

Day with the Racetech team at Kempton Park Racecourse

After attending a careers event with my University with the Careers in Racing team, I got the opportunity to go to Kempton Park for a work experience insight day with RaceTech. This team are the dedicated technical facilities provider that has maintained British Racing at the top of the forefront of global broadcast technology.

The day started with me being introduced to all the lovely staff, who all told me a bit about what they do and different roles they've had throughout their careers. I was then shadowing Tom, the camera operator.

He showed me how to set up each different camera and how they work. He also introduced me to different visuals he likes to end the race on e.g. zooming in on the start! I then had time to explore the racecourse on my own and get a feel for how everything is run on race days. Once the first race commenced, I sat in the RaceTech truck with Ray the manager, where he showed me how everything runs when the races are live.

I found this very interesting as I've never seen anything like this before. I was also able to hear what the producer was saying to each camera operator. It was incredible to be part of that and understand all the operations behind the screen.

Following this I finished the day with being able to stand next to the commentator and see how he works during race days. He gave me lots of tips and tricks on how to be a good commentator, which I really appreciated as this is something that that I am looking to do in the future.

Overall, this day was an amazing experience and perfect for anyone looking to get into the sports media/broadcasting industry as you discover jobs that you didn't even know existed. Thank you to everyone at Racetech and the Careers in Racing team for making this possible!