



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Careers and Enrichment Speakers 2025 - 2026



Draytonians Destined for Excellence

As part of our commitment to providing a rich and inspiring careers programme, we were proud to welcome a diverse range of speakers last year, including many of our own alumni. Their stories highlighted the many different paths a career can take, the challenges they overcame, and the moments that inspired them along the way. Together, they offered our students invaluable insights, sparking ambition and broadening horizons for the future.

Our Alumnus and Guest Speakers

James Murray MP
Richard Kornicki
Geoff Morrow
Sarah Baynes
Eric Salvo
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Harriet Adamson
Nyasha Chinwandire
Catarina Siqueira Armond
Hodman Noor
Cameron Ingle
Victoria Wincewicz
Omnia Amer
Joseph Moore
Zaki Islam Vandelip
Ahmed Shareefy
Aron Thaper
Abu Khalid
Jasmine Kava
Jullian Gallant
Mohamed Amer
Evie Hill
Finley Hesketh
Dr Cristina Asandei
Grace Morgans
Kiran Kapoor
Winnie McGee
Safwaan Khan
Tom Westhead
Dr Baljit Kaur
Lasana Edwards
Munawar Sheikh
Leon Checkland
Patima Shareefy
Faiz Gull
Mia Lepper
Grace Bolagi
Dr Janet Bolagi
Peace Imarhiagbe
Vikash Gandhi
Yasmin Paterson
Dr Guy Fletcher
Antika Menon
Maksym Byelko
Lakshana Pattar
Samuel Olaiya
Dr Jenny Shepherd
Dr Chris Allen



James Murray MP **MP for North Ealing**

James Murray has served as the Member of Parliament for Ealing North since 2019. He was Secretary of State for Health and Social Care between 14 May 2026 and 20 July 2026. He was previously Chief Secretary to the Treasury from 1 September 2025 to 14 May 2026. He previously held the office of Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, having been shadow Financial Secretary for three and a half years before that. He is a member of the Labour and Co-operative parties and served as the Deputy Mayor of London for Housing and Residential Development from 2016 to 2019. Prior to being appointed Deputy Mayor, he served as a councillor for a decade, including six years as executive member for housing and development from 2010 to 2016.



Richard Kornicki **ESQ CBE DL Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Ealing**

Richard Kornicki CBE DL is a Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Ealing and a retired senior civil servant. During a distinguished career with the Home Office, he held senior responsibilities in civil emergencies, police reform, counter-terrorism and serious crime. A dedicated community leader, he serves with several heritage, educational and charitable organisations across London and beyond, and has been recognised with both British and Polish national honours for his public service.



Geoff Morrow **Songwriter and Entrepreneur**

Geoff Morrow is an internationally acclaimed songwriter and entrepreneur whose songs have been recorded by artists including Elvis Presley, Barry Manilow, The Carpenters, Cliff Richard, and Johnny Mathis. His classic hit Can't Smile Without You has sold more than 22 million copies worldwide and became one of the most-played songs in American radio history. Beyond songwriting, Geoff founded successful record companies, discovered and developed numerous artists, owned major entertainment venues and restaurants, and produced theatre productions in London's West End and on Broadway. He has also written several screenplays and musicals.



Sarah Baynes **CEO The Creative Garden**

Sarah is the founder of The Creative Garden, a creative media consultancy specialising in content development, strategic innovation, and talent coaching. She advises broadcasters, businesses, and creative leaders on channel launches, digital ventures, and audience engagement. Before establishing The Creative Garden, Sarah was a Commissioner at Channel 4, where she was part of the launch team behind The Big Breakfast and later oversaw the youth strand T4. A respected international speaker and BAFTA member, she has worked across Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and North America, supporting media innovation, talent development, and international partnerships.



Eric Salvo **Secondary School Manager and Coach at Queens Park Rangers FC**

Eric is the Secondary School Manager at QPR FC, working within QPR in the Community Trust. In his role, he leads and delivers school programmes that support students' personal and academic development. Eric also coordinates work experience opportunities, helping young people gain valuable skills and insights for their future careers.



Santino Jay

Chairman of Greenford Town FC and AJ Sport London

Santino is the founder of AJ Sport London, a community-based football development group he has led for over four years. Focused on both athletic and personal growth, Santino mentors young players on and off the pitch. In 2023, he launched Greenford Town Football Club, an inclusive, community-driven club with a mission to support SEN players and elevate girls' football. Born and raised in Greenford, he's proud to give back to his local area. His girls' team recently won their league unbeaten and became County Cup Champions



Jordanne McKenzie St Rose

Founder of Girls Can't DJ

Jordanne McKenzie-St Rose, widely known as DJ Jordss, is a prominent London-based DJ, broadcaster, and founder of the platform Girls Can't DJ. She has made a significant impact on the UK music and fashion scenes, spinning for major brands like Burberry and playing at major events like Warehouse Project.



Holly Reed-Bovey

Assistant Underwriter, Cert CII

Holly is a Graduate Trainee at MS Amlin, where she is gaining broad experience across underwriting classes and business functions through the company's graduate scheme. She has a strong interest in the relationship between insurance, global events, and public policy. Passionate about sustainability and the evolving insurance landscape, she is particularly interested in the role of ESG and its impact on the future of the industry.



Emma Slater

Student Recruitment Officer at St George's - University of London

Emma supports students in understanding the university application and interview process, offering guidance and advice to help them take their next steps in education. She delivers presentations, providing valuable insights into higher education opportunities.



Tom Maude

Student Recruitment Office at University of Leicester

Tom is the Student Recruitment Officer for London and the South East, supporting prospective students in accessing higher education. His role focuses on undergraduate recruitment, building relationships with schools, teachers, and advisers, and delivering guidance and outreach programmes to help students explore their future education opportunities.

**Renaye Roberts-Sinclair****School and College Engagement Officer at the University of Exeter**

Renaye Roberts-Sinclair is the School and College Engagement Officer at the University of Exeter. She provides guidance to students, helping them make informed decisions as they prepare for higher education.

**Sara Pittman****Communications and Student Recruitment, University of Exeter**

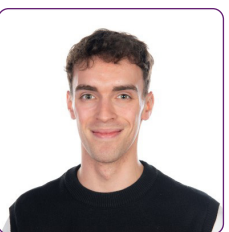
Sara has experience in engagement, outreach, and recruitment across the education sector. She is passionate about widening access to opportunity and is committed to helping learners make informed choices and achieve their educational ambitions.

**Alison Urban****Global Education Partnerships, UniCompare**

Alison is a senior leader in international education partnerships with experience across the public and private sectors, including EdTech organisations. She specialises in building and scaling cross-sector partnerships that leverage technology to improve educational access and outcomes.

**Luke Rostill****Associate Professor of Property Law at University of Oxford**

Luke is an Associate Professor of Property Law at the University of Oxford. His work focuses on teaching and research in property law, contributing to legal scholarship and the development of future legal professionals.

**Edward Bartley****Student Recruitment Officer (London & South West) at Lancaster University**

Edward leads outreach and recruitment activities across London and the South West. Passionate about widening access to higher education, he is dedicated to helping students make informed decisions about their future and raising awareness of the opportunities available through studying at universities across the UK.

**Claire Angus****Student Recruitment Officer at the University of Sheffield**

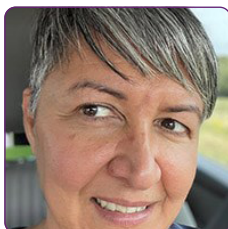
Claire supports prospective students across London and the East of England. She works closely with schools and colleges, delivering guidance on university applications, personal statements, student finance, and higher education pathways. She is dedicated to widening access to higher education and showcasing the opportunities available through university study.

**Dave Preston****Lecturer in Philosophy, Royal Holloway University**

Dave is a Lecturer in Philosophy in the Department of Politics, International Relations, and Philosophy. His research focuses primarily on Ancient Philosophy, and he is committed to supporting students in developing their critical thinking and academic skills.

**Ejike Udeogu****Assistant Professor of Economics at Coventry University**

Ejike has over a decade of academic and professional experience, and is dedicated to teaching, student development, and academic excellence. He is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

**Dr Sara Lemos****Lecturer in Economics, University of Leicester**

Sara Lemos is a Lecturer in Economics specialising in Labour Economics. Her research focuses on labour markets and applied economics, and she has extensive teaching experience across labour economics, econometrics, statistics, mathematics, and macroeconomics.

**Elisha Ogunmefun****Project Manager, Arrival**

Elisha is a PRINCE2-certified Project Manager with experience delivering projects and operational improvements across the education, social impact, and commercial sectors.

**Matt Cooper****Head of Early Careers & Social Impact Programmes at Arrival**

Matt leads the Early Careers and Social Impact team, designing and delivering employability and professional development programmes for young people from low-income backgrounds in partnership with leading businesses.

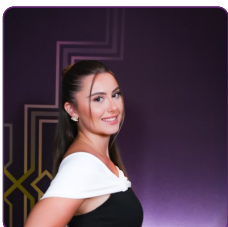
**Jasmine Okoye****Programme Coordinator, Arrival**

Jasmine has a background in Learning and Development and is passionate about creating opportunities and empowering young people, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to build confidence and achieve their potential.



Rohana Abeywardana
Legal Director at Hill Dickinson LLP

Rohana is a Legal Director specialising in Healthcare. He assists NHS Trusts and clinicians in defending claims, drawing on his expertise to support clients across a range of complex healthcare matters.



Millicent Baveystock
Solicitor Apprentice at Hill Dickinson LLP

Millicent is an Apprentice Solicitor with experience in a Corporate Commercial team, where she focused on M&A and equity capital markets and supported on a range of transactions.



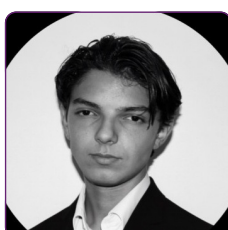
Brooke Foster
Junior Associate at Clyde and Co

Brooke is a Junior Associate at Clyde & Co with experience in healthcare law. Prior to joining the firm, she trained at Hill Dickinson, where she completed seats in Healthcare and Public Law, Health Litigation, Health Employment, and Health Commercial.



Rianne Byott
Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP

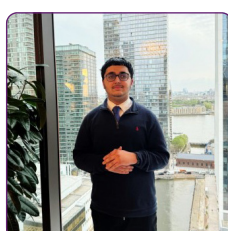
Rianne is an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP, advising clients on a range of legal matters. She is committed to delivering practical, client-focused solutions and supporting organisations through complex legal challenges.



Hristiyan Minev
Student at University of Bristol

Hristiyan is a Finance BSc student at the University of Bristol with a clear focus on global markets, particularly FX and fixed income. He has completed spring weeks at BNP Paribas, NatWest Markets, HSBC, and Schroders.

Alumni



Majd Jassim
Student at King's College London

Majd is a student at King's College, with aspirations of pursuing a career in Physics. He is developing a strong foundation of key skills and knowledge that are essential for success in the field.

Alumni



Mike Benjamin

Graphic Designer, Photographer and Videographer

Mike is an experienced creative professional with a long-standing career in digital and print media. Passionate about design and visual communication, he enjoys bringing ideas to life through creative projects and continues to explore new ways of telling stories through imagery and design.



Ayma Miah

Junior Recruiter at London Screen Academy

Ayma is passionate about supporting young people and creating opportunities within the creative industries. She has experience in advocacy, leadership, and community engagement. She is passionate about storytelling and is committed to developing her career within the media and screen industries.



Amar Rai

Analytical & Computational Chemistry PhD researcher, Imperial College London

Amar is a researcher specialising in the analysis of pharmaceutical molecules using advanced mass spectrometry and molecular modelling techniques. His work focuses on structural characterisation and improving understanding of molecular behaviour. He also has experience in biofluid research, including the study of human sebum, with expertise in LC-MS method development, validation, and data analysis.



Tom Butler

IAG Services Team leader at Richmond upon Thames College

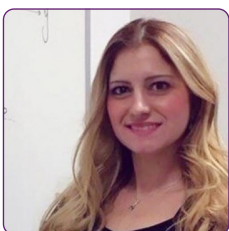
Tom supports students in making informed decisions about their education, training, and career pathways. With a strong focus on guidance and student development, he leads the delivery of information, advice, and guidance services, helping learners identify opportunities, achieve their goals, and make successful transitions into further study or employment.



Cllr John Martin

John Martins Estates

A business owner for more than 30 years, he combines entrepreneurial experience with a strong commitment to public service. In addition to serving as a local councillor and school governor, he holds a number of voluntary leadership roles within the community, including supporting local businesses, community safety initiatives, and a community-managed library. Passionate about giving back, he is dedicated to helping others and making a positive difference in his local area.



Professor Anastasia Sofroniou

Professor of Mathematics at the University of West London

Professor Anastasia Sofroniou, at the University of West London, is a leading mathematician and advocate for women in STEM. Actively involved with the WinSTEM committee, she promotes diversity and inspires the next generation of scientists through her research, teaching, and focus on problem-solving and mathematical exploration.



Dr Nasim Dadashiserej

Lecturer in Artificial Intelligence, School of Computing and Engineering University of West London

Nasim is a lecturer in the School of Computing and Engineering, specialising in Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in healthcare. Her research focuses on using AI to tackle complex medical data challenges in collaboration with clinicians and healthcare organisations. Her expertise includes machine learning, deep learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and medical imaging.



John Nimba

Behaviour Specialist and Trainer & Public Speaker, Oaklands High School

John is committed to building his community. He specialises in Behaviour management and safeguarding with 10 years' experience of working with young people across the UK. This experience varies from delivering bespoke intervention programmes, research, policy development and developing strategies and approaches to managing behaviour. Through John's lived experience he has developed an understanding of people and their needs.

Alumni



Pedro Da Conceicao

Law Student at the University of Exeter

Pedro Da Conceicao is studying Law with Business at the University of Exeter and was the youngest candidate in the 2024 General Election. An aspiring barrister, he is interested in law, economics, and finance, and also manages two businesses as an entrepreneur.

Alumni



Ismail Ansari

Event Producer, DJ/Producer – Talk Nice

Ismail is an event producer who has worked with brands including Nike and Corteiz. A passionate DJ and producer, he runs his own brand, Talk Nice Sounds, and has performed at major festivals and clubs worldwide, including Glastonbury. Born and raised in West Ealing, he studied at Drayton Manor for secondary school and sixth form.

Alumni



Emily Bunder

Student, King's College London

Emily is a student at King's College London and one of the country's youngest charity trustees, helping to improve opportunities for young people in Ealing. Alongside her studies, she writes as an arts and culture journalist for several publications and her own blog.



Katy Fretwell

Marketing Manager, The Albatross Group

Katy is a creative professional with a passion for innovation, problem-solving, and new experiences. Having spent over eight years living in New Zealand, she developed a strong appreciation for travel, diverse cultures, and community. Outside of work, she is a proud aunt and dog owner who enjoys embracing new opportunities and challenges.

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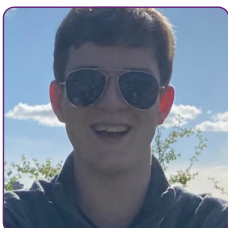


Aaliyah Jordan

Academy Player Care Assistant, Premier League

Aaliyah is an Academy Player Care Assistant at the Premier League, supporting clubs in helping academy players build confidence, develop life skills, and achieve their goals both on and off the pitch. Her career journey has spanned roles in retail, finance, and football, demonstrating the value of embracing new opportunities and building strong relationships along the way.

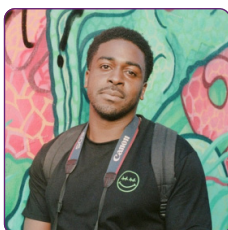
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Giuseppe Brianti

Student, Gunnersbury Catholic Secondary School

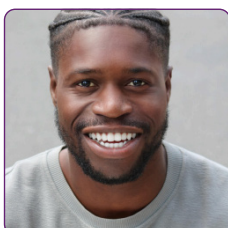
Giuseppe has recently completed his A-levels in History, Mathematics and Economics. Having lived in Ealing all his life, he has a strong connection to the local community. An enthusiastic and personable individual, he is particularly passionate about discussing the subjects and causes that matter most to him.



Elishama Udorok

Senior Video Editor, Sidemen

Lish is a Senior Video Editor at Sidemen, specialising in Side+ content. With previous experience at leading digital media brands including UNILAD, LADBible, Wall of Comedy and Footasylum, he has worked on projects featuring high-profile creators and brands. His career demonstrates the value of continuous learning, embracing opportunities, and developing creative expertise through dedication and perseverance.



Oluwajuwon Akintunde

PE and Pastoral Assistant Lead, Hillingdon Manor School (OFG)

A dedicated and approachable professional with a passion for sport, particularly football, and a strong commitment to personal development. Believing that learning never stops, he continually seeks new challenges and opportunities to grow. With a particular strength in coaching and mentoring, he is focused on supporting young people to build confidence, develop skills, and achieve their full potential.



Kia Caldwell-Amoanyame

Executive Assistant and Development/Communications Coordinator, Arrow Media

Kia, also known as Shai Digital, works in television production while pursuing her passion as an artist. Through her portraiture, she explores and celebrates the experiences of Black women and men, creating work that reflects stories and perspectives she felt were underrepresented in galleries while growing up.

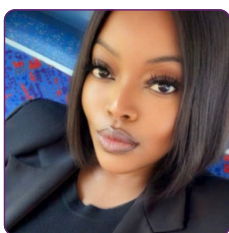
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Harriet Adamson

Senior Events and Brand Manager, Convex

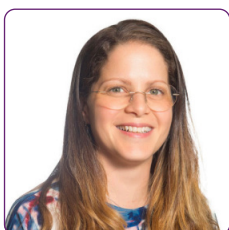
An events professional based in London, with experience across corporate organisations and start-ups. Having worked in event management, marketing, and sponsorship sales, she values diverse career experiences and believes in finding the path that best aligns with individual strengths and interests. A natural creative, she enjoys bringing fresh ideas and innovative approaches to her work.



Nyasha Chinwandire

Parent and Children's Advocacy

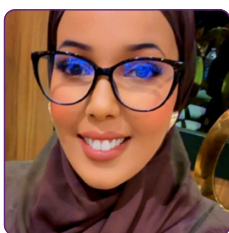
A dedicated professional and mother of two, she draws on her personal experiences of resilience, perseverance, and overcoming challenges. Passionate about inspiring others, she believes that circumstances do not define potential and is committed to encouraging young people to build confidence and create a future they can be proud of.



Catarina Siqueira Armond

Innovations Project Delivery Specialist, Innovate UK Business Connect

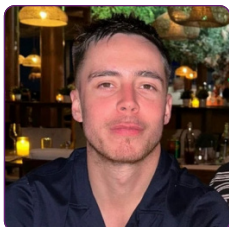
Catarina is a project management professional whose career has spanned a variety of sectors, including hospitality, law, healthcare, and project delivery. Originally from Brazil, she moved to the UK at 18 and has built a diverse career through determination, adaptability, and a willingness to embrace new opportunities. As a mother, Scout leader, and active volunteer, she is passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of others and encouraging people to pursue their ambitions with confidence.



Hodman Noor

CEO/Director, The Haven Clinic – Stepping Stones Together

Hodman is a healthcare professional and charity leader whose journey reflects resilience, determination, and perseverance. She became the first in her family to attend university and earn a Master's degree from UCL. She now runs a specialist clinic and a charity supporting children with autism and ADHD, championing resilience, determination, and the belief that success is not defined by where you start.



Cameron Ingle
Account Manager Teksystems

Cameron attended Drayton from 2007 to 2014 and now works in Technology Sales, partnering with global organisations including Amazon, Apple, and Meta on innovative technology projects. With over eight years of industry experience, he has developed a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities that come with building a successful career and is passionate about sharing insights with the next generation.

Alumni



Victoria Wincewicz
Senior Account Manager, FFLOW

Victoria is an events professional with a passion for fashion, creativity, and bringing people together through memorable experiences. She thrives in fast-paced environments and enjoys travelling, connecting with people from diverse backgrounds, and delivering engaging events with energy, creativity, and attention to detail.



Omnia Amer
Clinical Fellow Doctor, Barking, Havering & Redbridge University Trust

Omnia Amer is an aspiring GP currently preparing to begin her GP training. Her journey to medicine was anything but conventional, having explored opportunities in biomedical science, journalism, broadcasting, and media before discovering her true calling in healthcare. Passionate about communication as well as patient care, she is committed to modernising the image of general practice and making healthcare more engaging, accessible, and visible through education and media.



Joseph Moore
Director JSR Electrical Contractors Ltd & JSR Fire and Security Ltd

A business owner in the electrical, fire, and security systems sector, he built his career through an apprenticeship rather than university. After gaining industry experience, he launched his own company six years ago, which has since grown to a team of 12 delivering projects across the UK and Europe. Passionate about entrepreneurship and skills-based learning, he believes there are many routes to success and values hard work, practical experience, and continuous development.

Alumni



Zaki Islam Vandelip
Director of DISNDAT LTD

Zaki's career journey has spanned sneakers and streetwear, the world of collectibles at Sotheby's, and work across culture, events, brands, and creative industries. Through a combination of curiosity, hard work, and a willingness to embrace opportunities, he has built a diverse career and is passionate about encouraging others to stay open-minded, back themselves, and pursue their interests with confidence.



Ahmed Shareefy

Director/Founder BPM Music Collective

Ahmed grew up in Ealing and attended Drayton Manor High School. He is the founder of BPM, a music events brand launched while at university that has since delivered more than 100 events across the UK, working with partners including Red Bull and Nike. Alongside co-founding a recording studio in central London and performing as a DJ, he is also developing a technology venture, reflecting his entrepreneurial approach and passion for creative industries.

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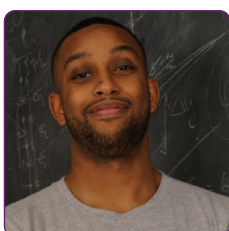


Aron Thaper

Technical Analyst, Oracle

Aron attended Drayton Manor High School and left in 2014. Having grown up in Hanwell, he now works as a Technical Analyst in the healthcare technology sector. Passionate about supporting young people, he is keen to share his career journey and help students explore the wide range of opportunities available beyond school.

Alumni



Abu Khalid

Senior Product Manager, Transform

Abu is a Product Manager working in the technology sector, helping to develop and improve digital products for leading companies. With a passion for travel, building connections, and exploring new opportunities, he enjoys sharing his experiences and encouraging young people to stay curious about the many career paths available to them.



Jasmine Kava

Product Manager, Just Eat Takeaway.com

A Product Manager at Just Eat Takeaway, she helps shape and develop new features used by millions of customers. Her career journey has included interests in journalism, studies in biomedical sciences, a role in finance, and ultimately a move into technology. She is passionate about encouraging young people to explore different opportunities and believes that career paths do not need to be decided at an early age.



Julian Gallant

Elected Councillor, London Borough of Ealing

A freelance musician, composer, and elected councillor, he has been making music since the age of five, beginning as a pianist before becoming a conductor and later a composer of production music. Since being elected to Ealing Council in 2021, and re-elected in 2022 and 2026, he has been dedicated to serving residents across Ealing. Passionate about community engagement, he values listening to different perspectives and using his experience to make a positive difference in people's lives.



Mohamed Amer

Doctor (GP Trainee) at Basildon University Hospital

Mo is a GP trainee doctor based in Basildon, following four years of hospital practice caring for seriously unwell patients. Now working in primary care, he is passionate about helping people improve their health and wellbeing. Outside of medicine, he is an enthusiastic sports fan and gym-goer, with a particular interest in sports medicine and ambitions to specialise in the field in the future.



Evie Hill

Charity Operations & Programme Logistics

An experienced Operations Manager, she has a proven track record across the fashion and education sectors, with expertise in logistics, international shipping, freight management, marketing, sales, and contract negotiation. Skilled in managing complex operations, teams, and high-profile projects. Her diverse experience has enabled her to successfully deliver operational excellence while building effective relationships across a range of industries.

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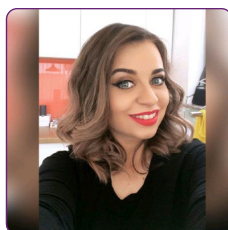


Finley Hesketh

Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Apprentice at British Airways

Finley Hesketh is an Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Apprentice at British Airways and a former student of Drayton Manor High School. Through his work in aircraft maintenance, he plays a role in supporting the safety, reliability, and performance of commercial aircraft, combining technical expertise with a passion for aviation.

Alumni



Dr Cristina Asandei

Veterinary Surgeon, The Avenue Veterinary Clinic

An experienced healthcare professional, she is leading the transformation of The Avenue Practice, overseeing operations and supporting teams across clinical and management functions. Passionate about improving patient care and staff development, she has successfully driven service improvements, built strong collaborative teams, and delivered recognised achievements in healthcare excellence.



Grace Morgans

Senior Architect at AHMM

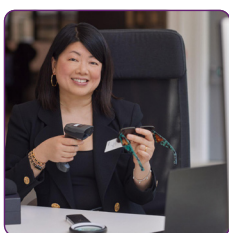
Grace Morgans is a Senior Architect and is passionate about creating high-quality, sustainable spaces that enhance the built environment and support the communities they serve. She is committed to design excellence, innovation, and delivering places that combine functionality with lasting social value.



Kiran Kapoor
UBS Director

A Director in Global Markets, Kiran specialises in data, analytics, and product strategy, helping organisations harness the value of data to support informed decision-making and drive innovation. She's passionate about the evolving role of data in global markets, and is committed to developing products and insights that meet the changing needs of clients and industry stakeholders.

Alumni



Winnie McGee
Offline Manager and Brand Expert at Vinted

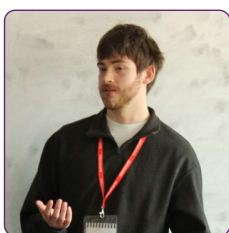
Winnie has extensive experience in luxury fashion, resale, and brand authentication. Having worked in the luxury fashion sector since 2007, she has built a strong reputation as a specialist in vintage designer goods, particularly Chanel. Her career has spanned fashion design, auction houses, and leading luxury resale platforms, combining a deep knowledge of craftsmanship, provenance, and brand heritage. Passionate about sustainable fashion, she is dedicated to making luxury fashion more accessible through the growing circular economy.



Safwaan Khan
Graduate Technical Engineer at British Airways

Safwaan holds a degree in Aerospace Engineering from Queen Mary University of London. Passionate about innovation in the aerospace sector, he has a strong interest in structural design, performance efficiency, and sustainability. He is committed to developing engineering solutions that support the future of aviation while continuing to grow professionally within the industry.

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Tom Westhead
JP Morgan Degree Apprentice

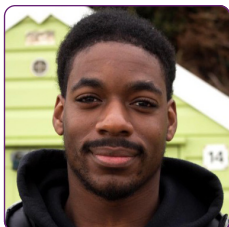
Tom is a Degree Apprentice in the technology sector, with experience across enterprise architecture, cloud technologies, and business systems. Through his work, he has gained exposure to a range of technology functions and transformation programmes, developing a broad understanding of how digital solutions support modern organisations and drive innovation.

Alumni



Dr Baljit Kaur
Research Associate, University of Sussex

Dr Baljit Kaur is a Research Associate in the School of Media, Arts and Humanities at the University of Sussex. Her work focuses on research, education, and the exploration of contemporary social and cultural issues. Committed to advancing knowledge and supporting academic collaboration, she is passionate about using research to promote understanding, inclusion, and positive social impact.



Lasana Edwards

Education Liaison Officer, University of Hertfordshire

Lasana is an Education Liaison Officer at the University of Hertfordshire, supporting young people to explore higher education opportunities and achieve their academic ambitions. Through his work with schools and colleges, he helps students make informed decisions about their future education and career pathways.

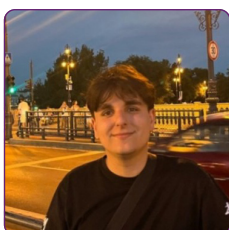


Munawar Sheikh

Legal Professional

Munawar is a legal professional with postgraduate qualifications in law, including an LLM, LPC, and BPTC. With experience spanning family law, housing law, advocacy, and community mediation, Munawar is recognised for a practical, people-focused approach and a strong commitment to integrity, access to justice, and professional excellence.

Alumni



Leon Checkland

Government Policy Fast Streamer | University of Cambridge Graduate

Leon Checkland is a graduate on the Impact Graduate Scheme at the London Borough of Hackney and a member of the Civil Service Fast Stream. Through his work in public service, he is gaining experience in policy and government, with a current placement in the Department for Work and Pensions' Health and Disability Reform Team.

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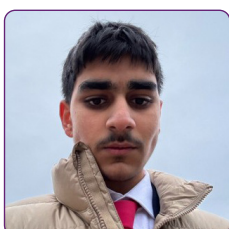


Patima Shareefy

Development & Partnerships Manager

Patima is a charity development professional with expertise in fundraising, partnership building, and organisational growth. Passionate about tackling educational and social inequality, she works to create opportunities for children and young people from underrepresented backgrounds. Her experience spans charity leadership, programme development, community engagement, and event management, with a proven track record of securing funding, building strategic partnerships, and delivering impactful initiatives that drive lasting positive change.

Alumni



Faiz Gull

Recipient of A&O Shearman Bursary | Undergraduate at University of Warwick

A History and Politics student at the University of Warwick with a strong interest in law. He has gained experience through placements with leading firms, including Mishcon de Reya and Baker McKenzie. Passionate about fairness and justice, he aspires to specialise in Corporate law and pursue a solicitor.

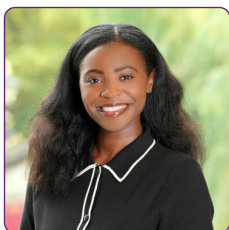
Alumni



Mia Lepper
Creative Arts Student

Mia is an emerging performer currently studying for a degree in the creative arts. After leaving Drayton Manor, she continued her training at The BRIT School before completing a Foundation course at one of the UK's leading drama schools. She is passionate about performance and the arts.

Alumni



Grace Bolagi
Court of Protection Solicitor at Irwin Mitchell,

Grace is dedicated to supporting clients and their families through complex legal issues, providing compassionate, client-focused advice to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Alumni



Dr Janet Bolagi
Medical Doctor, NHS

Janet is a Medical Doctor with a specialist interest in nutrition and medical education. She holds an MSc in Clinical and Public Health Nutrition and is passionate about promoting health and wellbeing.

Alumni

Peace Imarhiagbe

Diagnostic Radiography, St George's University London

Peace is a recent graduate of St George's University of London, having earned a BSc (Hons) in Diagnostic Radiography. A former student of Cardinal Wiseman High School and a proud member of the Ealing community, she is passionate about supporting and inspiring young people as they explore their future education and career opportunities.

Vikash Gandhi

Weaver Rose Estate Agents

Vikash Gandhi is a property professional and business owner with experience in the London residential property sector. As the founder of Weaver Rose Estate Agents, he is committed to building long-term relationships with clients and helping them achieve their property and financial goals.

Yasmin Paterson

Director, Robertson Smith & Kempson

Yasmin is a Director at Robertson Smith & Kempson in Hanwell, bringing extensive expertise in the residential property sector. She also attended Drayton Manor High School.

Alumni

Dr Guy Fletcher

Postgraduate Medical Education Fellow | Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust

Dr Guy Fletcher is a dermatology specialist and Postgraduate Medical Education Fellow at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. He is dedicated to advancing patient care and promoting excellence in medical education.

Antika Menon

Student at Imperial College London

Antika is a medical student at Imperial College London. She is passionate about advancing health outcomes and contributing to the future of medicine.

Maksym Byelko

Student at King's College London

Maksym is a Computer Science student at King's College London with a passion for technology, problem-solving, and personal growth. Drawing on his own experiences, Maksym is committed to supporting young people, encouraging them to embrace opportunities, build confidence, and pursue their ambitions with perseverance and self-belief.

Alumni

Lakshana Pattar

Student at St George's University

Lakshana is a Law student at St George's University with a keen interest in the legal profession. She is developing strong analytical, research, and communication skills through her studies and is committed to building a successful career in law.

Samuel Olaiya

Junior Recruiter at London Screen Academy,

Samuel supports the attraction and development of emerging talent within the creative industries. He works closely with prospective students and young people, helping them explore opportunities and pathways into the screen and media sectors.

Dr Jenny Shepherd

Lecturer in Engineering

Jenny is a Lecturer in Engineering at the University of Leicester, specialising in biomaterials. Her research focuses on tissue engineering and drug discovery, and she is committed to advancing both engineering research and higher education through her teaching and academic leadership.

Dr Chris Allen

Associate Professor, School of Criminology University of Leicester

Chris is a researcher specialising in hate extremism, hate crime, and counter-extremism policy. He has contributed to academic, policy, and public discussions on issues including Islamophobia and the far right. His work has informed government and parliamentary bodies, and he is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and the Royal Society of Arts.



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