

Achieving our C-Certificate

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C certificate was one of the greatest achievements in my life so far. Our group contained 6 young equestrian girls looking to go up in PCAV. Every Thursday we all tried to attend theory lessons at Hurstbridge pony club, our theory instructor was Kylie Parker. From Kylie we not only filled out our green booklets that went to the examiners, but we learnt most of C certificate from her, she helped us if we were stuck with anything and explained a lot. Every theory lesson had something new to learn, from feeding, rugging, the perfect pasture, how to tie up your horse up safely, how to tie a haynet safely and why, the tools in a farriers kit, how to shoe/un shoe a horse, our grooming kit and how to use it properly, horse handling, getting on from the right side, saddle parts, parts of the horse and lots of riding skills and safety components that we had to ace for the prac day.

Ella, Sarah, Kaylah, Sam, Amy and I were all focused on one thing, passing our C certificates, even if that did mean stuffing our brains with riding, horse handling, and tones of other information. Time passed and it was ready to give in our books. This was the last theory session, and we were all super proud of us and so grateful for an amazing instructor Kylie Parker and we couldn't have done it without her. It was only a couple of weeks until the big day, and yes to you that might sound a little daunting and dramatic but to me and probably to the other girls it was. The morning of the big day, probably one of the most mixed emotion day for me, trying not to forget anything and remember everything! But I can say from all of us we were excited and nervous at the same time. Our day was filled with fun and excitement, brushing, tacking up, then riding flat, jumping, cross country and then the Gallop! As we ate jelly, cake and fish and chips we waited for the assessors to finish. We were all called up to collect our green C certificates. This was the best feeling you will ever get!

At the end of it all we thanked everyone for giving us this opportunity to go up with our Equestrian minds and riding. But just one last thank you to the following people...

Carolyn Hall- thank you for everything you have done for us as a C cert group but not only all of us but thank you from me, for lending me a part of your heart and letting me use him (Arie) for C certificate.

To all our mums, dads, family members and club supporters- thank you for your love and support for us all.

Thank you C cert group we all helped each other through it, and I was glad I could spend that time with you all, and we have become better friends from this experience!

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