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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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### SCT APPRENTICES PRAISED FOR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION ★



As the equestrian industry gradually moves up a gear in anticipation of increased freedom of movement, Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE praises the training company's apprentices. "The lockdown restrictions of the Covid-19 crisis have placed incredible difficulties on all of us, but, of course, horses have continued to need high levels of care, and we are proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our apprentices" says Belinda. "The apprentices and their employers have had to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, they have had to develop strategies to maintain best practice and high standards within Government guidelines. "It has been difficult for apprentices to cope with this interruption to the structure of their apprenticeship programme and their training, but all have continued to study hard with the help of SCT's brilliant Online Learning library. We are reassuring them that progressive and End Point Assessment is continuing, and they must continue to stay engaged and motivated."



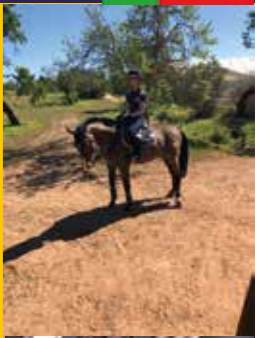
Job markets are likely to continue to become more competitive, and high-class, comprehensive training and well-recognised qualifications such as the apprenticeship scheme are essential tools for young people wishing to forge careers. The team at SCT has worked exceptionally hard to help its apprentices and employers to keep abreast of changing Government advice and regulations and will continue to do so. SCT - Britain's leading equine training provider - has always been committed to providing a wide range of exclusive personal development and training opportunities to its employers and apprentices, and the next in its acclaimed Masterclass Series with top riders and coaches will take place (with full protective measures) with showjumper Matthew Sampson on 10 July. The 'SCT Apprentice of the Year' Awards, and the judging for the highly competitive SCT Enterprise Award, will also be rescheduled to this date. SCT's equine apprenticeships allow young people to earn a wage and gain valuable qualification while learning from excellent professionals, giving them the best possible start to working life. It provides all-round support and advice to both apprentices and employers and, through its superb network of contacts within the horse world, is perfectly suited to fit the right person to the right set-up. It provides superb training, wide-ranging opportunities for personal development and chances to develop employability and professionalism.



### ISABEL WAIN - GROOMING AT VILAMOURA, PORTUGAL



I have worked on John Whitaker's yard for two years and am now doing the Advanced Apprenticeship; I have groomed at many international shows with them. For example, Lier in Belgium, Eschweiler in Germany, Valencia and Seville in Spain. My most recent show was Vilamoura Atlantic Tour 2020 in Portugal, which was a very successful and educational show for me. I was away in Portugal for a month with 12 horses in total. I was assigned 4 horses, 1 competing in the 6 year old class, 1 in the 7 year old class, 1 in the 1m30 class and 1 in the 1m40/45 class. Each week they trotted up, got exercised, hand walked and went to the ring. One of my favourite parts was plaiting and getting the horses ready for the ring to a high standard. Another was getting to exercise a few of them during the weeks. This show was really nice and had a positive atmosphere, all the horses jumped well and learnt a lot.



### HANNAH O'CONNOR - WORK EXPERIENCE SAYWELL EQUESTRIAN



As part of my Advanced Apprenticeship I completed work experience at international showjumping yard Saywell Equestrian, near Newark. The yard has sixty horses from top class show jumpers to three year olds beginning their education, it has a range of facilities ensuring that not only the fitness of the horse is met but the well being and care, with a theraplate, treadmill, hydro-treadmill, walker, indoor and outdoor arenas. The day starts at 7.30am - the horses are fed on a chop, nuts and beet diet (proportions differing for the workload the horses are in), with added salt and oil. Then mucking out, waters replenished and hayed up. The hay is put in a Haygain Hay Steamer, reducing airborne dust. Andrew produces a list which is worked through throughout the day. The tasks include exercising -riding, lungeing, treadmill, walker or turnout (in grass paddocks or the round pen). Some of the horses are put in the hydrotherapy treadmill. This facility is open to outside clients. Other jobs include working/handling the youngsters, tidying, washing dirty numnahs/bandages/ rugs etc, grooming, cleaning legs and feet, setting up the arenas with poles and jumps and cleaning tack. After lunch the list is worked through to ensure all horses are taken out of their stables for a type of exercise. The yard is finished off from 4pm - skip out, water topped up and haylage and hard feeds at 5pm. I learnt to put horses on the Theraplate. I had some knowledge of the Theraplate, however I didn't realise the majority of cases it can help with, from helping to ease colic to damaged tendons; Andrew's specific routine for tacking up; I also learnt that after cleaning the legs they are dried with a towel and then add talcum powder. My favourite part was working on such a large yard and seeing how the people working there are able to keep calm under pressure and busy days, ensuring that every task is completed to their best. I believe the work experience has helped me to see how top yards work and run and the added facilities that can help in success at events.



## COMING SOON: SCT MASTERCLASS SERIES



Following the cancellation of the Masterclass in April, SCT have now planned again!

Subject to government guidance, the next Masterclass will be with Matthew Sampson on Friday 10 July at Parklands EC, Sheffield. Priority for places will be given to those needing additional training in preparation for End point Assessment scheduled for July, August and September. We would be outdoors, ask for no additional spectators, ask that no one with any symptoms attends, and we would not provide any food or bring people inside.



We have an additional Masterclass booked with international showjumper Joe Whitaker on Friday 18 September, also at Parklands EC. Showjumping's illustrious Whitaker family have been closely connected to SCT for many years, and many SCT apprentices have benefited from their vast depth of knowledge of the horse world. Joe - nephew of John and Michael Whitaker - was himself an SCT apprentice, appreciating the importance of adding structure and a well-recognised qualification to his understanding of equine management.

Finally for 2020, we have Olympic Team GB Coach Christopher Bartle on Monday 16 November at Vale View Equestrian near Melton Mowbray. After a superb riding career that included winning Badminton and competing on championship teams for Britain in both dressage and eventing, Chris Bartle coached the German eventing team for a decade, winning multiple gold medals at World, Olympic and European Championship level. He became coach to the British eventing team after the 2016 Rio Olympics, and in his time Britain has won team gold at both the European Championships and the World Equestrian Games.

For places at all the Masterclasses, apprentices must be nominated by their employer, and places are a reward for meeting module targets.



### FIRST AID



### WELCOME TO:



Please see <https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/-first-aid-advice/covid-19-advice-for-first-aiders/> for guidance on First aid provision during COVID-19. St John's Ambulance are also offering a FREE online Refresher course and updated instructions.

Evie Wale  
Lucy Terry  
Bethan Fowler  
Ellie-May Proctor  
Natalia Aspinall  
Ruby Shaw  
Katie Hirst  
Alicia Fell

## LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Intermediate Technical Certificate: Eleanor Clarke

Apprenticeship: Sarah Taylor, Lucy Robinson, Eleanor Clarke, Georgia Dickinson-Cannadine, Kerry Cliff, Isobella Gower

Advanced Apprenticeship: Emma Cummins, Georgia Rutherford

### FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 2: Georgia Dickinson-Cannadine

English Level 1: Georgia Woods

Study Programme Level 1: Georgia Dickinson-Cannadine



## WORKPLACE 'COVID-19 SECURE' GUIDELINES



The Government expects all employers to produce a risk assessment for COVID-19. Here is some guidance to help in producing your COVID-19 risk assessment for your workplace. Everyone should follow the guidelines on infection control, both whilst at work and in their daily lives. This includes:

- frequently cleaning their hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
- when coughing and sneezing, covering mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue, throwing this tissue away immediately and washing their hands
- avoiding close contact with anyone who has fever / new, persistent cough / breathing difficulties
- Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> for current guidance
- Use the 111 online Coronavirus Service to find out what to do if you have symptoms ie new, persistent cough or fever.
- please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
- please see specific guidance for outdoor work: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/construction-and-other-outdoor-work>

- individuals should **keep their distance from people outside their household**. Transmission is affected by both duration and proximity of contact; individuals should not be too close to other people for more than a short amount of time. Public Health England recommends keeping 2m away from people. Reduce the number of people each person has contact with.
- essential to **keep hands and face as clean as possible**. People should wash their hands often, using soap and water, and dry them thoroughly. Touching of the face should be avoided.
- **increase the frequency of surface cleaning**
- **clothes should also be washed regularly**, as there is some evidence that the virus can stay on fabrics.
- to reduce the risks of transmission in the workplace limit the number of people that any given individual comes into contact with regularly. Employers can support this where practical by changing shift patterns and rotas to keep smaller, contained teams. **Evidence also suggests the virus is less likely to be transmitted in well-ventilated areas.**

- **stagger arrival and departure times at work** to reduce crowding into and out of the workplace
- **provide handwashing facilities or hand sanitiser, at entry and exit points**. Provide regular reminders and signage to maintain hygiene standards. Provide hand sanitisers in multiple locations in addition to washrooms. Provide hand sanitiser in meeting rooms
- **reduce job and equipment rotation**, so the same person uses the same equipment, and cleans it regularly
- **separate sites into working zones** to keep different groups of workers physically separated as much as practical.
- **reduce the number of people in attendance at meetings and hold them outdoors** wherever possible with social distancing.
- **workstations should be assigned to an individual** as much as possible. If they need to be shared, they should be shared by the smallest possible number of people.
- **stagger break times** to reduce pressure on break rooms or places to eat.
- **use outdoor areas for breaks.**
- **reconfigure seating and tables** to maintain spacing and reduce face-to-face interactions.

- **in an emergency, for example, an accident, fire or break-in**, people do not have to stay 2m apart if it would be unsafe. People involved in the provision of assistance to others should pay particular attention to sanitation measures immediately afterwards including washing hands.
- where visitors are required, **guidance should be given on social distancing and hygiene should be explained to visitors on or before arrival**. Limit the number of visitors at any one time
- **ensure public notices are visible** and help inform workers, customers, visitors, contractors and the public to maintain social distancing whilst in the workplace.
- **provide signage at entrances** to the yard to remind the public and workers to maintain social distancing. Provide signage on rights of way that cross your land to remind the public to maintain social distancing.
- **cleaning: frequent cleaning of work areas and equipment between uses**. Frequent cleaning of object and surfaces that are touched regularly, such as buckets and equipment, and making sure there are adequate disposal arrangements. Cleaning workspaces and removing waste and belongings from the work area at the end of a shift. Sanitisation of all hand tools, controls, machinery and equipment after use. If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific guidance.