; this trip is optional but a great opportunity to see some equine sport action in company with other equine department students. • Sign up will be required via the e-shop.	Off site
10am – 12 noon	Business Taskmaster (Equine Business Management degree only)	ULH001