

Inspiration Through Equestrianism - by Emma, March 2026

I chose to do my study passage on equestrian legend Dani G. Waldman. I chose her because her main beliefs strongly align with my own.

Going out into the Tokyo Olympic Stadium (representing her home country, Israel) in the show jumping event, all anyone could talk about was the 100 brightly coloured feathers in her hair, a look that has since become her signature style. Afterwards, when asked about them, she told the audience how they represented the need for individuality and accessibility in all equestrian sports. She said, "Everyone lives in fear of people's reactions and opinions, but that doesn't mean we have to hide."

I love horses, and going to my horse-riding classes is the highlight of my week. Seeing a Jewish girl just like me who also loves horses and celebrates individuality and creativity makes me feel good and lets me know that it is okay to be exactly who I want to be.

Dani has made her dreams come true through hard work, perseverance, and an amazing bond with her beloved horse Lizzie Mary, all whilst being colourful, a little bit out there, and unapologetically herself. It makes me believe that one day, maybe, just maybe, I can reach my goals too – whilst staying true to myself.