

Student Soundbites

Animal Management

James Bibby

Course: Animal Management Level 3

Soundbite:

"My course at Merrist Wood helped me secure a job at Chessington Zoo as a Seasonal Hoofstock Keeper. In my role I look after a variety of species including giraffe, white rhino, Grevy's zebra and more."

Ultimate ambition:

To hold a senior position at a zoo.



Orla Wheeler

Course: Animal Management Level 3

Soundbite:

"My course has helped prepare me for life in work. The veterinary nurse lessons have really helped me increase my knowledge and skills."

Ultimate ambition:

To pursue a career in Diagnostic Imaging.



Arboriculture

Georgi Ennis

Course: Arboriculture Level 3

Soundbite:

"My work experience has given me the confidence to try new things, and my course has given me the knowledge to talk to clients confidently and educate others about arboriculture."

Ultimate ambition:

To become a Tree Consultant.



Martin Blackman

Course: Arboriculture Level 3

Soundbite:

"I have gained a lot of experience at the College and my work placement, such as how to work efficiently as a team."

Ultimate ambition:

To become a Team Leader or Tree Consultant.



Employability

Matthew Cumper

Course: Employability and Personal Development Level 1 Diploma

Soundbite:

"This course is helping me gain more experience and knowledge about working with



animals, such as regular routine and how to correctly handle the animals."

Ultimate ambition:

"I feel determined to achieve a job working with the RSPCA. I would like to become an RSPCA Inspector."



Equine

Hezbollah Horn

Course: Horse Management Level 3

Soundbite:

"I completed my work experience with polo horses and was offered a job at the end of it. This course has helped me pick up a lot of skills which I didn't already have, such as completing my BHS exams."

Ultimate ambition:

To work with competitive polo horses.



Floristry

Monet Martin

Course: Floristry Level 3 Diploma

Soundbite:

"My course has taught me everything I need to know about floristry, and I'm look forward to moving on to Level 4 next year. I completed my work experience at Rays Florists and was offered a job, so I now work there three days a week. "

Ultimate ambition:

To become a full-time professional florist.



Kimberley Millett

Course: Floristry Level 3 Diploma

Soundbite:

"My dream job is to become a well-known florist, and this course has prepared me by giving me the skill set needed to enter the floristry industry."

Ultimate ambition:

To become a well-known professional florist.



Steph Lovell

Course: Floristry Level 3 Diploma

Soundbite:

"My course has taught me how to produce many different styles of floral bouquets and arrangements."

Ultimate ambition:

To own an event floristry business.



Horticulture

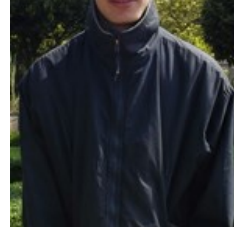
Alex Sparks

Course: Horticulture Level 2



Soundbite:

“My course has helped me a lot, and I have been offered a work placement at RHS Wisley next year.”

**Ultimate ambition:**

To become a professional gardener.

Landscaping

Ashley Zymanczyk

Course: Landscaping Level 3

Soundbite:

“I gained employment with a local landscaping firm as a result of my work experience at Merrist Wood College. The College sets you up with a great foundation of skills.”

**Ultimate ambition:**

To set up own landscaping business.

Public Services

Daniel Shaw

Course: Public Services Level 3

Soundbite:

“With the help of the College I am now a Special Constable with the Metropolitan Police. When I applied to join the police the tutors were really supportive. They used their experiences to help explain some of the areas, such as law, in greater detail.”

**Ultimate ambition:**

To become a Police Constable.

Katherine Varley

Course: Public Services Level 3

Soundbite:

“The course has developed me as a person. I have grown in confidence, developed teamwork skills and made some amazing friends. Coming to Merrist Wood College was one of the best decisions I've ever made!”

**Ultimate ambition:**

To become a Paramedic.

Sport

Luke Daniels

Course: Football Coaching Level 3

Soundbite:

“This course has helped me understand both the tactics and techniques of the game, and how to properly coach players.”

**Ultimate ambition:**

To become a Football Coach.

Daniel Johnson

Course: Sport (Golf) Level 3



Soundbite:

"I have gained some great contacts in the industry, which will help me take a big step forward in the future. I did work experience at Wentworth for the BMW Championship, where I got to meet some great players."

**Ultimate ambition:**

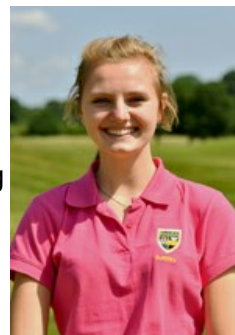
To become a Golf Coach.

Victoria Maughan

Course: Sport (Golf) Level 3

Soundbite:

"My courses has taught me a number of organisational skills, which helped when organising a mini tournament for young female golfers."

**Ultimate ambition:**

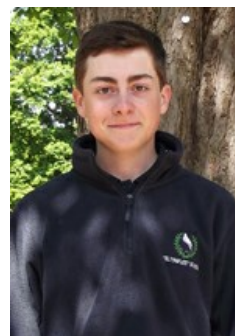
To pursue a career in physiotherapy.

Sports Turf**George Ractliff**

Course: Sports Turf Intermediate Apprenticeship

Soundbite:

"The College teaches you a lot of the theory, whilst a lot of the practical skills are learnt on the job."

**Ultimate ambition:**

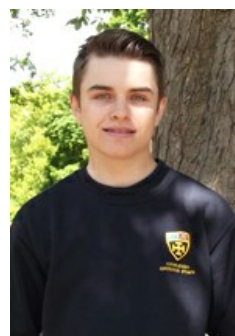
To progress as a groundsperson.

Owen Bartlett

Course: Sports Turf Intermediate Apprenticeship

Soundbite:

"I am currently completing my Apprenticeship at Cranleigh School with the Grounds Staff Team. This Apprenticeship is teaching me great knowledge and skills for the future."

**Ultimate ambition:**

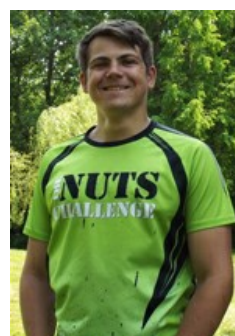
To work at a football ground.

Wildlife and Conservation**Sebastian Fay****Course:**

Countryside Management Level 3

Soundbite:

"I completed my work experience with the National Trust, and I have also volunteered at Ashted Common, which has helped me to understand what it's like to be a Ranger. My course has definitely prepared me for the future."

**Ultimate ambition:**

To become a Park Ranger.
