



Jamie Howes

- Rob Jamie, you're studying horses. Now tell me about the course that you're doing.
- Jamie Yeah I'm studying at Maison Semilliou Morel at Landivisieau. So it's a three year course which is equivalent to English 'A' levels and as part of our course they would like us to study abroad for at least one month.
- Rob What kind of thing do you are you studying.
- Jamie We study all about horses, how to take care of them. We ride twice a week and all our lessons are horse-based.
- Rob And there's a lot of you there, a lot of students?
- Jamie Uh, there's 120 but we're not all there at the same time. Half of the year will be on work experience whilst half of the year will be in class.
- Rob And your work experience is somewhere around here I gather.
- Jamie No it's at Nantes at Haras de Hus. Last year I had my training at Louciane (?). There was an endurance rider there.
- Rob And what's an endurance rider, what's all that about?
- Jamie Endurance is the horses can go up to a distance of 150 kilometres in one day. After every 30 kilometres the horse will be checked at a vet to see if it can carry on for the race or not.
- Rob No you've just recently taken part in something of an adventure with this horse. Tell us about that.
- Jamie Um well my last boss, he had horses here on loan from the Princess of Malaysia.
- Rob The Princess of Malaysia.
- Jamie So as I got to know her well in France and then as part of the course we've got to travel abroad and so I had the opportunity to go all the way to Malaysia, to the Royal Endurance Stables in the Palace.

Rob And what did you have to do there?

Jamie The same, I was training horses every day and taking care of them and showing them different methods to what they, what they know in Malaysia.

Rob What kind of different methods?

Jamie Well they use a lot of like herbal medicines on their horses, very different to what we use here in France, so I was trying to teach them how to reduce swells on the legs of their horses and all about how to apply ice and different situations.

Rob And did you learn anything from them?

Jamie Yes I learnt a lot of about how hydration for the horses is a lot more important over there. Forty degree so very hot, yeah. But other than that the training stays the same.

Rob So you spent how long over there?

Jamie Two months.

Rob What do you feel about what you did?

Jamie It was awesome. I was a bit nervous when I was in Palace but when I got there it was a big adventure and I was really excited.

Rob And uh, have you got a chance to go back or...

Jamie Yeah, they've all invited me back so we'll see if I can find the time.

Rob Does it give you opportunities to do other things abroad or.. what will happen next?

Jamie Now I've got the taste for travelling I think. I wanna go everywhere.

Rob On horseback?

Jamie No, possibly..... learning all about horses everywhere and different methods.

Rob And so you're coming to the end of your course now?

Jamie Yeah, this is the year of my big exam so a lot of studying and everything.

Rob And does that involve actually riding a well?

Jamie Yeah we get judged at the end of the year on dressage, jumping and cross-country.

Rob Well I wish you the very best of luck then. It's really good to talk to you. Thanks a lot.

Jamie Bye-bye.