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MASTERCLASS WITH JOE WHITAKER



There's no doubt that happy, fulfilled staff make for a successful business, in any walk of life. This is particularly relevant in the equestrian world - happy staff, happy horses. SCT, Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equine industry, is a firm believer in that mantra. SCT therefore continually strives to give its apprentices and their employers opportunities for personal and professional development - and exclusive access to top-class training from the world's best riders and coaches, in the form of the renowned SCT Masterclass Series.



The most recent Masterclass, with international showjumper Joe Whitaker at Parklands EC near Sheffield on 29 March, was a tremendous success. Joe - himself a former SCT apprentice and now an employer of SCT apprentices - taught several groups of SCT apprentices and employers of varying degrees of experience, and all came away with greater confidence and feeling inspired to work on all aspects of their horsemanship. "Joe is a superb trainer competing at the highest international level, yet was very encouraging and put everyone at ease with his down-to-earth manner," said one enthusiastic participant in the Masterclass. "Being able to access training like this is a wonderful way to motivate students," said another. SCT's equine apprenticeships offer young people an outstanding chance to achieve the highest standards of horse care and horsemanship by learning from the best practitioners in the equestrian world. Their contacts are unparalleled, and the company offers exceptional levels of support to both apprentices and their employers, giving advice and training in all aspects of employment. Apprentices earn a wage while gaining valuable, respected qualifications and transferrable skills, giving them excellent employability. SCT's long-established Masterclass Series has attracted the world's top riders and coaches, such as Christopher Bartle, Yogi Breisner, Billy Twomey, Mark Kyle, Matthew Sampson and Andrew Saywell. It is exclusive to SCT apprentices and their employers and is an extraordinary opportunity for them to access training from the very best. SCT are extremely grateful for the support of Joe, the Sampson family, and all the team at Parklands EC for providing great horses and facilities, and all the employers and apprentices who attended.



LEAH LOWIS - NEW FARM EQUESTRIAN



I am nearing the end of my Level 2 Apprenticeship. My decision to leave school and embark on an equestrian career is one I will never regret. Although I am an academic person who got exceptional results at GCSE level, I feel that taking these skills into a practical situation has enabled me to learn in a far more stress free and enjoyable environment. I have enjoyed the flexibility of my course and the ability to learn at my own pace. My employer Sue Ringrose and her team are always on hand to offer experienced advice and a range of approaches to a problem. During my Apprenticeship at New Farm Equestrian the business has expanded to include a sister company

Meridian Equestrian Marketing Ltd. This has given me the opportunity to develop my role and enabled me to take more responsibility for the livery side of the business. New Farm has been a livery yard for 20 years and takes long term full liveries as well as shorter term breaking/schooling and sales liveries. Following a staff meeting it was decided to give one staff member the task of maintaining more detailed records of client's horses on the yard. I am that chosen person! This way the livery horses can be maintained separately to the sales side of the business. A new system was put in place and I am currently being trained to take over the upkeep of the system inputting farrier, worming, vaccination and dentist records. Working with Sue we devise and implement exercise regimes for the liveries, so I get to do lots of riding from hacking to fittening work with the eventers, and schooling horses at various stages of education. I get lessons to help me develop as a rider and feel that I am now more able to get a good tune

out of horses that I ride. During the event season we have horses out most weekends and I have learned how to turn a horse out smartly and correctly. My plaits can now stand the test of time and rarely come undone! Just before Christmas we took delivery of 4 very smart Irish horses and a Connemara pony as part of Meridian Equestrian Marketing's new venture. My role here is to assist Ruth in breaking and backing the young horses and to learn the process each horse goes through up to being ridden. We have been introducing the horses to the lunge and long reins and taking them out on the country lanes to become accustomed to the traffic - I have



learned that people who drive on country lanes are usually in a hurry! I have helped Ruth to lay over the horses and now I am legging her up to ride them - it has been interesting and exciting to watch their progress and I'm looking forward to their competition debuts in young event horse classes through the summer. My IT skills have been appreciated in marketing the young horses and I produce videos to show the horses' paces and jump. I can set the movements to music and can now be found mucking out and listening to suitable "trot" or "canter" tracks for future videos! Nearly a year ago I took the momentous decision to leave school after my AS mock exams - I wasn't enjoying school life as I felt continuously pressured to do more and more work and gain good results. I felt stifled by the atmosphere and longed to be out enjoying my horse. When I informed school that I was leaving I was told in no uncertain terms by the head teacher

that I was throwing my life away and I would always be at the bottom of the employment ladder. This has been far from the case!! I have thoroughly enjoyed doing my apprenticeship with Sue and her team at New Farm Equestrian and what they have given me in terms of self-belief and confidence has helped me to take my academic skills and use them to best effect in a practical industry. I love the outdoor working environment and lifestyle and look forward to starting my Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship later on in the year.



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ISABEL WAIN - APPRENTICE WITH JOHN WHITAKER



I am an apprentice groom at John Whitaker International. I am given amazing opportunities on this yard that I am very lucky and grateful for. Since I started my apprenticeship in September 2018, I have been to two international shows. My first competition was to Seville Horse Tour in Seville, Spain for three weeks. On this tour I learnt about what was needed to be packed for our trip, how to travel the horses on a long journey and on a ferry. I also learnt how to look after them whilst we were away at the show and prepare them ready for the competition. This tour helped me gain experience and see how everything was done. Recently I have also been to Azelhof in Belgium for two weeks to two different shows. This was another fantastic opportunity and good experience for me as well as this time I had more knowledge of what I was doing and how to do things. At this show I also trotted up, groomed and plaited ready for the competitions. I really enjoyed doing this show as it was well turned out and I felt that I was a lot more knowledgeable doing the horses and the routines needed for travelling and the shows. There is so much to learn and practice to reach the high standard required here but it is always enjoyable and a great experience working at this yard!



WELCOME TO:

Holly Gratton, Laila Ryan, Sarah Taylor,
Lucy Robinson, Chantelle Dean, Abby Ferrie,
Chloe Smith, Leah Richards, Eleanor Clarke,



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? MARCUS THORPE-CODMAN



The equestrian industry is a huge and highly diverse one, containing many quite different employment opportunities. Once a young person seeking to rise through its ranks has established a strong work ethic and the skills required to provide a high level of care to the horses around which it is centred, the world is their oyster. Nineteen-year-old Marcus Thorpe-Codman is currently employed by the Fitzwilliam Hunt in Peterborough as a groom and work rider. He went there having undertaken an equine apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) with Russell Atkin, who produces and sells hunters and has liveries at his Stamford yard. "I learnt a lot - I had a good boss and got to do a variety of things, including a lot of riding," says Marcus. "I learnt to turn out horses to a very high standard, and Russell gave me a really thorough practical and theoretical understanding of how to do things." Marcus added to his skill set by working for racehorse trainer Pam Sly and point-to-point trainer Del Peters, and hopes in the future to go into hunt service. "Lots of jobs require a capable horseman, and hopefully my apprenticeship has given me the tools to do things properly, whatever the future holds," he says. Russell, who has employed several SCT apprentices and currently employs Georgia Clarey, says: "Marcus is dyslexic and struggled at school, and wanted to be outside and working but wanted to get training and qualifications as well. Through the apprenticeship scheme he gained his Functional Skills qualifications in English and Maths, which will be a great help to him in terms of future employment." He continues: "Having apprentices keeps my other employees' standards up as they have to think about why they do something and the best way to do it in order to teach the apprentices how to do something well. "SCT gives us brilliant back-up - I have just renewed my first aid qualification through them - and they are horse-minded and care very much about finding the right position for the right person and supporting them to do well. The opportunities they offer in terms of personal and professional development - such as the Masterclass Series with top trainers - really pushes the apprentices to aim higher. Georgia took part in a Masterclass with (British senior eventing team coach) Chris Bartle, and it has done her so much good."

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