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Hard work pays off

While September is regarded as the traditional end of summer – however disappointing it has been over the last few years - it does herald one of the most heart warming and positive events in which BIGGA is involved each year.

The Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year is a wonderful competition, and the final, with eight of the finest young greenkeepers in the country, invariably demonstrates that industry is in good hands.

Matt Perks, from Ham Manor Golf Club, in West Sussex, and Plumpton College, became its 23rd winner last month and he can look to, among others, the current Course Managers of Turnberry and Sunningdale to see just how large the doors that can be opened by being the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year are.

Every student in the country has the opportunity to win, but if you are going to follow Matt next year you can read this month just how much work and effort needs to go into preparing if you are going to give yourself the best opportunity.

Matt recognised just how big an opportunity he had been given when he was nominated by Plumpton College and he was desperate not to leave any stone unturned to maximise that chance.

Matt’s story demonstrates just how much the combination of inspiration and perspiration is needed to be successful, but often the element which is open to absolutely everyone is in lesser supply. While not everyone is necessarily blessed with inspiration, everyone can make sure they work hard and own whatever situation they find themselves in.

Matt’s story also serves as a reminder of the value that can be provided by mentorship. Matt had been given when he was nominated by Plumpton College. He was given the opportunity to be part of a fantastic organisation and to become the best opportunity.

When you have the right people, the right circumstances, and you have a mentor who can help you, the possibilities are endless. Matt’s story is one of the many reasons why BIGGA members are the envy of the world. And it shows that even in the face of the most challenging situations, with the right mindset, anything is possible.