

POLO

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Mia is a British Showjumping UKCC Level 4 High Performance Coach and mentor, the highest level of coaching qualification available. She has been at the forefront of the British Showjumping coaching accreditation system and Lead Coach for several British Showjumping academies over the last 20 years. Mia is the former British Showjumping Chef d'Equipe for the England Home Pony Showjumping teams, where she led riders to numerous gold medals. Mia is also an active showjumping competitor, representing GB in 2022 at the Veteran European Showjumping Championships.



Tim Vaux

Tim Vaux has held a four-goal handicap as a player and is a Grade C Umpire and HPA accredited coach polo coach.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Three-time SUPA National Champions - March 2019. Intermediate and Novice in the Arena and June 2019 Intermediate.
- Winner of The Sandpool Trophy at the Druids Lodge Schools Tournament.
- Annual Millfield Polo Invitational event.
- Winners of The Sacher and Ian Balding Cups.
- 4th In the Copenhagen Cup, Wellington Colleges' annual schools' tournament.

SUCCESS STORIES

Oscar Luard



Oscar Luard, school captain of polo in 2018. Currently one goal player and played in the 1st team for four years. Recently filled in for his cousin in an 18 goal tournament.

Maharaja Padmanabh Singh (Pacho)



Won the Indian Open Polo Cup (he was the youngest winner ever), and has earned the title of "the youngest ever player" of a World Cup.

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THE PROGRAMME

WHAT TO EXPECT?

The programme will provide a structured, holistic development pathway for young polo players. With the full support of the UK National Governing Body, training will follow a structured curriculum of technical, tactical, physical and sport psychology topics, including stick and ball skills, riding, stable management, strength and conditioning, rules and regulations and match strategy.

Development Pathway:

Millfield players will be provided with high quality opportunities to play with established polo teams and pro players through training clinics and structured competitions. The programme will also offer overseas educational trips to established international polo clubs.

There will be opportunities to play in a variety of matches including:

- Schools and University Polo Association Championships arena and grass
- Pony Club of Great Britain tournaments
- HPA junior development matches
- National HPA tournaments
- Local polo club tournaments

WHO CAN DO IT?

Polo at Millfield is available to all pupils as a games option during the school year. We travel to Vaux Park Polo Club, situated just 30 minutes from school, to train with coach Tim Vaux. Full-time players can train four times a week and participate in weekly club chukkas. Additional clinics with specialist coaches, off site training and opportunities to play with high goal players are built into a students' development pathway. Ponies can be hired for each session, chukka and matches. A livery service is available for students that wish to bring their own ponies.



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