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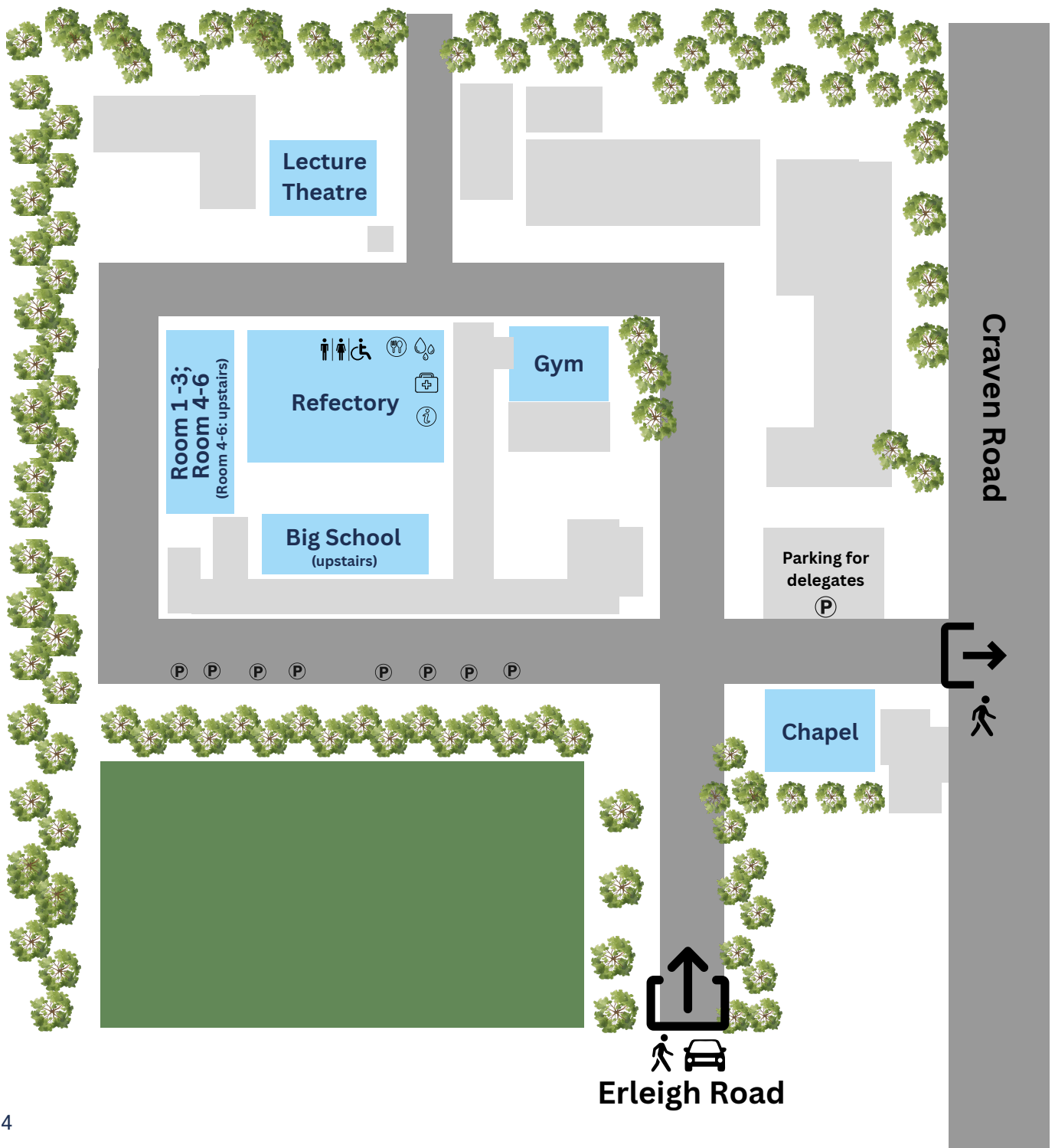
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Year 13 Students - offer holders of universities to share first-hand experiences of the application process

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HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Dear Students, Parents, Carers, and Friends,

Welcome to Reading School's 2026 Careers Convention.

Education is an adventure that prepares us for fulfilling lives. It is, at the same time, a chance to explore the universe and an opportunity to consider how we fit into it. It is therefore an essential component of any quality education that students have opportunities to work out how their learning intersects with the needs of the world.

There is no better context for doing this than by bringing students and employers together. It is therefore a huge pleasure to welcome so many incredible delegates, companies, and local businesses to this occasion, as well as welcoming families and guests.

Students – as you explore where your gifts, skills, and natural inclinations may take you, please think deeply about what you love, what you value, and what you enjoy. We work to live – we don't live to work! We hope that dialogue with individuals who are experts in diverse fields will help to inspire and encourage you on your journey. Don't limit yourself to conversations about careers you already know. Don't approach this event with preconceived ideas. Ask as many questions as you can!

Parents – thank you for your continued support. Your partnership is crucial to us, and to your children, as they seek to make well-informed decisions about their future endeavours. With so much uncertainty around artificial intelligence, public policy, and global politics, it will be crucial that your children nurture diverse and adaptable skills, and hold career plans lightly.

Delegates – thank you so much! We are hugely grateful for your presence and wisdom – without which our students would be proceeding entirely blind. Thank you for being here to network and to inspire the next generation. We really hope you find this fulfilling.

Finally, my particular thanks go to Ms Chong for coordinating this event, and to Mrs Gupta from LGFL Limited (Leiper Gupta Family Lawyers) for their kind sponsorship of this occasion. LGFL have supported this endeavour for a number of years, and we could not have asked for a more supportive parent or advocate for the school than Mrs Gupta. Thank you!

With best wishes to one and all,



Rev Dr Chris Evans (Headmaster)



KEYNOTE SESSION

Pre-registration Required: Please register using the QR code.
Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a *first-come, first-served* basis.



AI in Healthcare: Innovation, Impact and Careers

Dr Saritha Arunkumar - Chief Technology Officer - Healthcare

BigSchool | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm



From Local to Global: Careers That Change the World

A Professional from an International Organisation

Chapel | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm



Lightning careers: DiscoverChemEng

Mr Meurig Lennon-Lloyd - Regional Engagement Manager, IChemE
Mr Errington Bell - Membership and Qualifications Adviser, IChemE
Ms Simi Onalaia - Principal Process Engineer, Wood

Lecture Theatre | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm



AI: Applications, Scale, and Engineering Careers

Mr Gareth Sylvester-Bradley - Principal Engineer
Mr Johan Jino - System Software Engineer

BigSchool | 7.10pm–7.30pm; 8.10pm–8.30pm



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Dr Deepak Ravindran, Founder / Director

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Pathways into the Creative and Media Industry

Professor Dan Jackson, Professor of Media and Communication

Lecture Theatre | 7.10pm–7.30pm; 8.10pm–8.30pm

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AI in Healthcare: Innovation, Impact and Careers

Dr Saritha Arunkumar - Chief Technology Officer - Healthcare, IBM Technology

AI is transforming healthcare, from hospital operations to patient care, research, and medical innovation. In this session, explore real-world examples of how AI is being applied across the healthcare sector, and how combining enterprise strategy with targeted innovation can create trust, resilience, and sustainable impact. Students will gain insight into the skills needed to lead technological change and how careers in healthcare and technology are evolving in a digital world.

BigSchool | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm



From Local to Global: Careers That Change the World

A Professional from an International Organisation

Come and hear from a professional working within an international organisation about their journey across global careers in international organisations, NGOs, startups, and the public sector.

This talk will explore how skills such as leadership, strategy, problem-solving, and change management can open doors to impactful roles worldwide. Students will gain practical insights into building transferable skills, working in multicultural environments, and shaping a globally minded career—ideal for those curious about careers with international reach and real-world impact.

Chapel | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm

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Lightning careers: DiscoverChemEng

Mr Meurig Lennon-Lloyd - Regional Engagement Manager, IChemE
Mr Errington Bell - Membership and Qualifications Adviser, IChemE
Ms Simi Onalaia - Principal Process Engineer, Wood
Elham Al-Zero, Chemical Engineer Undergraduate, University of Surrey

What will the world look like in the future? Chemical engineers work across many industries, applying science and engineering to design and improve processes - from energy and medicines to food and materials.

In this session, hear about careers in chemical engineering and opportunities in the Thames Valley, including apprenticeship and university routes into the profession, and industry insights.

Lecture Theatre | 6.40pm–7.00pm; 7.40pm–8.00pm



AI: Applications, Scale, and Engineering Careers

Mr Gareth Sylvester-Bradley - Principal Engineer
Mr Johan Jino - System Software Engineer

Come and hear about the exciting world of AI and its real-world applications! Learn what it's like to work on cutting-edge AI technology at NVIDIA and explore how AI is transforming industries such as healthcare, robotics, self-driving vehicles, and media broadcasting. Discover the scale of AI, from home desktop GPUs to factory-scale data centres, and the software engineering required to make it all work.

Our speaker Gareth will share their journey from A Levels to university and into a career in AI and software engineering, while co-presenter Johan, early in his software career, will provide insights relevant to students starting out. You'll also receive practical tips on online courses and resources to begin exploring AI for yourself. This talk is perfect for students curious about technology, engineering, and innovation, and anyone interested in the careers shaping the future of AI.

Big School | 7.10pm–7.30pm; 8.10pm–8.30pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Medicine, Innovation and Beyond: Designing A Career That Creates Impact

Dr Deepak Ravindran, Founder / Director

Dr Deepak Ravindran, Founder and Director of Berkshire Pain Clinic — the UK's premier centre for integrative pain and lifestyle medicine — shares his journey from medical training to leading innovative NHS programs.

Discover how he supports patients with long-term conditions through trauma-informed care and group consultations. Learn how leadership, problem-solving, and collaboration can translate into real-world impact. This talk is ideal for students exploring careers in medicine, healthcare innovation, and roles that blend science, strategy, and creativity.

Chapel | 7.10pm–7.30pm; 8.10pm–8.30pm



Pathways into the Creative and Media Industry

Professor Dan Jackson, Professor of Media and Communication

Professor Jackson is Associate Professor of Media and Communication at Bournemouth University. His research explores the intersections of media, power, and social change, including news coverage, political communication, sport, and online civic culture. He has edited five books and co-edits the election analysis reports, published shortly after major electoral events. Dan is a former convenor of the Political Studies Association's Specialist Group on Political Communication.

In his talk, Dan will explore how media shapes public opinion, how sport and politics intersect with everyday life, and how online communities influence social change. He will also give an exciting insight into the media and creative industries, highlighting possible career pathways and roles for students interested in pursuing a career in this dynamic field.

Lecture Theatre | 7.10pm–7.30pm; 8.10pm–8.30pm



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Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)	Refectory
Jacobs Engineering	Refectory
Kier	Refectory
Scott Brownrigg	Refectory
Wood	Refectory

FINANCE, CONSULTING & PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LOCATION

KPMG LLP	Refectory
BDO LLP	Refectory
Deloitte LLP	Refectory
HSBC	Refectory
Reply Retail	Room 3

ENERGY, NUCLEAR & NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCATION

AWE Nuclear Security Technologies	Gym
National Energy System Operator	Gym
Spirit Energy	Room 3
STEM Ambassador	Room 3

HEALTHCARE & MEDICINE, SCIENCE & PHARMACEUTICALS

LOCATION

GSK	Room 1
Stryker	Room 1
IQVIA	Room 1
Berkshire Pain Clinic	Gym
LifeStyle First	Gym
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	Gym
NHS England	Gym
Cardiff University - School of Dentistry	Gym
Winchester Road Dental Practice	Gym
University of Reading - Biological Sciences	Gym

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

HIGHER EDUCATION & CAREERS GUIDANCE

LOCATION

InvestIN Education	Refectory
Bournemouth University - Media School	Refectory
University of Exeter	Room 6
University of Nottingham	Room 6
University of Sheffield	Room 5
University of Warwick	Room 5

TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL

LOCATION

Digital Back Office	Gym
Hitachi	Gym
IBM	Refectory
Nvidia	Gym
Oracle	Gym
Product- Minds.AI	Gym
RMSI	Gym
Six Ticks	Gym

LEGAL & INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

LOCATION

Leiper Gupta Family Lawyers (LGFL)	Refectory
United Nations	Refectory

PUBLIC SERVICES & SECURITY

LOCATION

Thames Valley Police	Room 2
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PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS & OXBRIDGE OFFER-HOLDERS

MEDIA, PUBLISHING & RETAIL

LOCATION

Computer Artist Films Ltd	Room 4
Life of Tamil	Room 4
Panasonic	Refectory
Svagita	Room 4
The Times and the BBC	Room 2

YEAR 13 OXBRIDGE OFFER-HOLDERS

LOCATION

Student Offer Holders – Oxbridge 2026

Computer Science Gym

- Parthiv Vijayarao – Year 13, Computer Science (Oxford)
- Aryan Kumar – Year 13, Computer Science (Cambridge)

Economics Refectory

- James Song – Year 13, Economics (Cambridge)
- Jeremy Cheung – Year 13, Economics (Cambridge)
- Neerav Soni - Year 13, Economics (Cambridge)

Engineering & Electrical Engineering Refectory

- Patrick Diplock – Year 13, Engineering (Oxford)
- Christopher Dula – Year 13, Electrical Engineering (Oxford)

Law Room 5

- Jaden Lau – Year 13, Law (Oxford)
- Vihaan Sharma – Year 13, Law with French Law (Oxford)

Mathematics & Natural Sciences Room 6

- Zian Chen – Year 13, Mathematics (Cambridge)
- Keegan Barretto – Year 13, Natural Sciences (Cambridge)

Medicine Gym

- Jiji Wu – Year 13, Medicine (Oxford)
- Ayushmaan Suman – Year 13, Medicine (Cambridge)

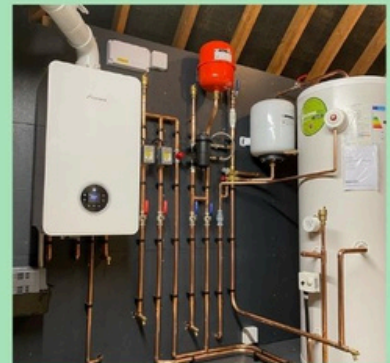


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Architecture & Engineering



The Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE)

Mr Meurig Lennon-Lloyd - Regional Engagement Manager
Mr Errington Bell - Membership and Qualifications Adviser

Founded in 1922, the Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) is the UK based and internationally recognised qualifying body and learned society for chemical, biochemical and process engineers. We exist to advance chemical engineering's contribution for the benefit of society.

Don't miss their talk, "*Lightning careers: DiscoverChemEng*," in the Lecture Theatre at 7.10pm and 8.10pm.

For further information about The Institution of Chemical Engineers, visit <https://www.icheme.org>.



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Jacobs

Miss Charlotte Tunks - Environmental Scientist
Mr Dougie Whittington - Geotechnical Engineer
Mr Oliver Brown – Senior Ecologist
Mr Timothy Macqueen – Ecologist

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Kier Group

Miss Lauren Shields - Commercial Manager

Miss Janet Shields - Business Development Manager

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Lauren has over 20 years' experience in commercial management within the construction industry, leading and motivating commercial teams to ensure best value and strong outcomes for clients. She specialises in subcontract procurement, assessing subcontractor quality and suitability, and ensuring orders are accurately prepared. Lauren also supports client liaison and contract preparation, including the review and delivery of effective change control.

With a strong focus on robust commercial baselines, works cost plans, cashflow forecasting and value engineering, she is committed to transparent reporting and delivering projects economically, on time and within budget.

Lauren's portfolio spans Justice & Borders, Education, Healthcare and Defence, working collaboratively with stakeholders including the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), Department for Education (DfE), NHS Trusts, Kent County Council (KCC) and Defence partners.

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SCOTT BROWNRIGG⁺ Scott Brownrigg

Mr Paul Collins - Associate Architect

Scott Brownrigg is an award-winning international design practice providing architecture, masterplanning, urban design and interior design services. At Scott Brownrigg, we believe that as architects, planners and designers we have a social and environmental responsibility to use our skills to provide positive solutions for today's and tomorrow's built environment.

Paul is an Architect and Associate at Scott Brownrigg, based in the Guildford office.

Dominica is a Part 2 Architectural Assistant based in the Guildford office. She joined Scott Brownrigg as a Part 1 student and has completed her professional training with the practice alongside her academic studies. She is now working towards her Part 3 qualification, after which she will become a fully qualified architect.

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Wood

Ms Simi Onalaia - Principal Process Engineer

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BDO LLP

Mr Jacob Rogers (OR 2016-2023) - Audit Trainee

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Jacob Rogers (OR 2016-2023) is currently in a level 7 apprenticeship at BDO LLP, performing audit work and completing his ACA qualification.

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Antwi is an Audit & Assurance Partner at Deloitte UK and co-leads the firm's Technology Industry services group. A Chartered Accountant with approximately 20 years of experience, he specialises in providing audit and assurance services to complex groups within the Technology, Media & Telecom sector. His expertise spans listed, fast-growing private, and private equity-backed businesses across Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa.

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Mrs Ololade Adesanya - Managing Director, Global Head of Audit - Insurance, Asset Management, Branding & Marketing, Bermuda

Ololade Adesanya is an experienced Internal Audit leader with a background in Big 4 consulting and global financial services. She currently heads the global internal audit function for Asset Management and Insurance at HSBC, bringing deep expertise in governance, risk, and controls including on sustainability and ESG.

Previously, she served as European Head of Audit at Africa's largest financial institution and was approved by the UK regulator as a Senior Management Function Holder (SMF5).

A Fellow Chartered Accountant (ICAEW), Ololade has led international teams, supported Board-level assurance, and driven innovation through her training in Digital Transformation and Fintech.

She also contributes through trustee roles and champions diversity and inclusion across the audit and accountancy profession, working with organisations like ICAEW and CIIA to shape a more inclusive industry.

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Mr Sam Paziuk - Audit Associate

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Reply Retail

Mr Nimit Pahwa - Business Development - Management Consultant

Ms Kshitija Yadav - Project Manager

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Nimit works with Retail Reply, supporting retail clients in their technology transformation to enable new business models. He helps businesses leverage digital solutions and data-driven insights to enhance customer experience and drive innovation in a rapidly evolving retail landscape.

For more information about the company, please visit <https://www.reply.com/retail-reply/en>

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Bournemouth University Media School

Professor Dan Jackson, Professor of Media and Communication

Professor Dan Jackson is a researcher, educator, and consultant specialising in media, communication, sport, and politics. His work explores how media shapes society, from news construction and political communication to mediated disability representation. He has led major research projects on UK and US elections and the cultural impact of events such as the Rio Paralympics, and has worked with clients including Channel 4 and the Mirror Group.

Don't miss Professor Jackson's talk, "*Pathways into the Creative and Media Industry*," in the Lecture Theatre at 7.10pm and 8.10 pm.

To find out more about Bournemouth University, visit <https://www.bournemouth.ac.uk>.

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University of Exeter

Mr Ashley Dozwa - School & College Engagement Officer

University of Exeter combines world-class research with excellent student satisfaction, from our campuses in Exeter and Cornwall. We are part of the Russell Group and we have an established international reputation for excellence in both teaching and research. Our success is built on a strong partnership with students and a clear focus on high performance. Research is at the heart of what we do and is making a difference across the world. We unite expertise from across our academic disciplines, breaking down barriers to create innovative solutions to complex, global challenges. We're also the leading sports university in the South of England and consistently rank highly in BUCS. Come on this journey with us as we use the power of our education and research to create a greener, healthier & fairer future.

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Mrs Noelle Peacock - Home Recruitment Officer

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Ms Petya Zhechkova - UK Student Recruitment Officer (South West)

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University of Warwick

Mr Stephen Gray - Student Recruitment Officer

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GSK

Dr Pratiksha Dokhe - Medical Director (Safety)

Mr Narendra Mahendrakar - Senior Engagement Manager

Dr Dokhe is a dedicated professional in clinical research and development, specialising in drug safety. With a strong commitment to advancing innovative therapies and methodologies, he is passionate about ensuring the safe and effective use of medicines. His work focuses on driving impactful breakthroughs that improve patient outcomes and contribute to shaping the future of healthcare.

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Stryker

Mr Matthew Rawlinson (OR 2009-2016) - Medical Device Sales

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Matthew is experienced in cardiology and orthopaedic sales and clinical support, delivering capital equipment, consumables, and implants across the NHS and private sector. Passionate about digital healthcare, he is committed to creating value in the healthcare system. He holds a BSc in Natural Sciences (Neuroscience) and an MSc in Management, both from the University of York.

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Mr Bhausahab Patil - Senior Director

Bhausahab Patil has built a global career in Clinical Research, progressing from local to international roles with a focus on patient safety, data integrity, and regulatory compliance—helping bring new medicines to patients more quickly and safely.

With over 29 years' experience across Asia, Europe, and the Americas, he has worked in Clinical Monitoring, Clinical Operations, and Project, Financial, Resource, and Quality Management, including extensive experience in Risk-Based Monitoring.

Now based in the UK, Bhausahab brings deep insight into the productivity, delivery, and quality that underpin successful clinical research. Despite decades in the industry, he remains passionate about learning and contributing to its continued evolution.

Visit his stand to learn about career opportunities in clinical research, particularly for pharmacy professionals and those interested in healthcare science. To explore career opportunities with IQVIA, please visit <https://jobs.iqvia.com>.



Berkshire Pain Clinic

Dr Deepak Ravindran - Founder / Director

With over 20 years of specialist experience, Prof Deepak Ravindran firmly believes that pain conditions should be treated as early as possible, with the appropriate use of multidisciplinary techniques to improve patient quality of life. His clinic offers a comprehensive service, starting with expert diagnosis and followed up by high quality medical treatment that is complemented by good support from specialists in physiotherapy and psychology. Prof Deepak Ravindran has a trauma informed 'upstreamist' approach to pain practice and has helped set up the community pain service in Berkshire (IPASS) in 2015 and the Berkshire Longcovid Integrated Service (BLIS) in 2020. He has moved to support primary care with rolling out innovative sustainable delivery models like Group Consultations from August 2024.

Don't miss Deepak's talk, "*Medicine, Innovation and Beyond: Designing a Career that Creates Impact,*" in the Chapel at 7.10pm and 8.10 pm.

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LifeStyle First

Mr Dan Newman - CEO

Dan champions putting health at the centre of society. With 20+ years in education, plus experience in fitness and organic food, he's always prioritised movement—from representing British Universities in football to triathlons and cycling commutes.

CEO of Lifestyle First, Dan coaches health through lifestyle medicine, Internal Family Systems, and holistic therapies. He leads the BSLM Schools Special Interest Group and programmes at Xavier CET. His goal: empower young people to take control of their wellbeing.

To learn more about LifeStyle First, visit <https://lifestylefirst.org/about-lifestyle-first>.



The University of Reading

Professor David Leake - School of Biological Sciences

The University of Reading is a research-intensive university with 20,000 students and has been a full university in its own right since 1926. It is the top quarter of universities in the UK. The School of Biological Sciences has undergraduate degrees in Biomedical Sciences, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Zoology and Ecology and Wildlife Conservation. The School of Biological Sciences moved a few years ago into a new state-of-the-art building costing £60 million.

David is a professor in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Reading and teach biochemistry and biomedical sciences. His research is concerned with the role of cholesterol in coronary heart disease.

Visit David to learn more about reading Biochemistry or Biomedical Sciences. For further careers information, visit <https://www.reading.ac.uk/d-s-leake.aspx> and <https://www.reading.ac.uk/ready-to-study/study/Undergraduate-study>.

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Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Dr James Kennedy (OR 2001-2008) - Gastroenterology Registrar

Dr James Kennedy is a Specialist Registrar in Gastroenterology and General Internal Medicine in the Thames Valley Deanery. He studied medicine at the University of Oxford from 2008-2014. After undertaking his Foundation Programme training in the Severn Deanery, he worked as a Medical Officer in Emergency Medicine in Ngwelezane Hospital, Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa. He is currently taking time out of his higher specialty training programme to be a doctoral researcher in the School of Chemistry, Food and Pharmacy at the University of Reading pursuing research into inflammatory bowel disease and the gut microbiome. He is also a Junior Research Fellow at New College, University of Oxford, and Associate Editor for the journal Frontline Gastroenterology.

Visit his stand if you wish to learn more about a career in medicine. For further careers information visit <https://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/work-with-us/careers>.



Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Madhumita Bhattacharyya - Consultant Medical Oncologist

Dr Madhumita Bhattacharyya is a Consultant Medical Oncologist at Royal Berkshire Hospital. Dr Bhattacharyya trained at Barts Medical College in London followed by medical training in London. She completed a PhD during her specialist training and used to be involved in the admissions process, from UCAS forms to interviewing potential medical students. She is currently involved in medical postgraduate education as Training Programme Director for her specialty.

Visit her stand if you wish to learn more about a career in medicine and what will help you stand out in your UCAS application.

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Dr Nicola Spillane - Community Dentist, Dental Tutor, NHS England

Dr Shivani Sharma - Dentist, Evergreen Dentist

Dr Salman Ahmed, Foundation Dentist NHS

Dr Daniel Lekhi (OR 2017-2019) - Foundation Dentist, Bespoke Dental



Dr Spillane is a dentist and clinical educator. Her career has included practice in NHS, private & Community Dental Services, Dental Public Health, NHS England, mentoring, voluntary and elected roles for the BDA, including as a director. Nicola holds a Masters in Public Health, and postgraduate qualifications in leadership, mentoring and dental education.

Shivani and Rajan Sharma (OR) own the two Evergreen dental practices in Reading and Earley. Shivani holds an MCG Dent (formerly MFGDP) and certification in IV sedation. Her focus is to encourage nervous patients and children to embrace dentistry. Shivani is accredited to provide clear aligner orthodontic treatment and often then uses whitening and composite bonding to ‘tidy the smile’. She is the practice Cross Infection Control lead, and leads the management team.

Dr Ghakal (OR 2013-2020) - Former Reading School student, now a Foundation Dentist. Visit to hear about the journey from school to a professional dental career, gain dentistry insights, and ask about the steps to becoming a dentist.

Dr Lekhi (OR 2017-2019) - Recently graduated in Dentistry from the University of Birmingham (2025)—one of the best decisions ever made. Currently working in a local Reading practice alongside Dr Ghakal during foundation year. Passionate about dentistry and eager to share experiences and knowledge.

Dentistry is an immensely satisfying and rewarding career if you enjoy sciences, problem-solving and activities using your hands, combined with an interest in people's wellbeing. There will be an opportunity to look at and handle a range of dental materials and instruments.

If you enjoy caring for patients, solving clinical problems, and working with your hands, come and visit Nicola at her stand to explore a career in dentistry.

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Cardiff University

Professor Nicholas Claydon (OR 1973-1980) - Professor in Restorative Dentistry and Honorary Consultant in Periodontics

Nick is Professor in Restorative Dentistry and Honorary Consultant in Periodontics at Cardiff University and holds an Honorary post at Bristol University. He delivers formal accredited and validated teaching programs for BDS Undergraduate Dentistry, Masters level Clinical Dentistry, Masters level Implantology and PhD level research students.

Nick also owns a private dental practice in Cardiff (rhiwbinadental.com), utilising his experience to manage complex restorative, periodontal and implant cases using cutting edge technologies.



Winchester Road Dental Practice

Mr Benjamin Dannatt (OR 2005-2012) - Dentist

Ben enjoyed his time at Reading School very much and credits his strong A-Level results to the blessings and guidance he received along the way. He went on to study at King's College London, completing five years of dental training and graduating in 2017.

Since qualifying as a dentist, Ben has worked as an associate dentist and has participated in dental service projects overseas, supporting communities in need. He is passionate about patient care and committed to sharing his experiences with students interested in dentistry, medicine, and life beyond academics.

Always happy to discuss the challenges and rewards of a career in healthcare, Ben also enjoys reflecting on the bigger and more meaningful aspects of life.

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Energy, Nuclear & National Infrastructure



AWE

Mr Edwin Lau (OR 2017-2019) - Engineer

Mr William Baker - Engineer

Ms Penny Allum - HR (Apprenticeships)

AWE's purpose is to protect the UK through nuclear science and technology. Our mission is to design and manufacture warheads and provide nuclear services to meet the needs of defence. We help to keep the nation safe.

Edwin is a Chemical Engineering graduate from the University of Surrey (Upper 2:1, 2022) with a strong interest in Industrial Chemistry, Process Safety, and Process Engineering, including economic and commercial considerations. They are currently working towards IChemE Professional Chartership, which began in January 2024.

During a summer placement at British American Tobacco (BAT), Edwin worked as a technologist in the e-liquids development team, gaining hands-on experience in product development, testing, production processes, and cross-functional collaboration. They thrive in fast-paced environments and are motivated by problem-solving, continuous learning, and contributing value within engineering-led organisations.

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National Energy System Operator

Mr Simon Partridge - Transmission Security Engineer

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Spirit Energy

Mr Mark Golding (OR 2006-2021) - Head of Sales

One of South England's most experienced solar and battery installers, specialising in bespoke solar PV and battery storage systems. Founded in 2010, we've installed 6,000+ systems, helping homeowners and businesses save millions on energy bills while achieving energy independence and reducing carbon footprints.

Mark is a Bristol University graduate with over a decade in renewables—designing and installing solar PV, battery storage, and EV charge points for domestic, commercial, new build, and retrofit projects.

STEM AMBASSADOR Dr Helen Craggs - STEM Ambassador

Helen gained her PhD at the Open University, studying Earth's climate and geology during the 'greenhouse' Cretaceous Period (about 100 million years ago). Results were used to test computer model predictions for our future warmer climate. She became a Fellow of the Geological Society of London and a STEM Ambassador. Her stand focuses on career opportunities in Earth Sciences, Geology and Climate Change. It will include rock, mineral and fossil samples, plus career information.

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Technology & Digital



Digital Back Office Ltd.

Mr Anurag Jain - Founder & CEO

Anurag is an engineer at heart with over 25 years of building various complex IT systems. He leads Digital Back Office, an engineering-driven Analytics and AI consultancy.

He is also Chair at Kiran Foundation, where he oversees Kiran Pratibha Scholarship program supporting talented youth from Under-resourced families in India.

His interests are high-volume data platforms, AI-ready architectures, or ways to turn business success into social change.

For more careers information, visit <https://digitalbackoffice.co.uk>.



Hitachi Solutions Europe

Mr George Chen (OR 2011-2018) - Senior AI Engineer

George architects enterprise-scale AI systems in collaboration with Microsoft. He holds a 4-year integrated Master's in Computer Engineering from Imperial College London, specializing in audio-based deep learning, computer vision, and digital signal processing.

With experience across public sector, consultancy, and startups, he excels at transforming advanced research into scalable, real-world solutions.

For more careers information, visit <https://www.hitachi.com/en-eu/careers>.

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IBM UK

Dr Saritha Arunkumar - Chief Technology Officer - Healthcare, IBM Technology

Ms Parul Saxena - Project Manager

Mr Toby Marchant - Degree Apprentice (Software Engineering)

Mr Veer Sangha - Degree Apprentice (Commercial Analyst)

Dr Saritha Arunkumar is a Thought Leader with over 25 years of experience in Cyber Security space, leading and shaping up security in areas including Decentralised Identity, AI Security, Blockchain, Cloud security, Biometrics and IoT security. Saritha has a bachelor's degree in engineering, master's degree in operations research and a PhD in Mobile Security. Saritha has led large and complex enterprise projects across various sectors and accounts. Saritha Arunkumar is a results-driven professional with a proven track record as a "trusted advisor" for her clients, being at the forefront of identifying and securing new business opportunities in complex environments. She excels at building strong, trusted relationships with C-suite, senior leaders, Board of Directors, leveraging strategic thinking to align technology solutions with critical business objectives like digital transformation and operational efficiency. With strong commercial acumen, she navigates complex processes and effectively leads teams to deliver exceptional results.

Parul Saxena: Experienced Project Manager with a robust background in open-source software analysis, compliance, and project management at IBM UK Ltd. Complemented by a strong foundation in Banking sector .

Demonstrated success in managing security and legal scanning initiatives, with a proven track record in vulnerability monitoring, tracking, and reporting to strengthen enterprise security posture. Adept at driving cross-functional collaboration across global teams and delivering measurable process improvements through strategic project management and analytical acumen.

Toby Marchant: in third year of IBM degree apprenticeship specialising in Software Engineering. I am currently working as a Software Engineer for an automotive client, producing digital products for there European Customers

Veer Sangha: A third year degree-apprentice, who works 4 days a week with IBM and do 1 day of uni a week with NorthEastern University. Veer has worked in a variety of different areas - from developing retail chatbots, to now managing commercials for business contracts.

Saritha will deliver her talk "*AI in Healthcare: Innovation, Impact and Careers*" in Big School at 6.40pm and 7.40pm. Don't miss it!

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NVIDIA

Mr Gareth Sylvester-Bradley - Principal Engineer

Mr Johan Jino - System Software Engineer

Gareth drives NVIDIA's real-time AI platform for live media production and broadcasting. With 25+ years in platform software, APIs, and media infrastructure, he designs scalable AI-integrated systems using GPU acceleration and standards like ST 2110.

An active contributor to AMWA NMOS, EBU, and industry initiatives, he fosters collaboration, mentors engineers, and presents at IBC, NAB, IP Showcase, and NVIDIA GTC.

Listen to Gareth and John speak about AI Applications, Scale, and Engineering Careers in Big School at 7.10 pm and 8.10 pm, and visit them at their stand to learn more about the company at NVIDIA.

Visit NVIDIA's website for information at <https://www.nvidia.com/en-gb/about-nvidia/careers>.



Product- Minds.AI

Mr Ashwin Diliph - AI Product Consultant

Ashwin is a AI Product Consultant with a deep passion for developing impactful products and exploring the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence in everyday life.

With over two decades of experience in the tech industry, he has contributed to the creation of a wide range of technology products, including AI-powered solutions. He helps businesses and customers build valuable solutions leveraging AI, with a focus on guiding the development of ethical products that prioritise human safety while respecting and preserving intellectual heritage.

To learn more about the company, visit <https://product-minds.ai/about>.

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Oracle Corporation

Mr Greg Payne (OR 1987-1994) - Senior Director

Mrs Pramila Raj - Principal Site Reliability Developer

Mr Daryl Boshoff - Senior Site Reliability Developer

Miss Chisel Chavush - Site Reliability Developer

Mrs Emma Thomas - Director

Mr Joe Wilson - Senior Site Reliability Developer

Mr Thomas Massey - Intern

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Oracle Corporation is an American multinational computer technology company headquartered in Austin, Texas, United States. Oracle is one of the largest software company in the world by revenue and market capitalisation. The company's mission is to help people see data in new ways, discover insights and unlock endless possibilities.

Greg Payne (OR 1987-1994) is a Senior Director of Site Reliability Engineering at Oracle Corporation. Have worked my way up at Oracle over 15 years having had various different roles in Customer Support, Advanced Resolution, Platform As A Service and Strategic Leadership. Prior to Oracle worked at Siebel System, Oxford Computer Group and the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food in expert services, adult education and statistical analysis. Educated at Reading Boys (East House) 87- 94. Scholar of Christ Church, University Of Oxford.

Pramila Raj is a Principal Service Reliability Developer in Restricted cloud realm which is part of SaaS (Software as a service) operations - 24x7. She graduated from University of Mumbai (India) with a degree in Computers engineering. After initially started out in the world of media as a Management trainee with the Times of India publication group, she is now in her 23rd year in Technology field. She started her career in consulting as Techno Functional Consultant, transitioned into Customer Support, and now in SaaS Operations. Pramila is part of the Cloud Operations team who provides support and ensures 24x7 site reliability for strategic customers.

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Daryl Boshoff, Senior Site Reliability Developer with over 10 years of experience in the Tech industry, including 5 years at Oracle. I am a self-taught engineer without a university degree, leveraging hands-on experience and the skills I've gained to maintain reliable, scalable systems while actively mentoring interns and helping them grow into confident effective engineers.

Chisel Chavush, Site Reliability Engineer on Oracle's OCI Virtual Networking team. I began my journey at Oracle as an intern and transitioned into a full-time Site Reliability Engineer role, where I focus on maintaining reliable and scalable cloud networking infrastructure. I am committed to continuous learning, actively upskilling myself in areas such as AI and automation. In addition to my technical responsibilities, I support and help run the OCI internship program, mentoring interns and university students by guiding them through their career development and helping them prepare for the interview processes.

Emma Thomas is a seasoned technology professional with over 20 years of experience in software development and solutions architecture. Currently, she serves as an A-Team Software Development Director at Oracle in Reading, with nearly 15 years at the company. In this role, she leads a customer-facing team of technical solution architects, focusing on innovation and best practices across SaaS, PaaS, and IaaS.

Her Oracle career includes roles like A-Team Principal Solutions Architect, Retail Enterprise Architect, and EMEA Principal Solutions Engineer, working on pre-sales, demonstrations, and complex systems for major brands. Key projects include leading the Eclipse RDF4J graph database adapter and a Unity AR-based ERP solution.

Before Oracle, Emma worked at ATG (acquired by Oracle in 2011), Avaya, Nortel, Harris Corporation, and Electronic Arts, gaining expertise in Java development, solutions architecture, and project management across industries like media and gaming.

Emma holds a BSc Hons in Mathematics, multiple certifications (including OCI Cloud Architect and Java Architect Master), and a recent patent in "Predicting text and data variables using customer-specific models"

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Joe Wilson, Senior Site Reliability Engineer with 4.5 years experience. Graduated from the University of Hertfordshire in 2022 with a degree in Computer Science, with placements at Oracle and Mediakind. Returned to Oracle full time in 2022, and was promoted to Senior SRE in 2025. Responsible for the 24x7x365 availability of Oracle SaaS products, more specifically I work on an on-call rotation to respond to outages, and I also contribute to various software development projects. I am especially interested in the development side of my role. I am local, having been born in Reading and have mostly resided in the Berkshire area.

Thomas Massey, Site Reliability Developer Intern in OCSC. I am a student at Royal Holloway University of London studying BSc Computer Science. I am currently performing my placement year with Oracle making use of the intern program to gain key skills that would help kickstart my career.

To learn more about Oracle, please visit <https://www.oracle.com/uk>.



RMSI

Mr Rahul Srivatstava - Director Business Development for the UK & Europe

RMSI is a global leader in geospatial technology and engineering solutions, delivering location intelligence worldwide. RMSI, headquartered in India with offices in Reading (UK) and six global subsidiaries, leads in geospatial technology and engineering solutions. Tackling climate change, smart utilities, autonomous transport, and food security, RMSI serves 25+ nations with 5,000+ diverse employees. From data creation and analytics to software and consulting, RMSI delivers end-to-end location intelligence.

Rahul Srivastava leads business development for RMSI's UK & Europe operations from their Reading office. With 20 years of expertise, Rahul applies geospatial science—earned from ITC University of Twente (Netherlands) and Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (India)—to solve real-world challenges in mapping, navigation, telecom, utilities, and environmental sectors.

He partners with organisations to harness data for smarter decisions and sustainability. Passionate about mentoring youth, Rahul shares practical career insights at the intersection of geography, technology, and business.

To learn more about the company, visit <https://www.rmsi.com/>

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Six Ticks Limited

Mr Ian Copeland (OR 1995-2002) - IT Founder and Author

Ian is a British technologist and software founder with over 20 years' experience working across large-scale IT systems, AI Blockchain, and digital solutions. A former Reading School student, Ian studied Computer Science specialising in AI and Quantum Computing before working with organisations including Toyota GB, central government, and public sector bodies. He now runs his own UK-based software company, helping organisations design systems that balance technology, business needs, and real human behaviour. Alongside his technical career, Ian is also the author of a near-future sci-fi novel "The Exodus Directive" exploring the societal impact of AI and advanced technology.

To learn more about the company, visit <https://www.sixticks.com>.

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Rita Gupta is Managing Director of LGFL Ltd, a Legal 500 boutique law firm in Berkshire. As an expert in family law, Rita is an industry thought leader known for her innovative marketing practices. She regularly writes articles for The Law Society and has appeared in various lifestyle magazines. She most recently appeared on BBC Berkshire as an expert. As an LSE graduate, Rita herself has been through the state school sector. She is committed to supporting diversity in the legal sector and has become something of an expert in SEND.

Visit the LGFL stand to learn more about various careers in the legal field. For further information, visit <https://lgfamilylawyers.co.uk/>.



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Don't miss his talk, "*From Local to Global: Careers That Change the World*," in the Chapel at 6:40 pm and 7:40 pm.

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Computer Artist Films Ltd

Mr Peter Jones - Filmmaker

Peter Jones runs a small company, Computer Artist Films Ltd, producing business films for medical communications and the tech industry. Previously, he worked as a feature film editor at Pinewood Studios and in sports television at IMG and Sunset & Vine.

Come and visit Peter to learn about films he made, including “What is ‘digital twin’ technology?” as well as filmmaking in medical communications and theatrical cinema.



Life of Tamil

Mr Akshaiyan Suthaharan

Akshaiyan is a current Year 12 student and an entrepreneur and digital innovator. As co-founder of Life of Tamil, he has helped grow the platform to reach over 2 million people across 35+ countries and generate significant monthly revenue. A freelance software developer since Year 9, Akshaiyan has completed professional client projects and recently co-launched the Entrepreneurship Society for Years 9 and 10.

He is passionate about inspiring students to explore entrepreneurship, digital creativity, and independent projects, demonstrating what is possible when you start early.

For more information about the company, visit <https://lifeoftamil.com>.

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Svagita

Mr Ritesh S Nigam - Author & Book Publishing Mentor

Ritesh Nigam is an award-winning author, mental health advocate, and book mentor whose personal journey through mental health challenges has deeply shaped his work. His career spans IT, media, sales, aviation, and entrepreneurship, including roles at Dell Technologies, ING, and UnitedHealth Group.

After a 2013 accident led to PTSD and depression, he turned to writing, creating microfiction and his acclaimed book *Six Word Is All I Needed*. He founded LinkPoetry.com and developed Link Poetry, and authored *Srimad Bhagwad Svagita* (स्वगीता), a journal-format Bhagavad Gita with interactive reflections.

Awards include Author of the Year at the 2025 World Leaders Summit (Oxford) and the Global Trailblazer Award at the UK Parliament. He also co-founded Neighbourhood Needs, earning recognition as a Covid Hero.

Ritesh now runs Ritesh.uk and is launching Inkdness, a book discovery platform linked to charitable causes.

Panasonic

Panasonic Consumer Electronics

Dr Shane Hanson - Director of Insights & Innovation

Ms Eri Kono - Digital Marketing Manager

Dr Hanson is Director of Insights & Innovation at Panasonic Europe, where she is responsible for introducing new products tailored to European consumers across a wide range of consumer electronics, including kitchen appliances, personal care, audio, cameras, and home entertainment. With a background spanning arts, science, and business management, she has developed deep expertise in consumer insight and product strategy, working with blue-chip organisations such as P&G, KP Snacks, Philips, and Panasonic. She brings global experience across Europe, Asia, and the Americas, leads multicultural teams, and champions user-centred innovation to deliver impactful product strategies and enhanced brand experiences.

To learn more about careers with Panasonic, visit <https://www.panasonic.com/uk/corporate/careers.html>.

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The Times

Mr Tom Whipple (OR 1993-2000) - Science Editor

Tom Whipple is Science Writer at The Times, and presenter of Inside Science on Radio 4. He has worked for the paper since 2006, and specialised in science since 2012.

He started his journalistic career as editor of The Reading Rag, the Reading School newspaper.

Tom joined The Times shortly after graduating with a degree in Mathematics. During the course of his career he was visited the tunnels below Cern and the top of Mont Blanc above it. He has been in the world's hottest sauna and the world's most irradiated nature reserve. He has interviewed Stephen Hawking and Jedward. He was named Science Journalist of the Year for his coverage of the COVID pandemic.

No stranger to Reading School, visit Tom at his stand today to hear about Tom's exciting career journey which has seen him travel far and meet some interesting people. Learn how you can combine your love for mathematics and science with journalism.”

Public Services & Security



Thames Valley Police

Mr Raja Yousaf - Sergeant

Mr Raja Yousaf has served as a police officer for 23 years, including eight years as a Custody Sergeant. He has held a variety of roles, from front-line response officer to staff officer to the Chief Constable. No two days are the same in policing, and for those seeking a challenging and rewarding career, he can provide firsthand insights. Be sure to visit his stall to learn more about life in the police and ask your questions.

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