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Godolphin Flying Start 2020-2022

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My Profile

I am currently a first year Godolphin Flying Start trainee. I am a highly dependable, ambitious and dedicated man who is passionate about the thoroughbred industry. I am excited to experience the different facets of the sector in various jurisdictions while on the course with my ultimate goal being to work in the industry on an international level. I hope to effect positive change in the industry as well as assist in its long-term health and growth.



Experience

BALLYLINCH STUD

Stallion Groom March – August 2020

- Responsibilities included the care of the six stallions standing at the stud, as well as covering shed duties and general stud work and stock care

YARRAMAN PARK STUD

Stud Hand July 2019 – February 2020

- Responsibilities included the care of broodmares and foals during the breeding season, covering shed duties, yearling prep and sales as well as foal handling prior to weaning

RICHARD O'BRIEN RACING

Stable Hand January 2018 – May 2018, October 2018 – January 2019

- Responsibilities included the care of racehorses, general yard work and attending race meetings. I also acted as Racing Secretary which included bookkeeping, invoicing and owner/client communications



Education

GODOLPHIN FLYING START

2020 -2022

Godolphin Flying Start is a Management and Leadership training programme that specialises in thoroughbred horseracing and breeding. There are four core modules: Business Management, Leadership, International Bloodstock, Breeding and Racing, Horse Production. Over a two-year period, trainees' study and experience the horseracing industry in Ireland, UK, USA, Australia and Dubai. The programme is accredited by University College Dublin Michael Smurfit Business School and trainees are awarded Graduate Certificate in Management (Thoroughbred Industry) on graduation.

IRISH NATIONAL STUD

Thoroughbred Breeding Course 2019

The Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course is a six month stud management course centred around educating students through both practical and theoretical knowledge and experiences.

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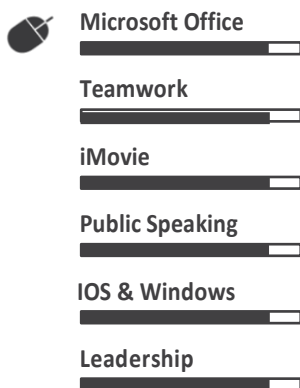
Bachelor of Business Studies 2014-2018

Bachelor of Business Studies majoring in Economics and Finance. This a broad course covering a number of key business subjects such as Accounting, Economics, Marketing, Risk and Insurance, Finance, Management and Law. *Classification 2:1.*

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Skills



Godolphin Flying Start Externships

Europe

Ken Condon Racing – Osborne Lodge, The Curragh, Co. Kildare

Completed an 8-week externship with Ken Condon Racing. Responsibilities and opportunities included:

- General yard work
- Assisting with work morning and work lists
- Implementing a stable management system
- Working closely with the vet and farrier
- Observing the daily training of 60 thoroughbreds on the famous Curragh gallops

America

Achievements

- ✓ Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course – Certificate of Distinction
- Irish National Stud Thoroughbred Breeding Course – Recipient of the *Blue Hen Award*
- Chairman of the UL Horse Racing Society 2016-2018

Australia

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