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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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## SCT APPRENTICES GET INVALUABLE COACHING FROM BARTLE



Giving young people starting their working lives the opportunity to be inspired by world-class professionals and to be supported in aiming to be the best they can be is at the heart of everything Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) does.

SCT is Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equine industry, and its unparalleled contacts in all areas of equestrianism mean its apprentices and employers get extraordinary chances to learn from the top riders and coaches. In turn, these highly successful people recognise the excellent work that SCT does with young people wanting to work in equestrianism and are very supportive of that.



None more so than Chris Bartle, coach to the much-medalled senior British eventing team and himself a Badminton winner and Olympic dressage rider. He took time out of his extremely busy schedule once again to coach nine groups of SCT apprentices and employers in an exclusive SCT Masterclass at Parklands EC, Sheffield, on 13 October.

Chris said: "I enjoyed teaching enthusiastic groups of riders with varying degrees of experience, all of whom showed significant improvement during the session."

Chris proved that, whether you are an Olympian or not, the same essential skills and appreciation of the importance of quality, consistent and sympathetic training are vital. One attendee said: "This was a fantastic opportunity to be trained by Chris and to take away lots of exercises to improve rider and horse."



SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "We are so privileged to have the long-standing involvement of Chris in the SCT Apprenticeship programme, one of the most successful coaches in the world. It was an enormous privilege to see first hand his world class training techniques and the huge improvements in every horse and rider as a result. Thank you to everyone who supported the Masterclass, the Sampson Family and the Parklands EC team. The next Masterclass will be with Chris on 5 December at Pickering Grange Equestrian."



## SKYY JAMES - GROOMING AT WESTON LAWNS END OF SUMMER FINALE



I have worked at Jump Elite for over a year now and as well as working on the yard I also double up as the show groom, travelling to day shows as well as stay away shows.



Preparations for stay away shows always start the day before. My jobs before we leave include bathing and trimming the horses we are taking, cleaning tack, making sure the lorry is packed with all the equipment we need, filling haynets for the lorry and making sure it is bedded down for the journey. Then we are ready to go.



We took 6 horses including my own to the Weston Lawns End of Summer Finale which were jumping classes from the British Novice to the 1.45 Grand Prix, this made for a busy schedule. Aside from the everyday yard tasks, my jobs also included tacking up and turning the horses out to a high standard, warming Adam up in the collecting ring, hand walking the horses that were jumping in the afternoon, taking horses to and from the collecting ring and late checks to make sure the horses have enough food and water for the night.

Stay away shows give me the opportunity to work closely with our horses and also to see how other show jumpers operate and run their business. It's a great way to see the different methods riders use to get the best out of their horses. Travelling to stay away shows gives me the opportunity to meet new people in the industry, which is great for networking.



Throughout the year I have been given the chance to take my own horse along with us. I have attended the Masterclasses and have been fortunate to have a lot of lessons with Adam. From this I have improved my own riding and increased my confidence. As a result I have been able to compete alongside the Jump Elite horses at stay away shows at competitive venues including Arena UK and Weston Lawns. My highlight was being placed in the Discovery End of Season Finale and jumping in the Main Ring for the 1.05m class at Weston Lawns.

## MEGAN NAYLOR - GROOMING AT HOYS WITH TEAM AHERN! ★★



I am a Level 3 Apprentice working at Aireview Equestrian Centre for showing Team Ahern! I have just attended the famous Horse of the Year Show with them and had the most valuable learning experience. I have obviously been to shows in my time as an apprentice, however, to see and be a part of the hard work and preparations that go into the process of getting ready for a show as prestigious and important as this one, was incredible.



From packing to show practice, to clipping and washing, so much time goes into getting these horses HOYS ready in a matter of weeks. I think the most important and interesting thing I learnt was how to keep the horses' coats in prime condition coming into winter months. There is so much to learn and think about when it comes to getting the horses coat ring ready, when you clip them, which clipper blades to use, how many rugs they wear, what type of rug they wear and so much more. There are also methods to enhance the shine coming into winter, for example hot oiling, Dream Coat spray and choosing the best Saracen feed to bring out the natural shine as well. In showing, the turnout of the horse plays a huge roll in your success, so learning the tricks of the trade on how to get the horses ready for the Arena of Dreams was such a great learning experience for me.



Overall, working at HOYS was something I will never forget. The atmosphere and the buzz behind the scenes was just like I imagined, and the passion people have for the sport made me so determined to get there myself one day! All the skills I learnt throughout the whole experience, from the weeks in preparation and the week itself, I will take on with me into the future and hopefully be better equipped myself to do the job going into the future.



## BEST PRACTICE IN TRAINING



Training is most effective when it is carefully planned and structured; suited to the individual, their competence and experience; where the progress of learning is regularly checked; and the training is used to prepare the apprentice for assessment. Over many years, SCT has worked with Ofsted inspectors and leading international training advisers on the quality improvement of training practice. They have visited yards to observe employers delivering training sessions with the aim of:

- Identifying and promoting best practice in training / coaching
- Ensuring consistent, high quality training for all apprentices
- Encouraging effective coaching to enable apprentices to progress and achieve
- Continuously improving the standards of apprentices' work and attaining the Distinction criteria
- Providing Professional Development for employers in Coaching



### Examples of best practice include:

- Scheme of Work, Skillscheck and Action Plan used to plan, monitor and structure training, appropriate for the month, level and targets
- Clear structure to the session including introduction, recap on the previous session, objectives for the session, a variety of training activities, recap on what has been learnt and planning for the next session
- Well organised, good planning and preparation, time allocated for the session, in the diary. Well-prepared resources e.g examples of world-class standards from SCT Facebook / internet
- Well managed sessions that include excellent preparation and explanation to the learner of what is to be undertaken and achieved, using the Skillscheck and Grade Descriptors
- Excellent demonstrations and coaching to develop learner's knowledge, standards and efficiency
- Sessions begin with establishing the current level of expertise and knowledge
- Opportunities are used to develop Maths and English skills e.g feed calculations, measuring distances and sizes of fences, calculating timescales and costings
- Training sessions used as preparation for assessment, taking photos and videos for the portfolio
- Targeted questioning and guidance on taking notes to use for completion of the work sheets, using the Knowledge questions in the Skillscheck
- Use of work performance - strengths and areas for improvement - to focus attention to key areas that require further training
- Sound practical knowledge and experience of the trainer, enthusiastic delivery
- High regard for safety e.g use of suitable horse (size and temperament), clean and tidy work environment, attention to hygiene, risk assessment and PPE
- Variety of teaching methods: demonstration, questioning, research, practical tasks under supervision
- Very good rapport, relaxed and encouraging manner, praise given
- Clear, constructive and encouraging feedback
- At the end of the session the training is recorded in the Skillscheck and the apprentice is given portfolio work to complete and bring back to the next session for checking
- Session concluded with trainer and apprentice agreeing a plan for improving skills e.g more practice, new targets for speed of work, new responsibility given

## WELCOME TO:

Samuel Parsons, Harrison Straw, Rosie Farragher, Ebony Steele, Cailin Weinman,  
Kaci Buckley, Amealia Woodcock, Layla Byfield, Krystal Wilkinson, Ella Roberts,  
Eva Williams, Isabelle Tate, Bradley Sykes, Freya Dean, Cailin Weinman,  
Annie Dean, Lacey Burrows, Tia Morris-Allen, Mollie Pettigrew,  
Maddison Maddocks, Danni Gregory, Kiara Swinscoe



## MASTERCLASS WITH CHRIS BARTLE - FEEDBACK



**Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day?** • Landing position • Educating a young horse • Learning about balance and positioning whilst riding • Showing the riders correct jumping, use of arms, rein balance. All constructive • Improving my knowledge and riding ability • Being taught by a top instructor • Watching Connie learn and gain confidence • The Masterclass gives the apprentices a good chance to practice their preparation • The lesson with Chris • Having the knowledge and expertise of Chris Bartle • Understanding the apprenticeship programme • Watching and learning from the experts • Watching the people improve the horse and listening to the advice that was given to them • Lots of information, very clearly presented, pathway to apprenticeship very clear • Was taught to use my stomach muscles properly • Listening to the trainer for the lessons • The opportunity to be trained by Chris and take away lots of exercises to improve rider and horse • Loved the constant instruction and interaction between Chris and the students. Constructive and enjoyable • Learning from watching • Training ideas for my horse and taking forward to my own customers • Positioning and balance • For my daughter to learn and gain knowledge from an Olympic coach • Overcoming problems • Learning new coaching techniques • Watching apprentices, seeing progress and exercises from coach • Seeing the top-class training techniques and exercises that made such a huge improvement to every horse and rider during the sessions

**Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day?** • Jumping with my team • Jumping and improving my riding • The lesson in general • The positive instruction from Chris • Learning about my riding faults • Watching my daughter overcome her fears • Watching the lessons • Watching the improvement in our apprentice and jumping a bigger course on my horse • Watching the Masterclass • Very friendly staff, enthusiastic approach to newcomers • Knowing what I can put into practice, talk to our own trainer • Taught the correct way to position myself properly • Watching riders improve • Watching, learning and listening • Watching the Masterclass • Seeing Georgia enjoying her lesson • Seeing improvement • Jumping my horse and feeling her improvement throughout the session • Gaining knowledge from an Olympic rider and getting advice to improve my riding • Watching riding and learn new position and balance • Getting to jump a course and ask questions • Nice group and being able to have a lesson with such a knowledgeable instructor • Seeing progress in learners • Seeing everyone enjoy their day • Watching improvements in horses and riders • Seeing the world class training dramatically improve every horse and rider

**Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress?** • Lengthen my reins and work on my horse's stride • Work on improving my landing position • Take all of Chris' advice and practice through my training • Keep shoulders back • Practice my riding skills and look for any other ways I can improve • Practice • More jumping lessons • Help Jade and Kiara with their portfolios • Work on keeping my elbows in and adjusting the horse's canter • Take advice from instructor • Pole work • Listen to the advice I heard as well as take more lessons • Speak to my trainer and show her the videos • Practice in lessons what Chris had said to work on • Continue to hold myself correctly in the saddle • Practice more trot to canter transitions • Encourage to use the skills taught at the Masterclass • Work more on the left rein and keeping my elbows in and not over folding • Trying to implement what I've seen in my own riding • Improve my balance on the left rein • Work on what she learnt at home and when we have additional Masterclasses • Practice jumping on turns and looking ahead • Look up more, elbows in tight, good canter and weight onto the inside when turning • Use new teaching techniques • Support attendance at Masterclasses and Taster sessions • Promote the next Masterclass

**Aspect 4: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass** • All was good, I loved it! • Enjoyable morning • Always enjoy Chris' lessons • Very good as always • Loved it! Thank you for the opportunity • Well organised, friendly staff • Drinks were appreciated • Coffees/refreshments were very nice • Amazing quality, always enjoy Chris Bartle Masterclasses. Always keeps us on our toes • Excellent • 10/10 • Totally enjoyable, even in the rain • Really enjoyable day despite the weather • Fantastic • Great lesson • Well organised • Fantastic trainer, lovely venue and great refreshments • Good atmosphere, excellent resources and coach • Superb trainer, truly world class, a huge privilege to see him train all levels of horse and rider and have such a positive impact



**LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!**  
Apprenticeship: Bethany Briggs  
Advanced Apprenticeship: Emily Butler  
**FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS**  
Mathematics Level 2: Courtney Salmon

