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### MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON



SCT's 'Apprentice of the Year' Award was presented to Chloe Pinegar on the day her employer, international showjumper Matthew Sampson, gave an exclusive Masterclass at Parklands EC on 20 July for SCT's apprentices and employers. SCT, Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equestrian industry, uses its incredible network of contacts in the horse world to provide young people with the best possible chance of a successful career within the industry, and also with fantastic, inspiring perks such as its Masterclass Series with the very best riders and coaches. Matthew, who won the Speed Derby at Hickstead for the second time this year, and also took the prestigious Hamburg Derby, has worked with SCT for many years and Chloe is undertaking an Advanced Apprenticeship at his Yorkshire yard. One attendee commented: "He is an excellent trainer and world class rider; it's a great privilege for apprentices and employers to be trained by the Hamburg Derby winner as a reward for being involved in the SCT Apprenticeship programme."



Chloe has groomed for Matthew at numerous international shows, including Hickstead, Peelbergen in the Netherlands and a seven-week stint on the Spanish Sunshine Tour, and Matthew let her ride his Speed Derby winner, Topflight True Carlo, in her masterclass group at Parklands. For winning the Award, Chloe was presented with £100 by Lycetts Insurance, a jacket provided by Thomas Irving Equestrian Superstore, and a 12 month subscription to Equestrian Life magazine. She said: "My apprenticeship has been great fun, really enjoyable and has offered fantastic opportunities to learn from brilliant people. I am so lucky to be getting experience in a very good industry at the top level, and to be so well supported by SCT along the way." Anna Goodley of Lycetts said: "Lycetts are delighted to support the Stubbing Court Training Ltd Apprentice of the Year Award, and congratulate Chloe on her win. It is so important to employ and retain good people in the equine industry, and initiatives such as the Apprentice of the Year are worthy achievements at the outset of a person's career." SCT are extremely grateful for the support of Matthew and the Sampson family, and all the team at Parklands EC for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.



### BETH WILCOX - ALEX POSTOLOWSKY EVENTING



I am currently finishing my Apprenticeship with Alex Postolowsky in Lincolnshire. Alex is a 4-star event rider and works a variety of different horses, ranging from spirited youngsters to Burghley ran athletes. With Alex I have been to many BE events including Burghley, Chatsworth and Oasby but also some BS shows like Speetley and Sykehouse for the lower level horses. The range of different abilities within the yard has gained me a large amount of experience and it will continue to help me through my Advanced Apprenticeship along with the support of Stubbing Court Training.



### BOBBIELEIGH WARD - WORK EXPERIENCE WITH GEORGE WHITAKER



For three days I went to George Whitaker (former SCT apprentice and leading showjumper) and Michaela Wood's competition yard in Birstwith which had a mixture of showing and showjumping horses. I mucked out, groomed, turned in and out, tacked up and completed many more yard duties. They had different ways of doing things such as the horses were not allowed out of the stable without having boots on. If they were getting turned out they would have brushing boots, over-reach boots on the front and fetlock boots on the hind legs. If being ridden they would have tendon and fetlock boots and some would have overreach boots on too. Instead of sweeping brushes we used a leaf blower, it was very hard to get used to, but once you got the hang of it it was so easy. In the stable all horses had three rugs on which was a sheet, duvet and a stable rug on the top. This is because all the horses are fully clipped all year round, but if it was a hot day they would take the top two off through the day. Mucking out there were various bedding types such as straw, shavings and paper. I did the straw and shaving beds and bedding back down when I mucked out. Tacking up and putting on the horse walker, I tacked Moss up who is owned by George and John Whitaker. Moss was getting ridden by George but whilst he was riding another horse I put the saddle and an exercise sheet (as he was fully clipped) and put him on the walker. This was so Moss was warmed up for George and less time consuming as he didn't have to warm the horses up and could ride more horses in the same amount of time. Moss is a chestnut gelding he is around 15.3 hands but he is only young so the fences aren't so big at the moment. The health care I did included a horse on box rest who had ice boots for 20 minutes a day, and laser for around 5 minutes a day. Poo picking the foals field, myself and another groom went to the top barn to get the buggy and the scoops. There were 8 foals, colts and fillies and they were all coming over to the buggy to see what we were doing. We went up and down the field making sure we picked up all the droppings to help prevent worm infestation. The work experience has helped me realise so much and that not all stable yards are the same. I'm used to doing my own horses and working on a riding school so giving me the opportunity to work on a professional rider's yard was amazing! And they were so welcoming and made sure I was alright over the 3 days. Thank you to George and Michaela for letting me be a part of your team.



#### WELCOME TO:



Phoebe Hughes, Freya Currie, Robyn Marriott, Callum Goodall, Molly Turrell-Huntington, Loren Mumford, Eleanor Tabram, Alex Browett, Lauren Hendry, Laura Berry, Lillie-Belle Robinson, Jordon Arnott, Demi Howard, Paige Wright, Abbie Batey, Benjamin Plant, Holli Staton, Sophie Davis, Rio Kaye, Abigail Lewis-Waters, Amy Harrison, Shannon Goodington

## DANIELLE HILLS - GROOMING AT HICKSTEAD FOR JACK WHITAKER



I am an apprentice with Michael Whitaker and had the great opportunity to groom for his son Jack at Hickstead. We set off from home on Wednesday 20 June, it took us 3 hours to get there due to a little bit of traffic. We unloaded the horses and made sure they had water and hay then we set up stables and made sure the horses were all settled. In the evening I took the horses for some grass as they were all jumping the next day and gave their legs a stretch. The next day all three horses jumped, El Wee Widge jumped in the international under 25s class and went clear and Elucar C V just had 4 faults. Leonardo jumped in the 6/7 years old class with a nice clear round. On the second day of jumping both El Wee Widge and Elucar C V jumped clear in the international under 25s class and Leonardo also jumped clear in the 6/7 years old class in the national show. Jack had the Under 25s Finals on the Saturday with Elucar C V and El Wee Widge, as the day before Elucar C V won the class. On the Saturday Final Elucar C V and Jack were unlucky with just having the fence down meaning finishing on 4 faults and El Wee Widge had 8 faults. So Saturday afternoon we loaded the lorry up and headed home. It was a great weekend and all horses jumped really well and the weather was nice. Whilst at Hickstead I learnt how to stud up and what studs to use for each day as the ground was different each day. I learnt how to manage my time and when Jack likes to be ready and how much time he likes for warming up and to start jumping in the warm up. I also learnt how to groom such quality horses in a professional way and for such a nice lad. I also learnt how to handle the horses in a show atmosphere as there was so much going on all the time. Hickstead was an amazing place for me to do my first international show with Jack. We had lovely stables and great people around us. The show was run very well and the security going into the horses was also good. The classes that Jack was in were always running on time and had a great amount of competition in them.



## LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

**Intermediate Technical Certificate:** Sophia Watson, Sarah Welburn, Leah Lewis, Alicia Wallace

**Apprenticeship:** Hannah Ashworth, Madison Carter, Tia Witton, Laura Gibson, Piper Mawkes, Stephanie Lord, Ivie-Mae Zurek, Eleanor Hickmott, Francesca Harris, Hannah Jones, Maria Loukes, Holly Padgett, Beth Wilcox, Georgia Gash, Rebecca Jones, Hanna Leary, Samuel Bray, Bethany Wilcox

**Advanced Apprenticeship:** Courtney Rees, Tamara Miles, Bethany Severn, Olivia Hatton, Ruth Bentley, Charli Davidson, Bethany Drakeford, Ashley Peel, Alisha Smith, Lucy Woodward, Chloe Pinegar, India Farrow, Antonia Betson

**Advanced Technical Certificate:** Clare Ackroyd, Georgina Hinkley,



## FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

**Mathematics Level 1:** Demi Howard

**Mathematics Level 2:** Courtney Rees, Eleanor Hickmott, Grace Owen, Jade Bickley, Ivie-Mae Zurek, Joshua Mellor, Robyn Whitton, Piper Mawkes

**English Level 1:** Alicia Wallace

**English Level 2:** Paige Gillman, Chloe Gough, Bobbyleigh Ward

**Traineeship :** Demi Howard



## FEEDBACK - MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON

**Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day?** Riding in a Masterclass • Being able to jump again straight away if something didn't go quite correctly • You can choose what time you would like to ride • Getting to watch other horse's way of going • Seeing the huge improvement in every horse and rider as a result of Matthew's instruction • Organised and informed of any changes in time, everyone was very friendly • Really helped me with seeing my jumping strides. • Meeting employers, assessors and learners • Watching the way the instructor taught • The training that was given • How to control my horse, more and more confidence • To have the opportunity to be given a good horse to ride and be able to get to know them first • An opportunity for Megan to ride a quality horse that she has never ridden before under the supervision of an experienced eye • Allowing apprentices to use a Parklands horse to get experience riding different horses • Using a horse I have never ridden and working together quickly • Make sure horse goes forwards • Jumping a full course, changing legs and rhythm • Watching riders improve • Learning over a larger course of jumps • Helping with the line to the jump and getting my confidence up to jump higher • Building up my confidence • Helping on the line to a jump and using my leg • These training days are very useful for the trainees to practice getting their horses ready • Good, interesting training and made a big difference to my horse • Practising different lines and distances • Keeping the horse going forwards towards the jump • Being helped round a 1.10 course • Watching the lesson.

**Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day?** Getting both tips and encouragement as you were going round as well as after you had finished the exercise • The jumping then getting praise and feedback • Jumping - working on turns and collection • That everyone enjoyed their session • Seeing myself and others improve • The course jumping • Meeting new employers/apprentices • Seeing the riders enjoy their lessons with Matthew • Watching the riders of all different abilities attempt the same task • The jumping • Jumping better by the end • Having a lesson and learning how to control myself and the horse • Well organised, opportunity to reward Megan's hard work • Watching them ride the course and enjoy jumping it • Having a fun day out off the yard. • Jumping a challenging course • Gaining knowledge from Matthew • Watching my employer being taught by Matthew • Jumping round well over bigger fences • The full course at the end • Learning to ride my horse properly • The atmosphere and watching others • Jumping the course • How my horse jumped and went well • Having a lesson over a whole course • Being taught by Matt • Jumping a forward going pony • All of it • The lesson with Matthew • Seeing new pupil do well • Pushing myself to jump bigger courses • Seeing Laura doing well • Being able to get Carlo out and Matt having time for him.

**Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress?** Keep working on control at home and out at shows • Practice advice that I was given in the feedback • Encourage future attendance at Masterclasses • Add advice given into training • Keep practicing • Collect my horse and soften hands • To listen more and trust • Practice riding • Carry on jumping using the knowledge and skill I gained while at the masterclass • Get all work done to best quality at the correct time • Practice ensuring my horse goes forwards towards a fence • Have more lessons • Get to some shows • Changing legs - more certainty • Use Matthew's tips for my own riding • Keep up training with Matt • Improve my confidence to jump higher • Push the horse on more • Lines and rhythm into fences • Practice on other horses, practice my line towards the jump • To improve my confidence in jumping higher • Work more on the jumping position and be braver coming into the fence • Keeping my body upright and tall • Help train apprentices and my employer's horse in jumping • Sit up and hold the horse's head up more • Make sure the horse is on the correct canter lead • Being slower to the jump • Practice a course of jumps on a forward going pony on the correct leg • Keep the horse going forwards into the bridle at the start of the course • Support Laura with her evidence collecting • Try and settle him when jumping, take it slow and straight.

**Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass?** Matt is the best • Matt is very encouraging and makes you feel confident enough for you to push yourself further - very hard for some trainers to accomplish • Excellent trainer and world class rider, a great privilege for apprentices and employers to be trained by the Hamburg Derby winner as a reward for being involved in the SCT Apprenticeship programme • Brilliant opportunity for assessment and enjoyable for the learners • Another successful Masterclass • Always useful and well organised • Excellent, many thanks • Very enjoyable day, the trainer gave some feedback to all riders, could give more in-depth comments, and be more friendly come and talk and not stand on the side • Well organised • More feedback on riding position and feedback on areas to work on • Very friendly atmosphere • Very good trainer • Always a pleasure to bring the staff • Well organised, great morning • Matthew was excellent again • Well run, good coaching.