

Local People - A Teenage Perspective

A small group of students from various year groups at Macclesfield Academy meets regularly to discuss ideas, work together and support each other as writers. The articles they write for us look at life from a sometimes refreshingly alternative perspective!

Aptly for this issue, we have a piece by Ellie Hall about her recent "work experience"



Work Experience

Before the summer break I had to do work experience. Many students are unsure about this but personally, I really enjoyed my work experience. I took the initiative and went somewhere that I felt I would be able to do something valuable and where I knew I would have something to do every day of the week. I didn't go to a shop, or work for my parents; instead, I went to a horse livery yard for one week.

My work experience started on the Tuesday and ended on the Friday. I got to the livery yard at nine o'clock in the morning and the first job of the day was to turn all of the horses out into the field. Everyone who worked on the livery yard seemed pleasantly surprised that I knew how to put on a horse rug, so the day was off to a relatively good start.

Following this, we began the mucking out of the horses. The rule was: all of the horses had to be mucked out by lunchtime and everyone was expected to muck out a minimum of eight horses. I thought that was a fair request, so I got to work. By the time I had mucked out my eighth stable, I was finding it hard work because in order to empty the wheelbarrow the muck had to be thrown on top of a pile, in a trailer. I'm sure it was the hardest physical labour I will ever have to do.

Once all of the mucking out was done, the hard physical labour eased off. In the afternoon I put jumps up for people and cleaned tack. I got to finish at five o'clock and I felt shattered. I went home to go and feed my own horse, and fell asleep on the concrete of the stable block!

I had an early night on that Tuesday evening so I woke up the next day feeling refreshed. The remainder of the days ran similar to my first day except for on the last day - I didn't have to muck out!

On the whole, work experience was a great experience for me and although in the future I may not work with horses, it was a great way to spend a week: having fun and meeting new people. So my advice is to always approach a task positively and work to the best of your ability. It worked for me!



Ellie is 15 years old and enjoys playing music and horse riding