



## **FIRST MODERN-DAY ‘JEEVES’ GRADUATES FROM PALACE’S ‘BUTLER SCHOOL’**

One of the first graduates of a new ‘butler school’ at Blenheim Palace has landed a top job with the Duke of Marlborough.

Thomas Lambert was one of two trainee butlers who enrolled in the inaugural eight-month course at the Oxfordshire World Heritage Site back in August last year.

Home to the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, the Palace has an unbroken line of butlers dating back more than 300 years.

The 19-year-old from Leicestershire passed with flying colours and is now preparing to take up his new role as Under Butler to His Grace.



“I chose this profession because I am very interested in the history of the aristocracy and how it functions in the 21st century,” said Thomas.

“To have the opportunity to work at Blenheim Palace and for a family as distinguished as the Spencer-Churchills, with all the history that surrounds both the Palace and the family, is an honour,” he added.

Among the diverse duties which the trainee butlers were expected to master were butler etiquette, management of the Butler’s Pantry and below-stairs, including the care of silver, glass, porcelain, wood and fabrics, dining room service, including laying formal dining tables and the care of wine and cigars.

Blenheim Palace is a World Heritage Site and is famed as the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill. Steeped in history, the magnificent Palace is surrounded with over 2,000 acres of ‘Capability’ Brown parkland and beautiful Formal Gardens.

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