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KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS START THEIR SECOND TERM AT UNIVERSITY

- The Kent County Agricultural Society's newest scholarship students are starting their second terms at university after receiving funding for their studies from the Society.
- The 2017/18 recipients Guillaume Franklin, Clio Rudgard-Redsell and Hamish Elliott join last year's students to form the Kent Rural Scholars.
- KCAS awards scholarships to three new students every year as part of its charitable objective to encourage education and research in agriculture and horticulture.
- For pictures of the Kent Rural Scholars, please contact Becky on becky@kentshowground.co.uk

Scholarship students, the Kent Rural Scholars, will be starting their second terms at university in January after receiving funding from the Kent County Agricultural Society.

As part of its mission to encourage education and research in agriculture and related industries, the Society awards scholarships to three students every year who will be starting a degree course in these areas. The 2017/18 scholarships were awarded to Guillaume Franklin, Clio Rudgard-Redsell and Hamish Elliott who, together with last years students, are the Kent Rural Scholars.

Guillaume Franklin is studying for a degree in Agriculture at Harper Adams University. Speaking of his first term at university, Guillaume Franklin said "so far coming to Harper Adams University, my knowledge and understanding has increased dramatically in only a short space of time. Using the facilities such as the soil hall, AHDB research plots, dairy and the new labs has been exciting."

Clio Rudgard-Redsell is studying Veterinary Medicine and Science at the University of Nottingham. During her first term of university, she has particularly enjoyed learning about the musculoskeletal system and practical lessons on animal handling.

Hamish Elliott is taking a gap year before starting his course on Agricultural and Farm Management at the Royal Agricultural University. Hamish is spending his time working on farms and said "I have really enjoyed the experience and learned a lot of valuable knowledge and wisdom you can't get from a book." Working on these farms, Hamish has learnt about integrating dairy and arable farming and helped to manage fruit pickers and cold stores.

With the new Kent Rural Scholars settling into their first year of study, applications for the 2018/19 scheme have now opened. Students who are a resident of Kent at the time of application, are aged between 18 and 25, and will be studying for a full-time college or university degree in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, equine, or veterinary and animal management are all eligible to apply.

For more information on the Kent County Agricultural Society's scholarship scheme and other charitable activities, visit the website here: <http://kentshowground.co.uk/financial-awards/>

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Notes to the Editors:

The Kent County Agricultural Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since its foundation in 1923. It provides grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs and offers university scholarships to students wishing to study in related fields. The Society also provides free education on farming to young children through the 'Farming in the Classroom' initiative and the Living Land event.