



## THANKS FOR YOUR APPLICATION

It's been a busy year so far at Sparsholt, from opening the brand new Motor Vehicle and Agricultural Engineering building with F1 legends to launching international zoo diploma courses and Football Academy students being selected for an England team.

We hope you are looking forward to joining us in September. In the meantime we thought you might be interested in hearing some recent news from the College – it will give you a taste of things to come.

### FORMULA 1 LEGENDS OPEN NEW MOTOR VEHICLE AND ENGINEERING COMPLEX

Motor Vehicle, Welding and Agricultural Engineering students were truly inspired by Formula 1 legends Ross Brawn OBE and Jody Scheckter when they opened the new multi-million pound Motor Vehicle and Engineering complex.

Ross, although renowned as the “engineering brains” behind many Formula 1 world title wins, started his career as an Apprentice. His words of wisdom to the students were “I always remember the maxim that ‘luck is preparation waiting for an opportunity.’ Today is your preparation; your opportunities will come in some stage of your life. If you’ve got the training and have had the education, you can grab those opportunities.”

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

If you have not yet received your registration pack, it will be sent out to you in the next few weeks. This will include information about finance, transport, accommodation and learning support and some forms to fill in and return to us.

Following that we will be in touch with details and dates for enrolment.

Like all the Sparsholt students, former F1 world champion Jody Scheckter also started his career at a college saying: “I left school and went to a technical college to work with cars and really loved it – I was switched on to learning there. The facilities here are far better and my career has flourished from those early days, so if you keep at it, the sky’s the limit.”



Ross Brawn OBE and Jody Scheckter opening Sparsholt's Motor Vehicle and Engineering complex

## LEVEL 3 AGRICULTURE STUDENTS TAKE PART IN A 24-HOUR PLOUGHATHON, RAISING £705 FOR HAMPSHIRE & ISLE OF WIGHT AIR AMBULANCE!

The Air Ambulance helicopter is called out many times a day to attend to road traffic collisions, sporting accidents, collapses and other incidents; these missions are often live saving and it costs £4,000 a day to keep the helicopter operational. It is funded solely by the public, with no government or lottery funding.



**DID YOU KNOW...** OUR LEVEL 1 ANIMAL CARE STUDENTS RECENTLY WENT TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT FOR A STUDY TOUR!



## STUDENTS LEARN LAMBING FROM OUR EXPERT

College Shepherd, John Garrett, works closely with students throughout the year, but particularly during the January lambing period.

Students benefit from John's years of experience and knowledge as they learn the intricacies of lambing as part of their agriculture course. It is this well-earned expertise which will stand the students in good stead when they work the traditional lambing season later in the year.

Some of our lambs (and students) were also featured in the national news in January, promoting the annual lambing weekend. Students Chloe and Elizabeth and the New Year's Day arrivals featured on the Daily Mail and Telegraph websites and in the Times and London Metro.



IMAGE: SOLENT NEWS AND PHOTO AGENCY

Agriculture students  
Chloe and Elizabeth



## FOCUS ON FISH

Fishery student Connor Harvey has put his placement at Angling Publications to good use. His full page article in Carp-Trade magazine looked at what happens behind the scenes at Sparsholt and what the College can offer students and businesses. You can read Connor's article in full on our website ([sparsholt.ac.uk](http://sparsholt.ac.uk))



Charlie Gunson earns his first England Cap

## SPARSHOLT FOOTBALL ACADEMY PLAYER WINS AN ENGLAND CAP

There was much excitement recently with news that our Sport student Charlie Gunson had been selected for the England Schools' Under 18 squad. From thousands throughout the country, Charlie made the final 18 and wore his first England football shirt against Australia at the beginning of the year.

Sparsholt College has a partnership with Southampton Football Club which ultimately looks to produce players for the club. Commenting on Charlie's selection, Academy Manager Matt Hale said:

*“ It is the highest honour to represent your country at any sport, and Charlie's achievements should not be overlooked. It is a reflection of not just his ability but the hard work and commitment he has shown at developing his potential and also those that have worked hard to support him. A really proud moment for his family no doubt, equally so for Southampton Football Club and our Sparsholt Second Chance Programme in particular.”*



## OUR APPRENTICE CHARLIE MOORE (FAR LEFT) IS THE FIRST IN THE UK TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE FISH HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT APPRENTICESHIP!

## CLIMBING HIGH FOR THE COMMUNITY

Year 6–8's from schools across Andover, Romsey and Winchester enjoyed the first class facilities at Sparsholt as the College's Outdoor Education students put them through their paces. Nearly 300 students visited the College's multi-million pound sports centre tackling the purpose-built, 20 metre climbing wall.





## EQUINE EXCELLENCE

Readers of Horse and Hound will regularly see write-ups of Dressage events held at our impressive Equine Centre. As well as playing host to numerous competitions throughout the year, the Equine Centre is always very busy and active with lots of horses, students and staff.

In fact, when Ofsted visited last year and graded the Equine Department (as well as the Animal Management and Veterinary Nursing department) 'Outstanding' they were extremely impressed by the professionalism of staff, the exceptional facilities and strong industry links stating: "Teachers are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and use their vocational expertise to impart knowledge and skills effectively."

## SPORT, OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS VISITED ALPE D'HUEZ IN FRANCE FOR A SKI-TRIP IN JANUARY!

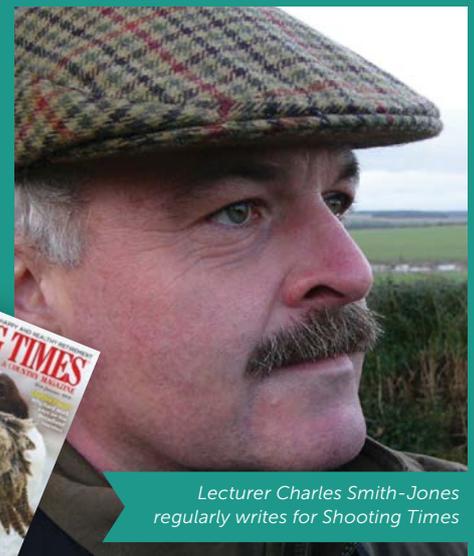


## GAME AND WILDLIFE LECTURERS ARE OFFICIALLY 'EXPERTS'

One of the key strengths of Sparsholt College is the number of true industry experts we have on the teaching team. Not only are they renowned amongst their profession but their opinions are regularly sought as is their expertise.

Our Game and Wildlife team are a great example of this core strength. Deer expert and lecturer Charles Smith-Jones regularly writes for

Shooting Times and, be warned, often features activities of students as part of these articles! The team also contributes each month to Sporting Shooter's Expert Q&A where they offer advice for issues regularly affecting gamekeepers and those working in the industry.



Lecturer Charles Smith-Jones regularly writes for Shooting Times

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