

# Students go free at Musselburgh Races

✖ Students will get in for free at the Cheltenham Trials being held at Musselburgh Racecourse on 7 February 2016.

Doors open at 11am and the last race starts at 4.30pm. Tickets are usually up to £25 each, and there is a wide range of hospitality packages available. A DJ and marquee will entertain the crowds after the races.

Sarah Montgomery, Senior Operations and Commercial Manager at Musselburgh Racecourse, said: “This is one of the most exciting events in the Scottish jumps racing calendar, so we believe students will be delighted to take up free places.

“In November we had more than 150 students turn out for a meeting after we put on a special offer – and that was a record for a Scottish racecourse. For most it was the first time they’d enjoyed a full day at the races and the feedback was that they absolutely loved it.

“We are just six miles from the centre of Edinburgh so we are easily accessible to the huge numbers of students based in Edinburgh as well as those in East Lothian. It makes sense for us to start reaching out to a new generation of racegoers and letting a new audience find out what a brilliant day out it is.

“We have a great choice of places to eat and drink, plus rugby and football fans don’t need to worry about missing The Scottish Cup or The Six Nations – as we will be playing the Hearts V Hibernian and Ireland V Wales games in our bars on the day.”

Adam Roe, Student Vice President at Queen Margaret University, said: “Our aim at Queen Margaret University Students’ Union is

to provide the ultimate student experience and offer unique opportunities for students and events such as these at Musselburgh Racecourse provide exactly that.

“University is an exciting learning curve and a great opportunity for young people to reinvent themselves, whether that is moving away from home for the first time, learning to pay your own utility bills, or even placing your first ever bet on a horse.

“We are happy to promote any opportunities which help our students enjoy their time at University, which is why we are encouraging students to attend.”

For racegoers travelling by train, Musselburgh Racecourse provides a free bus shuttle service to and from Wallyford Station and for people using the Borders Railway line, a new shuttle service will operate from Newcraighall Station.

For further information and to book tickets visit [www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk](http://www.musselburgh-racecourse.co.uk)