

**Made In Chelsea's Hugo Taylor
& Spencer Matthews**

**“I HAD DINNER
WITH CHELSY
DAVY THE
OTHER NIGHT”**

- HUGO

To celebrate the start of the second series of *Made In Chelsea*, Jo Usmar caught up with co-stars and BFFs Hugo Taylor and Spencer Matthews to talk royals, break-ups and all things posh...

Photographs by Mark Bond

“My limited editions are getting ruined,” Hugo Taylor moans as ketchup drips from the end of the sausage he’s waving in Spencer Matthews’ face and splatters perilously close to his shiny new Adidas trainers. We offer him a spare pair of socks to put over his own if he takes off his shoes. He agrees and gingerly picks his way across the sticky floor to stash them somewhere safe. “As fun as this is, I nurture the thought that one day I’ll be back in Chelsea,” he says upon his return, flicking a baked bean at Spencer. Expensive footwear aside, the posh boys from E4 reality show *Made In Chelsea* look scarily at home on our dingy set.

“It’s really nice to do something different,” Spencer explains, smearing butter onto his vest. “Eton wasn’t like this.” No shit. Series One of *Made In Chelsea*, which follows the real lives of a group of privileged twentysomethings, was a blur of double-barrelled surnames, swanky lunches, guestlist-only parties, polo matches and spontaneous jaunts to Cannes. If the cast did spend any time eating cold pizza off a floor covered in cat litter, we didn’t get to see it. “Can I get copies of these pictures?” Hugo asks, wiping curry off his T-shirt and looking at the photos. “They’ll look great in my bathroom. Hey, do I smell of curry?” We assure him he doesn’t (he does) and then whisk them both to the nearest cat pee-free pub to start our interrogation...

So, how do you think Series Two will measure up to the first?

Spencer: It’s going to be a million times better. In Series One, there were moments

Without servants,
Hugo (left) and Spencer
were helpless...



when we'd think, "I need to be really careful not to insult anyone who might watch this," but...
Hugo: ...That's gone. I am worried that we've actually been *really* offensive. Especially when we rated all of the female cast members out of ten.

S: Yeah, but that's just what guys do when they're together – talk about girls. I found some scenes in the last series really boring. "Are you going to this party? Do you think Caggie will be there?" Jesus, who cares?

Is it a bit weird having your ex Chloe Green in the show, Spencer?

S: No, she's smitten with Ollie Locke, so it's fine. We dated for a bit before I realised I didn't want to be in a relationship. No hard feelings.

You and Ollie dating the same girl... Sounds a bit incestuous?

H: I think Chelsea can be pretty incestuous. There's a core group of about 100 people who all went to similar schools and hang out in the same places. You'll inevitably end up dating someone else's ex.

Did you watch every episode of Series One?

H: Every Monday, the whole cast and crew would watch it together. It was hugely nerve-racking.

S: Yeah. Because it's broadcast six weeks after we film it, you forget what's going out.

So, Hugo, you watched the episode where you had to choose between Rosie and Millie with them?

H: Yes. It was awkward, but we've been friends for years, so we worked it out.

It's better to deal with stuff face-to-face. Rosie didn't come out of that whole thing too well...

H: She cried after seeing it, but we're all a big, happy family now. It's tough watching highly personal things on TV.

S: But I think everyone's mature enough to deal with it.

How did Funda deal with you breaking up with her on telly, Spencer? In a mature way?

[Both start laughing.]

S: Er... It didn't go well. I haven't spoken to her since, and she's not in Series Two, so I don't think I'll have to for a while.

Were you drunk in that scene?

S: Incredibly. I'd just started my new job



JUST CHILLING
 Feeling the wrath of our plebian vengeance

“YES, I KNOW SOMEONE CALLED TARQUIN”

– SPENCER



CHECK THEM OUT
 All suited and booted – thank God Spencer has ditched the slicked-back hair

and had taken some clients out for drinks before we filmed it. Breaking up with your girlfriend in a room full of cameramen when you're drunk isn't ideal, but there you go.

Is it weird living your life on camera?

H: I find it *very* weird. There are some lines I'm not comfortable crossing.

S: It couldn't bother me less. I'm not a private person – I tell everyone everything, anyway. I couldn't imagine anything worse

than spending an evening in on my own.

H: Whereas I absolutely require at least three a week. I'm a control freak and in the new series I've had to surrender a lot of control, filming some really personal stuff.

S: He's been put into some compromising positions that he would normally keep totally private, but now they couldn't be more public.

Are you talking about you and Millie?

What's happened?

H: Let's just say it's complicated. It'll become pretty evident what we're talking about when you watch the new series.

Ooh, mysterious. So, speaking of reality shows, do you watch

TOWIE or Geordie Shore?

H: I watched the first series of *TOWIE*, but that's about it.

S: I haven't watched a single episode. I don't really watch telly. Except for our show, of course. I don't think *TOWIE* or *Geordie Shore* are anything like *Made In Chelsea*.

I wouldn't find them entertaining.

You've had a bit of a makeover, Spencer. Was that inspired by seeing yourself on telly?

H: No, I just called him fat for weeks. Fatty Matthews. Look, he's got a jawline now.

S: The hair was Hugo's idea.

H: I thought he needed a new look, and I was right. [To Spencer] You look nice.

S: The whole slicked-back hair thing had to go, and I've always liked to keep in shape. [Hugo snorts.] There were moments in the show when I really wasn't happy with how I looked. I was fat and beardy.

When did your romance start?

S: We hated each other when we first met.

H: Yeah, we had a rough start. [To Spencer] I first met you, what, six years ago?

S: We're part of the same social scene, so we started running into each other and there was a bit of a clash because we're both fairly...

H: ...Full of ourselves?

S: Yeah, full of ourselves. But then we started working together and one thing led to another.

H: I help Spencer have a conscience and he helps me come out of my shell. We fill in each other's gaps. Hey, that sounds rude! I don't mean like *that*... Well, maybe once.

Speaking of work, when do you guys find time to do any?

H: We film from 6pm until 11pm weekdays



POLO CLUB SANDWICH

With fellow *Chelsea* cast member Millie Mackintosh at Polo In The Park at Hurlingham Park in June

Posh people on parade...



HEY, PRINCESS

Hugo at some posh do with Princess Beatrice



BALD

AMBITION
Was this before or after Hugo's cornrows and "ghetto" phase?



AWKWARD

Spencer with ex *Chloe Green* and her new boyfriend Ollie Locke



LUNCH BREAK

"They've got five minutes to bring our food, or I'm buying the place and firing them"

"I DON'T WATCH TOWIE"

- SPENCER

after work, then all day Saturday and Sunday.

S: Yeah, I'm up at 5.30am every day, work a 12-hour day as a broker and then go to film my scenes for the show.

H: We have absolutely no spare time. The stereotype of privileged young people from Chelsea not working really annoys me.

S: Neither of us minds working seven days a week. I've wanted to be an actor since I was a kid. I got down to the final few to play Draco Malfoy in the *Harry Potter* films when I was 13. If I'd have got it, we'd have been like the real-life *Entourage*.

H: Wow, you really screwed it up for us.

How posh are you guys really?

Do you know any royalty?

S: I know most of them. I went to Eton with Prince Harry – he was a year above me. I know Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice really well, too. Bea's boyfriend Dave Clark is a very good friend of mine.

H: He's hilarious. And Harry's ex Chelsy [Davy] is a good mate. We had dinner the other night.

Wow, that's some major posh points. Do you know anyone named Rupert?

S: Of course. I also know someone called Tarquin, which is far posher than Rupert. Does that get me extra posh points?

Definitely. So, what's the best party you've ever been to?

S: Princess Bea's 18th birthday party. I flew back from our family home on [Caribbean island] St Barts for it and sat at Jamiroquai's table. [To Hugo] Were you there?

H: No. I was at a party in St Petersburg.

S: Sure you were, mate...

H: I was! At St Catherine's Palace.

Have you ever thrown up after drinking too much?

H: I last threw up when I was 14, after downing an entire bottle of vodka.

S: When I was 17, I snogged this amazingly hot girl and could not have been more proud of myself. I then threw up on her and we never spoke again.

Have you ever sat for your own portrait?

H: I've painted a self-portrait in oils.

S: My mum's an artist, so she's painted me lots of times.

Have you ever had an undercut haircut?

S: I had a grade one a couple of years ago. Hugo's had cornrows before.

H: It's true. I thought I was really ghetto.

S: You're the least ghetto person in the world.

H: I used to wear Timberland boots and baggy jeans. Needless to say, I did not get any ass during that time.

Have you ever drunk White Lightning?

H: What's White Lightning?

S: It's shit cider that tastes like petrol. I used to sneak out of school to drink it.

H: I was so bad at school. I went to Harrow and actually went through the rule book, ticking them off as I broke them. The only good thing about boarding school is breaking the rules, otherwise it's unbearable. They made me wear a straw hat until I was 18 years old.

S: I once glued porn to the glass ceiling of the cafeteria.

Would you ever eat something off the floor?

S: It depends what floor. If I'm at home and I drop my last Haribo Tangfastic on the floor, I'll eat it.

H: I wouldn't...

S: Balls! If you dropped a Haribo on the floor, you'd eat it.

H: Maybe if I washed it first.

S: But then you'd wash all the sugar off.

How many names do you have?

S: I have three: Spencer George Matthews. But Hugo's name is Hugo Louis George Constantine Taylor. Isn't that right?

H: Yes.

S: Absolutely ridiculous.

Hugo wins the posh test by a mile...

S: Well done, Hugo Louis George Constantine Taylor. You *are* much posher than me. ■

See Hugo and Spencer in *Made In Chelsea*, E4, Mondays, 10pm