



Marcus Bird

Godolphin Flying Start Trainee

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PROFILE

I am a Godolphin Flying Start trainee in the class of 2021-23. I have a Bachelor's degree in Biology (2:1) from the University of Bristol, and since graduating I have gained practical experience working in both the breeding and racing sides of the Thoroughbred Industry. I have a particular interest in the application of science and technology to breeding, buying and training racehorses.

EDUCATION

Godolphin Flying Start

August 2021 – July 2023

Godolphin Flying Start is a two-year, full-time Management and Leadership training programme that specialises in the international Thoroughbred racing and breeding industry. It is accredited by University College Dublin and trainees gain experience in Ireland, USA, UK and the UAE.

University of Bristol

September 2016 – July 2018

Bachelor of Science Biology, Second Class honours (First Division)

Eton College

September 2010 – June 2015

A Levels: 3 A Grades in Biology, Chemistry & Physics.

AS Level: A Grade in Mathematics.

EXPERIENCE

Park House Stables, Kingsclere, UK

Pupil Assistant / May 2020 – August 2021

- Assisting with all aspects of daily yard routine.
- Holiday cover for head lads – managing up to 50 horses and work riders.
- Assisting with vet work – x ray plate holding, jogging up.
- Showing horses for owners/videos/sales and at Tattersalls HIT sales.
- Treadmill and Equine Pool use.
- Gallop mornings – checking horses, organising and reporting feedback.

Windsor Park Stud, Cambridge, NZ

Stud Hand / August 2019 – March 2020

- Assistant Dry Mare manager – feed runs, crush work and teasing.
- Assisting with coverings and foalings.
- Foal/Weanling/Yearling handling.
- Oral, IM and supervised IV treatments.
- Karaka 2020 Sales, showing through ring.

Glebe Farm Stud, Hindon, UK

Stud Hand / Seasonally 2015-2019

- Yearling handling and hand-walking.
- Mare and Foal handling.
- Sales preparations for Yearling sales as well as Mare and Foal sales.

ACHIEVEMENTS

BE 100 and Unaffiliated Novice
Eventing

Fundraising £10,000 for Maggie's
Centres and £6,000 for CALM.

Eton College Rous Society

School House Sports Captain

SKILLS

Horsemanship

Statistical
Analysis (SPSS
& R Studio)

MS Office

Problem Solving

Leadership

REFERENCES

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America

Australia

Dubai

Europe

Sales & Other Experience

INTERESTS

I like to keep myself busy either playing or watching sports such as cricket, football or golf. I love listening to music and podcasts and I love to travel.