



The Advisors 2026 – Grouped by Sector

Here is a list of all advisors signed up for the RGS Careers Convention as of 26 March. We expect to add to this list over the coming weeks and a final list will be issued just after the Easter break.

ARMED FORCES AND PUBLIC SERVICES

Tom Glasspool (OG 2008) – Squadron Leader, British Army (Queen’s Royal Hussars)

Tom is an Army Officer in an armoured regiment. He studied Philosophy and Politics at York then went straight to Sandhurst. He has worked in a variety of staff appointments, including time in recruiting, as a cultural advisor, and as the lead planner for an armoured brigade; he is now the Squadron Leader of a tank squadron.

Lt Col Alex Kumar (OG 2001) - Consultant in Military Anaesthesia and Pain Management, British

Alex is a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Management in the British Army and Leads the UK Military Pain Service. Over his career he has deployed on multiple Operations and has extensive experience managing casualties from point of wounding through to veteran care. He holds honorary clinical appointments at King's College Hospital and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and is a Clinical Lecturer in Defence Anaesthesia with a research interest in pain management for battlefield trauma. Alex would be delighted to talk about a career in medicine, and medicine in the military.

CONSULTANCY/INSURANCE

Richard Bartlett (OG 2004) – Operating Advisor, Astorg

Richard graduated from the University of Warwick where he studied economics. He joined McKinsey & Company, a global management consultancy where he specialised in healthcare and life sciences and became a Partner in 2022 working across large transformation programmes, and work in private equity. He has recently joined Astorg, a Private Equity fund as an Operating Advisor where he leads commercial excellence across Astorg's portfolio of companies.

Ben Crossley (OG 2018) – Ex-Consultant, McKinsey & Co

Recently left McKinsey & Co., a Chicago business consulting firm that advises companies on business strategy and development problems. Before then, completed undergraduate at Yale University. Ask me about starting your career with management consulting and American universities.

Brynne Parker – Partner, Baringa Partners LLP

Brynne completed his BA in Business Studies and French at the University of Birmingham prior to joining Accenture on their graduate scheme. After 4 years he joined Baringa Partners (a specialist Energy-focused Management Consultancy). Brynne is now a partner and leads Baringa's Energy and Commodity Trading advisory practice.

Dimitri Perricos (OG 2020) - AI & Data Analyst, Deloitte

Dimitri Perricos graduated from the University of Warwick with a Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Physics. He currently lives in Cairo, where he works as an AI and Data Analyst at the Deloitte Innovation Hub, applying data and artificial intelligence to solve complex business problems. Dimitri has spent the past year working in an international consulting environment and has gained valuable insight and specialties regarding the consulting industry and the newly booming industry of GenAI.

Ed Rayfield (OG 1996) - Capital Management Director, Aviva

Ed is an experienced qualified Actuary, having worked in the life insurance industry for over 25 years. Ed's career, and current role, focuses on ensuring that customers claims will be safely paid when required, whilst supporting the financial performance of the company.

Stephen Sutherland – Partner and Director, Boston Consulting Group

Stephen studied Criminology at Cambridge University, and Public Administration at Warwick Business School. Before joining Management Consulting, Stephen worked in the Public Sector as a Head of Strategy in Local Government, and a Director of Improvement in an NHS Hospital. He joined Boston Consulting Group in 2012, and has spent the last 14 years helping clients from hospitals and healthcare systems in the UK and Internationally.

Richard Taylor-Whiteway (OG 2007) – Insurance Professional, Liva Partners

Richard structures and decides whether to insure \$billions each year for international risks (mainly legal/tax) concerning private equity funds and other sophisticated investors.

Adam Woodhouse – Partner, Technology Consulting, EY

Adam is an Engineering grad from Durham who turned a love of problem solving into a global tech career. He has helped Financial Services firms adopt cutting edge technologies, developed strategies and implemented new ways of working across the UK, USA, AsiaPac, Middle East and Africa. He is now a Technology Transformation Partner at EY where he leads their Alliances across the UK & Ireland.

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**David de Winter (OG 2006) – Freelance Musician**

David is an award-winning classical musician specialising in early and contemporary vocal music. He studied at Durham University and trained at the Royal Academy of Music. He has performed on every continent of the globe and has worked with some of the UK and Europe's leading conductors and orchestras. David is happy to field any questions on all aspects of the music industry (pop, classical, jazz, Musical Theatre) and give advice on higher education for all types of instruments as well as guidance on the record industry and other related performing arts.

Gavin Finney (OG 2002) – Creative Director, Maverick

Gavin has worked in advertising for more than 18 years now, creating commercials, events, content and everything in between for global brands such as Adidas, Netflix and Spotify. He now specialises in gaming and entertainment, working with the likes of Pokemon, HBO x Zynga on Game of Thrones and Legendary Pictures x Funcom on Dune. His background is in writing, so can offer advice and insight on words, pictures, film and more.

Jo Franklin - Associate Professor in Theatre Production, Guildford School of Acting/University of Surrey

Jo is Associate Professor in Theatre Production, Programme Leader for BA Theatre Production and Director of Studies (Education) at Guildford School of Acting (GSA), part of the University of Surrey, UK. She has a BA in Drama from Aberystwyth University and trained in stage management at the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, before becoming a professional theatre stage manager, then a teacher and ultimately an academic. She has an MA in Higher Education and is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

David Hilditch (OG 2019) – Architectural Apprentice, Scott Brownrigg

David is an architectural apprentice currently working within the life science team designing laboratory and office spaces in London, Cambridge and Oxford. He is currently working on a retrofit project in Canary Wharf which is progressing onsite. He joined Scott Brownrigg after studying Architecture at the University of Bath and is currently completing his Masters course as an apprentice at the University of Portsmouth. He also has a special focus on sustainability being part of our carbon reduction team looking and has achieved Passivhaus Designer Certification.

Martin Lawrence – Freelance Musician

Martin Lawrence is a professional freelance French horn player. He originally studied physics at university but then completed postgraduate courses at Trinity College of Music and the National Centre for Orchestral Studies. He is now 2nd horn in the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and performs with many groups in the UK and abroad, broadly specialising in historically informed performance. Following the completion of a PhD on the subject of music performance anxiety, he also has a practice helping musicians in this area.

Adam Machado-Gibbs (OG 2019) – Television Presenter, Must Have Ideas & QVC

Adam is a television presenter specialising in live broadcasting, entertainment, and shopping TV. After studying Maths at Oxford University, he gained experience in post-production and working on film sets, before transitioning into TV presenting on channels such as the BBC, CBBC, London Live, and UKTV. Most recently, he was a presenter on the shopping channel QVC for six years, before moving on to launch a brand-new channel in 2024, "Must Have Ideas", as one of its five full-time hosts. He now presents a daily show on the channel, "Adam in the Afternoon".

Charlie Morgan (OG 2013) – Head of Production, Stak

Charlie's passion for sports broadcasting led him to Stak, a celebrated production company responsible for some of the world's biggest sports podcasts. Working his way up from part-time production assistant, he now leads Stak's team of producers and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the business. He's taken a passion for sports writing and broadcasting into a career covering the biggest football matches and F1 races, producing all sorts of broadcast content across new and traditional platforms, and organising and producing live tour events at venues including the London Palladium and Shepherd's Bush Empire. All that despite a 2:1 Economics degree from Exeter University.

Solomon Poole (OG 2021) – Architectural Assistant, The Harris Partnership

Solomon is currently halfway through his architectural qualifications, having completed his Part 1 at the Manchester School of Architecture and spent a year in practice at The Harris Partnership. He is now undertaking his Part 2 Master's degree at the University of Westminster and looks forward to returning to practice to complete his Part 3 and qualify as an architect.

ENGINEERING

Harry Blanford (OG 2020) - Graduate Design Engineer, Cadillac Formula 1® Team

Graduate Design Engineer working at Cadillac Formula 1® Team, primarily focusing on Mechanical Systems and Composite Design. Graduated from University of Sheffield with a MEng Mechanical Engineering Degree with previous experience working in Motorsport and Oil and Gas industry sectors.

Mark Broadbent – Engineering Director, BP

Mark has had a global career working in the Renewables and Oil and Gas sector as an Engineer, Engineering Manager and latterly Engineering Director for Major Project capital investment in the sector for multi billion dollar projects. After studying Chemical Engineering at Imperial, he joined BP and has had a diverse career including working offshore in the North Sea, Korean ship yards, Net Zero Teesside CCUS, Australia hydrogen developments and gas plants in Trinidad. Mark is enthusiastic to talk about careers in engineering and in the energy sector.

Francois Cathelain – Aerospace Engineering Leader, Airbus

Francois began his career at Airbus in Filton, UK, as an Aerodynamicist. Over seven years, he held various leadership positions and worked on wing development for the A350XWB aircraft programs, seeing through from concept ("blank page") to first flight. He subsequently transitioned to the space sector, initially focusing on improving satellite production across Airbus Defence and Space sites in Europe. Currently, he leads the development of onboard processors for telecommunication satellites.

Dr Natalie Cropp – Sustainability Director, Tony Gee

Natalie has 20+ years experience in the civil engineering sector working on projects across rail, marine, renewable energy and highways. She is now responsible for how we make our engineering more sustainable; lower carbon, using less materials, incorporating nature and bring benefits to communities. Natalie studied at Surrey University for a degree and doctorate and now employs apprentices in civil engineering and sustainability so has a good overview of the opportunities and routes into engineering and sustainability.

Alice Gauld - Catastrophe Model Product Manager, Moody's

Dr Alice Gauld has around 20 years' experience in natural catastrophe modelling. After a degree and PhD in Oceanography at the University of Southampton, she joined the Risk Management Solutions Ltd (RMS) graduate programme, now part of Moody's, moved into the area of Product Management, helping insurance clients across the world understand how climate catastrophe models can be used to understand and manage their risk.

Nim Induruwa - Lead - Programme Delivery, Jaguar Land Rover

Nim is a passionate Aerospace Engineer (having graduated in 2023 from the University of Sheffield in Aerospace Engineering) and part-time STEM/lifestyle content creator, with hands-on rocketry and engineering experience.

This led to her first role as a Software Integration engineer at Jaguar Land Rover where shortly after she was promoted to Programme Management Lead for Iconic Land Rover Defender.

James Kavanagh (OG 2017) - Senior Mechanical Engineer, Mott MacDonald

James is a Chartered Engineer with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Joining civil design consultancy Mott MacDonald in their water division after studying a Masters in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Edinburgh, he has specialised in the design of water, wastewater and sludge treatment plants including at some of the largest sites in Scotland and England.

Nick Lake (OG 2007) - Associate (Engineer) - Structures Group, Tony Gee and Partners

Nick has an MEng in Civil Engineering from Imperial College and has been working with Tony Gee and Partners (Civil Engineering Consultants) as a sponsored student and then full time from graduation. I specialise in permanent and temporary works design and checking for steel, concrete, and composite bridges, jacked boxes, gantries, and various other heavy civils structures. Particular technical interest in finite element analysis including buckling and dynamic analysis of structures, and modelling of structures on hydraulic support systems.

Jordan Martyn (OG 2020) - Systems Engineer, BAE systems

Jordan completed an integrated masters of Natural Science at the University of Nottingham before joining the BAE Systems graduate programme for systems engineering. Systems engineering is a holistic discipline that coordinates hardware, software and processes into one functioning system. He is currently working on control systems and has recently come off of the graduate scheme into a full systems engineer role.

Dr Paul Naylor – Consultant (Retired), Engineering Industries

Dr Naylor is now retired after a 40 year career in the engineering industry including mechanical and electronic engineering projects, robotics, packaging, consulting and university teaching. He sat on four company boards, including as Managing Director. He is still involved, introducing engineering as a career and pursuing engineering hobbies.

Balazs Rigo (OG 2020) – Systems Engineer, Callen-Lenz

Balazs is a Systems Engineer at Callen-Lenz, a subsidiary of BAE Systems' Air Sector that specialises in the design, development and manufacture of cutting-edge Unmanned Aircraft and related systems. He has over 7 years of experience with drones, robotics and unmanned systems and a BEng in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Sheffield.

Russell Richardson – Director, RBA Acoustics

Russell Richardson has a BEng in Electroacoustics from the University of Salford. He originally worked in loudspeaker system research for Celestion and Philips Electronics before undertaking research into concert hall acoustics at London South Bank University. He then moved into consultancy and, in 2002, he founded RBA Acoustics, an acoustics consultancy practice specialising in environmental and building acoustics which works on projects around the world. No two projects are the same and a typical day can involve anything from a theatre in London to a hotel in Sierra Leone, alongside lecturing roles at several universities.

Andy Rumfitt (OG 1987) – Director, Rumfitt Associates Ltd

With 30 years' experience of business cases, economic development, masterplanning and transport projects, Andy specialises in the early design, feasibility and case making for complex, often urban, projects across the UK. He has a long track record of working on major London projects including estate regeneration schemes, mixed use developments, Crossrail 2, Sutton Tram, Bakerloo Line, Clapham Junction Masterplan and various DLR extensions. Andy is a Fellow of the Institute of Economic Development and a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

David Wheedon (OG 1979) - Electrical Engineer & Engineering Council Liaison Officer, Institution of Railway Signal Engineering

David was educated at the RGS before commencing as a Sponsored Student with British Railways Signal and Telecomms (S&T) Department on an accredited training programme that included an engineering degree at Durham University, where his son, who was also at the RGS, did the current equivalent degree, some 35 years later! He has been a Railway Control Systems Engineer throughout his career, which included 3 years undertaking research in Cambridge and Bath Universities. He was for 9 years the Professional Head of S&T Engineering for one of the privatised rail companies before transferring to Network Rail, where his last position was as the Principal Signal Engineer for the £6bn Thameslink Programme. He left Network Rail in 2014 and has subsequently undertaken consultancy work and is an Engineering Council Liaison Officer. He is a Chartered Engineer, was

President of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineering (IRSE) in 2013/14 and has been a Fellow of the IET since 1999.

Jonathan Wright (OG 2020) – Process Engineer, Wood Group

Jonathan completed his MEng in Chemical Engineering from Imperial College London in 2024 and currently works as a chemical process engineer in the Energy sector. His professional experience spans Carbon Capture and Storage, Green Hydrogen and Oil & Gas, where he has contributed to design and consultancy work. He has completed rotations in the Process Engineering and Advanced Process Control groups, gaining hands on experience with process design, process optimisation and participating in multidisciplinary engineering reviews.

FINANCIAL

Oliver Bazin (OG 2007) – Investment Analyst, Findlay Park American Fund

Oliver completed a degree in Economics and then joined KPMG's graduate scheme, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant (ACA). Following this, Oliver transitioned into Investment Banking at Rothschild, specialising in mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He ultimately achieved his goal of joining a hedge fund, where he focuses on investing in UK and US equities in the stock market.

Chris Bingham (OG 1997) - Head of Assurance and Controls Testing, M&G plc

Having graduated from Southampton University with a BSc in Accounting and Economics, Chris qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2004. His career has taken him to Bermuda, New York, Stockholm, and Johannesburg. Chris now works in Non-Financial Risk with M&G plc, a FTSE 100 listed company.

Hugo Burgess (OG 2018) – Commercial Finance Manager, Procter & Gamble

Hugo is a Finance Manager with four years experience at Procter & Gamble, a multinational consumer goods company which owns many household name brands. He is currently working in the UK/I and Nordics comptroller group overseeing the governance of all third-party purchases, internal controls, and corporate governance projects such as payment practice government reporting and e-invoicing mandates. Previously, he has overseen sales forecasting for UK/I and worked as a finance business partner to the distributor, discounter, and wholesaler retail channels. He graduated from Jesus College, University of Cambridge with MPhil and MA degrees in Classics and is a part-qualified management accountant.

Daniel Cheetham (OG 2018) - Opportunistic Credit, Marathon Asset Management

Marathon is a 24bn AuM US credit focused asset manager. Daniel's role covers both public and private credit opportunities focused on more complex transactions / capital solutions to target >15% returns.

Robert Cooper (OG 1993) – Chartered Surveyor, AGL

Based in London's West End, Robert is a chartered surveyor and partner in a commercial property agency. He provides technical knowledge and negotiating skills to clients/ customers on commercial property transactions. His clients/ customers are owners of property - including pension and private equity funds, property companies and private investors. His company also provides advice to businesses that occupy commercial property, usually on a lease.

Geraldine Fox – Head of Human Resources, NatWest Group

Geraldine is Head of HR for Markets at a leading global financial services firm, where she partners with senior leaders to build high-performing, inclusive teams and drive organisational transformation. She has extensive experience in leadership, strategy, and people development across complex international businesses. Geraldine is passionate about helping young people understand the wide range of career paths available in financial services and the skills needed to succeed in a rapidly changing world.

Tom Gilliam – Corporate Treasurer, Haleon

Tom is the Deputy Treasurer at Haleon, one of the world's largest consumer healthcare companies. His team is responsible for the funding and financial risk management activities (mainly foreign exchange and interest rates), working with banks and investors around the world. He studied Maths at university, before training as a chartered accountant and subsequently moving into Corporate Treasury over 20 years ago.

Christopher Harvey (OG 2011) - Associate Director - Business Tax Services, S&W

Chris studied Civil Engineering at the University of Bath. He started work at a boutique firm in London, gaining a broad accounting experience before choosing to specialise in Corporation Tax by completing the CTA (Chartered

Tax Advisor). After working at both EY (Reading) and PwC (London) over the past 6 years, he has moved to S&W. He now advises various businesses, from fast-growth start-ups to household names.

Ridley Hymas (OG 2019) – Executive, Financial Diligence, EY-Parthenon

After studying a BSc in Physics with Astrophysics at the University of Exeter, Ridley joined EY in 2022 and spent 3 years as an auditor of insurance companies. During that time he became an exam qualified chartered accountant with ICAS. He moved to EY-Parthenon in September 2025, where, as part of the private equity team, he serves EY's clients by providing buy and sell-side financial due diligence.

Samuel Jones (OG 2019) – Auditor, PwC

Sam is an exam-qualified ACA accountant working in PwC's Banking and Sustainability assurance practices, where he supports clients across the financial services sector. He graduated from Cambridge University with a degree in Music before transitioning into the world of professional services, and is passionate about helping students understand how to open new and unexpected career paths with their transferable skills .

Craig Murphy (OG 2008) – Head of Finance, Timac Agro Deutschland

Craig studied Mathematics at Cambridge and then trained as a Chartered Accountant. Since qualifying, he has worked in industry across a variety of sectors, as well as a range of organisations from start-ups, private-equity backed businesses to global multinationals. He currently works as Head of Finance for the German subsidiaries of a multinational agrochemical company.

Leanne O'Donnell – Market Strategist, BP

Leanne studied Economics & Finance in Australia and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). She started her career in financial markets in Treasury and Investment Management, later moving to global commodities/energy trading covering oil, gas, power and carbon. As Market Strategist, she develops analysis and trading strategies with a focus on the energy transition and environmental markets.

Chris Philpott (OG 2004) - Compliance Specialist, Jane Street

Chris graduated from the University of Bath with a first class degree in Biochemistry, including two research placements. After graduating in 2008, he joined a commodities trading company in a middle office role, handling both physical shipments and futures and options bookings. Chris currently manages the European Market Abuse Surveillance team at Jane Street. His team is responsible for monitoring human and algorithmic trading, market making commitments, and a range of other trading compliance functions.

Oli Rathmell (OG 2022) – Finance Analyst, Procter & Gamble

Oli is a Geography Graduate from Durham and is currently 7 months into his career at P&G as a Finance Analyst. Oli can help guide you on finding an internship/job while at university, and also how to break into a sector that may not be directly related to your degree!

Joshua Salmons (OG 2021) – Commodities Trader, Futures First

Joshua is a market analyst and trader and looking at commodity contracts like oil, diesel, sugar and more. The job involves a lot of pattern recognition and fast-paced maths and decision making.

Callum Spencer (OG 2017) – Analyst, Point72

Bio to follow.

GOVERNMENT/POLICY/CIVIL SERVICE

Omeet Atara (OG 2020) – Political Consultant, Panterra

Omeet works as a consultant at Panterra, a political advisory and strategic communications consultancy. He specialises in African and Middle East Government clients. He studied an undergraduate degree in Human Social Political Sciences at St Catharines College, Cambridge followed by a Masters degree in Political Science at Columbia University.

Jack Bell (OG 2015) – Political Advisor, Liberal Democrats

Jack advises key party spokespeople - including the Party Leader, Sir Ed Davey - on foreign and defence policy. This includes supporting message and policy development, and informing the party's approach to legislation.

Alan Krikorian (OG 1993) – Deputy Director, Department for Work and Pensions

Alan left RGS in 1993 and studied Economics at Nottingham University. He has been a civil servant for nearly 25 years, mostly at the Department for Education, working initially as an economist and then moving into policy development and delivery in areas such as early years education, adoption, further education and skills. He is now a senior civil servant responsible for the Government's strategy for apprenticeships in England including its funding worth c. £3 billion a year.

Calvin Ngwena (OG 2015) - Policy and Delivery Team Leader, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

I have worked in the Civil Service for over 7 years across several departments, specialising in policy making and advising politicians and Senior Civil Servants to deliver the priorities of the government of the day. I currently advise the Government on delivering key reforms to the electricity market.

Matt Sargent (OG 2018) – Associate, International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits

Matt read for a BA(Hons) and MPhil in Classics at Trinity College Cambridge, graduating in 2022. He was a policy advisor on international climate and biodiversity for the UK's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). He now advises a range of governments and leading institutions on nature-related finance, including the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits (IAPB), British Standards Institution, and the Government of Indonesia's Taskforce on Nature Credits.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

James Alvarez (OG 2005) – Director, Minted Box Ltd

James didn't know what he wanted to do with his life when he was in sixth form, but he knew he wanted to go to Uni, so went to Exeter and studied computer science as he thought that would keep as many career doors open as possible. He still didn't have a clue what he wanted to do after, but he made a website for a friend in his second year as a bit of fun. Fast forward 20 years and he hasn't stopped making websites, only now he has a great team around him doing software development, marketing, animation, videography, event management and more for businesses such as Tesco, Wagamama, Royal Mail, Cadbury and many others.

Lawrence Castle (OG 2020) – Software Engineer, Leonardo

Lawrence graduated from Imperial College with a bachelor's degree in electronic and information engineering. He has completed the firmware engineering graduate scheme at Leonardo and continues to work as a junior engineer.

David Logue – Partner, Baringa Management Consultancy

David leads product and corporate strategy in AI & CRM product companies, and in Pharmaceutical Life Sciences consulting. He has worked across the value chain, in Sales & Marketing and previously in R&D/ Clinical functions & Healthcare providers.

Kostas Symeonidis – Software Engineer, Google

Software Engineering career after a degree in Mathematics, with experience in startups, consultancy and long stints at Sony PlayStation and Google. Talk to me about the future of software engineering, the emergence of AI and vibe coding!

LEGAL

Jenson Anderson (OG 2025) – Legal Assistant, DR Solicitors

Jenson is a Legal Assistant at DR Solicitors (part of the AIM-listed DSW Capital plc group), an award winning and leading specialist corporate healthcare law firm advising medical businesses and GP practices. Having worked on and managed the trials of Harvey and Lexis+ AI into the firm's legal workflows, he has developed a focused interest on the intersection of legal technology and commercial practice. Jenson will commence his LLB Law at Durham University in September 2026.

Jennifer Barrett – European Patent Attorney, Openshaw & Co

Jennifer has a MEng degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cambridge. This provided the required technical literacy to obtain a job as a trainee Patent Attorney at Kilburn & Strode, where she qualified as a UK Chartered Patent Attorney and European Patent Attorney. She has subsequently worked in-house before moving to her current firm. Most of Jennifer's work, up to and including 'inter partes' hearings, is before the European Patent Office.

Ollie Billingham (OG 2025) – Legal Administrator, DR Solicitors

Ollie will commence his degree in Philosophy at Christ's College Cambridge in October 2026, and he is currently working as a Legal Administrator at DR Solicitors (part of the AIM-listed DSW Capital plc group). Having had an extended piece published in an independent legal journal on the topics of AI and hate crime, Ollie has a particular interest in the detailed and developing areas of the law, which he has been able to explore in his role at DR Solicitors by assisting with the drafting of legal documents. More broadly, Ollie is working on growing his local tutoring business, with a specialism in Mathematics.

Lewis Bizaoui (OG 2015) - Solicitor - Associate (Corporate), Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

Lewis studied Experimental Psychology at Jesus College, Oxford. After graduating in 2020, he completed a law conversion and subsequently undertook a training contract at the US firm Ropes & Gray LLP in London. On qualification, he joined the corporate team of the New York firm Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in London, where he works as an associate advising on corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, and fundraising and structuring matters, for private equity and credit clients.

Alex Denny (OG 2016) - Assistant General Counsel and Vice President, Bank of America

Alex is Assistant General Counsel and Vice President in the Global Markets (Fixed Income) team at Bank of America. Alex studied Archaeology at St Catharine's College, Cambridge before training and qualifying at Allen & Overy/A&O Shearman, where he completed seats in the firm's Derivatives and Structured Finance, Leveraged Finance and Private Equity teams and a secondment to the Private Credit team at Goldman Sachs. Beyond his day job, Alex is CEO of GROW Mentoring, a charity supporting aspiring legal professionals, a Trustee for a London-based Model United Nations charity, and an Officer in the Royal Naval Reserves.

Dominique Gillan - Barrister, Guildford Chambers

Dominique was called to the Bar of NI and then of England and Wales over 30 years ago and is a family practitioner with a base in Guildford. Her practice, which largely covers the South East of England, is primarily in public law Children Act cases (where the state intervenes on how children are parented) and financial remedy cases (distribution of assets upon dissolution of marriage). She is the Head of Guildford Chambers and so tasked with the running of this busy and successful set.

Will Inchtald (OG 2014) – Legal Counsel, Telehouse Europe

Will qualified as a solicitor in 2020 and started his career as a corporate tax lawyer at two different London-based law firms. In 2023 he decided to move in-house into a more generalist commercial focussed role. He is a huge advocate for alternative legal careers and believes in-house is a great option for lawyers.

Deb Jones - Executive Director - Transformation, Solicitors Regulation Authority / Financial Conduct Authority

Deb is an Executive Director at the Solicitors Regulation Authority, where she is on secondment from the Financial Conduct Authority. After studying law at Queens' College, Cambridge, Deb started her career as a solicitor at Slaughter and May. She has since enjoyed over 20 years in regulation, in a range of roles from law enforcement to policy to leading major change programmes.

Mun-Ling Logue – Head of Legal and Governance, Action Against Hunger UK

Mun-Ling studied at Cambridge University before practicing corporate law at Taylor Wessing and becoming partner at Fasken Martineau. She switched track to be in-house senior counsel at WWF UK (environmental) advising across all areas of charity and commercial law and now Head of Legal and Governance at Action Against Hunger UK (humanitarian). Her role is challenging, varied and immensely rewarding. Mun-Ling is happy to discuss careers in the NGO sector in general.

Suzanne McKie – Lawyer, Farore Law

Suzanne is a dual qualified barrister and solicitor, who became a KC in 2012, and practises from London in the fields of employment and partnership law. She has worked in both sides of the profession and has also worked with numerous charities to provide pro bono services in relation to rights of women.

Georgina Mercer – Knowledge Lawyer, Penningtons Manches Cooper LLP

As a knowledge lawyer I support the IP, IT and Commercial team - helping make their life easier by handling complex legal queries, developing legal tech to make work more efficient, and research and horizon scanning for latest legal developments. It is a very rewarding role - especially if you enjoy learning. I came to law from a science background so I'm proof that you can switch careers.

Claire Petts - Global Head of Healthcare & Senior Equity Partner, Clyde & Co

Claire studied law at the University of Warwick. After graduating she undertook the LPC and gained a training contract at Shoosmiths. She specialised in medical negligence, inquests and advisory law on qualification and joined Clyde & Co in London as a junior lawyer. She became an equity partner in 2010, head of department in 2015 and Global Head of Healthcare in 2018. She sits on multiple management boards at the Firm and advises on all aspects of healthcare law representing clinicians, healthcare providers and the NHS.

Chris Ranon (OG 2015) – Solicitor, Freshfields

Chris is a Financial Services Regulatory associate at Freshfields. He went to Edinburgh University and studied Spanish and Portuguese before converting to law.

Daphne Robertson – Senior Partner, DR Solicitors

Daphne graduated with an English Language and Literature MA from St Andrews, following which she undertook the 2yr conversion law course. Daphne trained as a solicitor with the 'magic-circle' firm Freshfields, has worked in Moscow, lectured in law at Albany University in New York, and taught commercial law at the University of Law in London. Daphne is the Senior Partner of DR Solicitors (which she founded in 2003). DR Solicitors is an award-winning firm of healthcare solicitors specialising in advising medical businesses and GP practices across the country. Widely recognised as one of the country's leading experts on all aspects of NHS Partnership and Regulatory law, Daphne has been consistently 'top ranked' by Chambers UK and frequently speaks and writes on medical business matters. In 2024 DR Solicitors joined Dow Schofield Watts, which is a network of entrepreneurial professional services firms, to increase growth and investment in the firm and to provide even more tailored services to clients.

Oliver Stentiford (OG 2019) – Trainee solicitor, A&O Sherman

Oliver left the RGS in 2019 to read Law at Downing College, Cambridge. He is now a final-seat trainee solicitor at A&O Shearman, currently sitting in their Corporate M&A team, and is due to qualify in September. Oliver has completed rotations across litigation and investigations, and leveraged finance.

Nisha Tayal – Partner (Family Law), DMH Stallard

Nisha studied Law at university and following completion of her training contract in 2006, has specialised in all areas of Family Law including divorce, finances and advising on arrangements for children. She became Partner in 2022. Her practice has included advising clients across Surrey, London and Hampshire and at the start of the year, she joined the family department at DMH Stallard in Guildford.

MARKETING/ENTREPRENEURSHIP/HR**Max Beech (OG 2015) – Founder, Athenic (AI Startup)**

Oliver completed a degree in Economics and then joined KPMG's graduate scheme, qualifying as a Chartered Accountant (ACA). Following this, Oliver transitioned into Investment Banking at Rothschild, specialising in mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation. He ultimately achieved his goal of joining a hedge fund, where he focuses on investing in UK and US equities in the stock market.

Fran Cassidy - Founder, Cassidy Media Partnership

After 15 years in ITV, advertising and media agencies, Fran set up an international marketing consultancy advising brand owners such as Honda, the FT, Channel 4 and the London Business School, on how to make their marketing budgets more effective, which she has done for over 20 years. She is also an Honorary Fellow and Board Advisor to the Marketing Society. After graduating in English at Oxford, Fran did an MA in Marketing and studied at the London Business School and Duke University in North Carolina. She is also a Trustee for the London Piano Festival.

Lucas Goldring (OG 2020) – Founder, Salmon Studios Limited

After leaving University, Lucas founded a digital marketing company focusing on music, partnering with major record labels and independent artists alike. Since 2023 the company has grown from 2 to over 10 people located across 3 continents, providing plenty of challenges to solve and continuing to grow quickly.

Fraser Hope (OG 2013) – Strategy Planning & Execution, Invesco

Fraser Hope works in Strategy Planning & Execution at Invesco, supporting the Chief Operating Officer for the Americas and EMEA, with a particular focus on EMEA. In his role, he helps shape and deliver strategic priorities across the business, working closely with senior leadership and collaborating with teams across distribution, product, risk, legal and other core functions to ensure effective execution of key initiatives.

Prior to joining Invesco in 2025, Fraser worked at Fidelity International in Investment Management Strategy & Planning, where he supported the leadership of several global investment departments including Multi Asset, Systematic, Fixed Income and Real Estate. His role focused on developing and implementing strategic initiatives, supporting governance processes and producing materials for senior management and board-level committees. Earlier in his career, Fraser worked in investment consulting at Lane Clark & Peacock and Hymans Robertson, advising institutional investors on investment strategy, asset allocation and governance.

Yousuf Mirza (OG 2018) - Growth Lead (Digital Assets), Cryptio

After four years building ventures as both a founder and a strategy consultant, Yousuf now works in digital assets. As a Growth Lead, he has helped take Cryptio to Series B and scale products from 0 to 1,000 customers.

Olly Perkins (OG 2020) – Founder, Fruitful Work

Olly founded and works full time to run a charity that helps equip Christian students to make the biggest impact for Jesus. He also has experience running an eCommerce business which grew to have 3 employees that he started whilst at the RGS.

Tom Phipps (OG 2015) – Head of Marketing, Elwood Technologies

Tom is a growth-oriented marketing and strategy leader with over a decade of experience in the digital assets industry, having built and executed go-to-market strategies for industry names including Coinbase, Blockchain.com, and the National Cryptocurrency Association. As Head of Marketing at Elwood Technologies, Tom brings deep expertise across brand, go-to-market strategy, and commercial growth spanning US, UK, and EMEA markets, with a strong academic foundation in law, project management, and artificial intelligence from the University of Southampton, where his research focused on blockchain regulation and innovation.

Fatima Wesson - Global Director of Marketing and Communications, Elam

Fatima is a Global Director of Marketing and Communications with over 20 years' experience working across both the commercial and nonprofit sectors. She has led marketing for organisations ranging from international nonprofits such as Alpha International to global brands including Gap, New Look and Phaidon Publishing, as well as startups and scale-ups. She graduated from the University of East Anglia with a degree in Sociology.

Laurence Zahn (OG 2020) – HR, Vodaphone Group

With an MA in Philosophy, Laurence spent 1-year post-university as a music teacher, before starting a graduate scheme in HR at Vodafone in October. Laurence is happy to talk about all things HR and the breadth of career possibilities in this area.

MEDICINE/SCIENCE/SUSTAINABILITY

Jay Atara – Managing Director, Neelkantha Ltd

Jay Atara is an ESG advisor and founder of Neelkantha Ltd. He advises businesses, investors and institutions on sustainability, governance, strategy and stakeholder engagement, with a particular focus on East Africa and cross-border markets. With senior experience across commercial leadership, finance and strategic advisory, he works at the intersection of responsible growth, institutional coherence and practical delivery.

Ruben Berstecher (OG 2021) – Medical Student, Hamlyn Centre for Robotic Surgery

Ruben is a Y5 medical student pursuing surgery (urology) in the States. Scholar at Imperial College / Ranked #1 in cohort. Researcher in robotics.

Yaz Drury (OG 2022) – Medical Student, St George's

Biomedical Science graduate and current medical student at St George's, whose unconventional journey into medicine involved setbacks, persistence, and a refusal to accept failure as the end of the story.

Mark Fisher – Partner, EY

Mark studied law at Oxford University in the 1990s and initially qualified as a solicitor in London. He subsequently joined EY (Ernst & Young) in a risk management role before moving into their sustainability practice ~20 years ago. He has worked in professional services for 30 years, and serves clients in a wide range of industries, including oil & gas, telecoms, property and the luxury sector.

Ollie Jansen (OG 2021) – Medical Student, UCL, Cambridge

Ollie Jansen is a 4th year medical student at UCL, based at the Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust. He undertook an intercalated BSc in Surgical Sciences at UCL last year, and will proceed to study for an MPhil in Oncology at The University of Cambridge, before resuming his medical training in London.

Juanita Lopez - Professor of Novel Cancer Therapeutic Trials, Institute of Cancer Research and the Royal Marsden Hospital

Juanita is a medical oncologist specialising in developing new treatments to treat cancer, working with scientists, industry to take the best of science into clinical trials for patients.

Rob Loveless (OG 2007) - Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care and HEMS Doctor, Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust and Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex

Rob is a Consultant in Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Medicine at Royal Surrey NHS Foundation Trust, providing specialist perioperative and critical care management for complex patients. He also serves as a Transfer Consultant with the Adult Regional Critical Care Transfer Service and as a HEMS Doctor with Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex, delivering advanced pre-hospital emergency care across the region. As Airway Lead for Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex, he oversees airway management governance, training, and clinical standards within the service.

Sharon Pontin – Nurse, RGS/NHS

Sharon graduated from the University of Surrey in 1996 following a 4 year nursing degree, having worked predominantly in acute medicine and resuscitation both in the UK and New Zealand she returned to the University of Surrey in 2012 to complete a degree in Midwifery and then worked as a midwife before joining the RGS as school nurse. She continues to teach both advanced adult and paediatric resuscitation to NHS staff alongside her role at the RGS. She is also married to an Emergency Medicine Consultant and mum to a third year medical student!

Alejandro Scholfield (OG 2022) – 4th year Medical Student, NHS

Alejandro is currently a 4th year medical student with aspirations in surgery. He left RGS to attend UCL medical school in 2022. He completed an intercalated BSc in Global Health in 2024/25, presenting his research at the IFSO international surgical conference in Malaga in May.

Matt Williams (OG 2020) – R&D Reagent Scientist, Illumina

Matt is a recent Masters graduate from Cambridge, and five months into an R&D scientist position at Illumina, researching novel DNA sequencing technology. Matt can provide insight into the current job market for scientific fields.

OTHER**Toby Inchbald (OG 2017) – Primary School Teacher, Finberry Primary School**

Toby studied Primary Education with Art Specialism at the University of Reading. After qualifying, he taught at a Primary School in Sandhurst for 5 years, teaching Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6). He now teaches in Kent at a Microsoft Showcase school, where children use the latest technology to help them to access the curriculum.

Luca Watson-Hart (OG 2022) – Chemistry Teacher, Churchill Academy

Luca is currently completing a PGCE (Postgraduate Certification in Education) through the University of Bristol to become a Science Teacher in the Bristol area. He has secured his first teaching role at Churchill Academy in North Somerset as a Chemistry Teacher.

Alex Trigg – Global Procurement Director, bp PLC

Alex Trigg (Ms) MA Oxon, MCIPS, Procurement / Management Consultancy / AI & Technology

Alex studied Natural Science at Oxford University. After working as a retail buyer, she ran an internet retail site before joining Capgemini Ernst & Young (CGEY) as a retail & procurement Management Consultant. Here she focused on organisation and functional transformation including M&A. Subsequently she has held CPO positions for St. James's Place and Page Group. In 2018 she opened her own consultancy and led transformation at Diageo Plc. Alex is current Global Procurement Design & Delivery Director within Future Finance leading deployment of leading-edge process and technology solutions.

Thank you for coming to the Careers Convention and our sincere thanks go to the advisors who have given their time and expertise this evening. Please let us know if you have any feedback about the event.

Future Events

If you would like to participate in future Careers Conventions or if you could offer work experience placements we would be delighted to hear from you.

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