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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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SCT MASTERCLASS WITH MATTHEW SAMPSON



Stubbing Court Training (SCT) held the latest in its acclaimed Masterclass Series on 11 July at Parklands EC. Matthew Sampson, a former junior European gold medallist and now a member of Britain's senior Nations Cup squad, taught several groups of SCT apprentices and employers throughout the day. He also carried out the final judging for the SCT 'Apprentice of the Year' Award, won by Kirsty Buchanan. The 19-year-old from Stirling was one of a number of apprentices, specially selected by their employers and assessors, who were put through their paces. It came down to two - Kirsty, and Kim Norwell-Hall, and Kirsty was narrowly judged the winner. Kirsty, who joined SCT's highly successful equine apprenticeship programme in July 2012 and who works for international event riders Mark and Tanya Kyle at their Leicestershire yard, was delighted with her success. She said: "I'm incredibly grateful to Stubbing Court Training, and Mark and Tanya Kyle to have been given the opportunity to complete my apprenticeship. I feel it has really widened my knowledge of the equestrian industry, as well as giving me the chance to see how a top-level competition yard is run. I'm very thankful to everyone involved in the Apprentice of the Year award for all the hard work and planning which must have gone into it."



Among her prizes were an embroidered Ariat jacket donated by Thomas Irving Equestrian Superstore and three days' work experience with Matthew Sampson at his Sheffield yard. Feed company TopSpec gave both finalists gilets, polo shirts and some of their famous Feed Balancer. Anna Franklin of Thomas Irving Superstore said: "Thomas Irving Equestrian Superstore is pleased to continue its support in the development of professional equine care through Stubbing Court Training Ltd. We are delighted to help reward the Stubbing Court Training Ltd's Apprentice of the Year for 2014, and will enjoy following her future success." TopSpec's regional director Kate Radford said: "We are so proud that TopSpec can support this award - developing practical knowledge and skills are vital to the future of the industry." SCT works throughout the horse industry to provide the very best training for young people through the apprenticeship programme, which provides a structured, monitored learning environment but in a "hands-on", practical way. Its access to and relationships with top riders, riding schools and livery yards means apprentices can learn from the best people in the equestrian world. 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.

ED AUSTIN - FROM EVENTING TO RACING...



I'm 19 years old. I have completed both of my apprenticeships with Stubbing Court Training Ltd. I spent a lot of time training with Mark and Tanya Kyle, learning a lot about turn out and skills in my riding and I'm very grateful for the hard work they both put into me and my horse. Then I moved to finish my apprenticeship with British team gold medal winner and individual Olympic silver medal winner Jeanette Brakewell, where I learnt a great deal more! And with her help I learnt about breakers. And with her eye over me I was given responsibility with ordering feed and organising tack for events, feeding and shoeing of the horses. Jeanette also let me compete on her horses and let me produce them on my own, under her close eye. I would like to say thank you to Jeanette as well as Mark and Tanya Kyle for helping me along my way. Once I had finished my Apprenticeship I soon followed my passion of racing. I now work for Dan Skelton, son of Nick Skelton. I have adapted very easily to the racing world. Since I have been here my knowledge of fitness has increased a great deal!! And I suit the style of riding. I have ridden work, schooled over hurdles and chase fences. I have now had my first two race rides and done very well in them both, with Dan's help. I hope to have a successful career in racing as a jockey. And I am loving every minute of it!



REMINDER - WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES



Wanting to go that extra mile? Why not arrange some work experience? You will have the chance to gain hands on experience in a world class professional yard, improve your skills and knowledge of world class standards of work, and is invaluable to progressing in your career. It is an excellent way to stand out to potential employers and also looks great on your CV. Stubbing Court Training will organise work experience placements with some of the country's top leading riders at international showjumping, eventing, and dressage yards. As this is voluntary and taken in your own time, please contact Belinda Turner on 01246 566193 to let us know 3 days together when you are available.



★★ HEALTH & SAFETY ★★

30 September, 21 October at Derby College
19 August at Bradford College
10 November at North Notts College, Worksop

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WELCOME TO:



Bethany Fearn, Deanna Berrington, William Vicencio Prior,
Naomi Hartman, Eleanor Leadbetter-Smith, Caitlin Coulter, Alyssa Jones,
Nikki Ewington, Rebecca Meah, Emily Harrison, Jack Rhodes, Amy Austwick,
Rachael Firth, Brandon Joyce, Codie Goddard, Charlotte Knopik, Sophie Jesty



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!!!



Intermediate Technical Certificate: Danielle Marriott, Laura Barton, Gemma Barlow, Leonie Bradwell, Joshua Gray, Ashton Walker

Advanced Technical Certificate: Kimberley Norwell-Hall, Jodie Risdon, Carole Sykes, Ashleigh Elder, Danielle Soden, Kyle Bannister, Dawn Fox

Apprenticeship: Megan Wilson, Paige Bathgate, Amy Lawson-Croome, Amie Jubb, Anja Farmery, Megan Fuller, Emily Howell, Tara Wilkinson, Grace Sheard, Charlie Evans, Michael Markham, Jennifer Clarkson

Advanced Apprenticeship: Louis McCartan

Foundation Learning: Megan Bertalan

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 1: Rebecca Pickles, Ashleigh Wilkinson, Maizie Brown, Mary Hall-Maclachlann, Sophie Miller

Mathematics Level 2: Charlotte Allen, Ashleigh Elder, Anne Varley, Andrew Baldock

English Level 1: Ashleigh Wilkinson, Sophie Miller, Kelly Wyatt, Leonie Bradwell, Rebecca Patchell, Harriet Lawson, Anne-Marie Smith, Lorna Marshall, Chelsie Quinn

English Level 2: Charley Winfield, Jodie Risdon, Sharon Nicholas, Chelsea Fletcher, Anja Farmery, Dawn Fox, Amy Lawson-Croome, Harriet Lawson, Josephine Tanser, Sophie Kendrick, Loran Wilson, Sarah White

FIRST AID



11 September at Derby College

9 September at North Notts College, Worksop

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MASTERCLASS FEEDBACK - MATTHEW SAMPSON

Aspect 1: What was the most useful aspect of the day? • Seeing techniques to enable all riders to jump a technical and challenging course • Making apprentices and employers aware of standards to be aimed for and to be less complacent • Seeing my trainees ride and jumping a technical course • Watching how other people rode their horses • Learning some brilliant riding tips • Getting to jump a full set of different coloured fences -with expert advice • Being pushed out of my comfort zone • Being able to attend, watching other horses and riders jumping and encouraging each other • When we didn't get it right the first time, Matthew made us go round again and really made us ride our horses in a better way • Able to ride a horse that I have never ridden before and could build confidence on • Watching the 'Apprentice of the Year' so I could see how they rode and compare it to my riding • To see apprentices riding exercises used by a top show jumper, good pole work and grid work exercises which can be used by any novice at home with their own horse • Learning to control and steady the horse in between jumps • Learning to channel my horse into fences he was unsure about • Learning how to jump a course correctly • Being able to go through the stages of jumping the course and knowing what to improve on • All of it, enjoyed it very much and learnt lots • Gaining knowledge from Matt • Jumping a technical course under the expert guidance of Matthew Sampson • Took videos of my jumping to watch back • Being able to have riding tips and techniques. He always explained why and repeated this when we went wrong • Learning how to improve my jumping position • Teaching them that building up speed to a jump makes the horse go long, flat and more likely to knock poles • Learning to slow the horse down • Altering the strides

Aspect 2: What was the most enjoyable aspect of the day? • Seeing so many apprentices and employers receiving and improving from world class training. Very high standard of turnout • Meeting other employers with trainees and their horses • Good quality lesson on my own horse • Jumping a course • Riding a Parklands horse • Jumping a bigger course than I would normally jump at home • Watching our apprentice doing an amazing round • Riding in the Masterclass and jumping bigger fences • See the horse and rider progress in jumping bigger fences • Jumping a full course • Jumping a good course and getting good feedback • All of the day! • Being able to attend, watching other horses and riders jumping and encouraging each other • Jumping different jumps and fillers for the first time • Helping with the jumps • Listening to how Matthew taught other riders • Watching the improvement • All the horses at Parklands and the apprentices' horses were very neatly turned out • Watching all the other techniques • Ride and practice jumping more • Learning new skills for jumping a course • Meeting nice people • Riding a new horse over jumps • Getting constant guidance during the lesson • Lesson was good and Matthew was very straight to the point • Jumping a course because I don't have much of an opportunity at home or at work • Having a go at the different jumps available • Seeing my sister jump and ride on the horse - very proud! • Jumping a full course of jumps for the first time • Watching the class improve from the start of the lesson

Aspect 3: What will you do now to improve your work and progress? • Encourage future attendance at Masterclasses • Keep in contact - good to see names and faces • Keep practicing what I've learnt • Practice my jumping position over jumps • Keep practicing and putting into practice the things we have learnt • Get my horses fitter for jumping • I will use what Matt said to improve my jumping skills further • Get both my horse and myself fitter for jumping • Carry on with what Matt told me to work on • Work on jumping the jump in the centre • Sit up more and let my horse do it • Keep practicing • Keep calm and relaxed • Keep on top of my portfolio • Try to imitate how the 'Apprentice of the Year' rode with my own riding • Be clearer in my teaching aims • I will encourage other apprentices to meet portfolio targets and to ride in the Masterclasses - a great opportunity to be taught by a world class trainer! • To ride over a course of different jumps and heights • To ride more frequently and add more fillers when jumping • Practice new techniques with my own horse • Work on keeping the horse straight and forward • Have more jumping lessons • Steadying my horse up and not riding him too forward • Continue working on my lines and courses • Keeping hold of the horse's head when riding for my assessments • Ride different horses and keep jumping • To work on my position and leg aids to improve my overall jumping technique

Aspect 5: Do you have any other comments about the quality of Masterclass? • Extremely well organised, excellent and enthusiastic trainer very determined to make sure every horse and rider improved in their session • Excellent to see employers and trainers of international standing • Good - nice to do bigger jumps • Very well organised and very useful • Excellent, fun and enjoyed by all • I really enjoyed it and meeting Matthew Sampson was good too • Matthew was really good and gave me confidence to push myself further • Very good - improved the horses' way of going and knowledge • Very well organised, friendly and welcoming - good food too • Great to see apprentices happy to get involved and gaining valuable riding tips and exercises to use at home • Fun day all around • Brilliantly organised by all involved • Very enjoyable and I have learned a lot • Brilliant teacher • I thought Matthew's lessons were well structured and appropriately challenging • Really good - enjoyable and would love to attend again • Excellent instructor • Brilliant opportunity for family to watch and learn tips too • Quality teaching from Matthew Sampson. Very useful information given to improve my overall riding • Very helpful • Matthew was clear with his instruction and advice