

2017: An outstanding year for horology students

Each year, the George Daniels' Educational Trust (GDET) provides financial assistance to students and apprentices who are training to become watch or clock makers. For 2017, the exams are now over and it is worth reporting on some of the outstanding results that have been achieved.

The British School of Watchmaking held its Graduation Ceremony in Manchester on 14th September. Overall, the results were excellent but there has to be one student with the best result. **Steven Bush** gained the highest mark for practical and theory over the two-year training course for watchmakers. Steven is a privately funded student, not receiving funds from one of the companies who founded the school. Undaunted by the prospect of self-funding a two-year course and assisted by GDET, Steven managed to focus on the skills and knowledge required for watchmaking – and has secured a position as a watchmaker at Patek Philippe for his efforts. Steven was awarded the annual prize from the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers for the top score (pictured below: Steven receiving the prize from Past Master David Poole FBHI)



The British Horological Institute holds its Awards Ceremony on 28th October. Two apprentices (Chris Wheeler and James Northwood), who have been following the three-year GDET apprentice scheme set up by the Advisory Committee (GDETAC), have completed their apprenticeships each gaining the Diploma in the Servicing and Repair of Clocks / Watches. They are now eligible to become professional members of the BHI. Chris, who works for the family business repairing clocks and watches,

gained the highest overall mark in the year group for the nationally accredited examinations arranged by the BHI. He will receive a prize for his achievements from the GDET. Another prize winning apprentice, Adam Jackson, has just completed his first year of training; he gained the Diploma in Clock and Watch Servicing and will receive first prize awarded by the British Watch and Clockmakers' Guild.

The George Daniels Educational Trust is making a significant difference for these and other students and apprentices. If you would like to know more visit – www.gdetac.org

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