

READING SCHOOL CAREERS CONVENTION



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Tuesday 15 January 2019
19.00 - 21.00

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Friends,

Thank you for coming to our Careers Convention this year.

It is our hope that you find inspiration, clarity, direction and wisdom in your conversations at this evening's event. Whilst your education is always learning 'about' it is also necessarily 'learning for'. Sometimes our modern obsession with measurements and grades obscures this reality. We are eager to remind you this evening that all we learn together is intended to equip you with knowledge and skills that may be applied meaningfully, shrewdly and generously in all of the adventures ahead of you.

We are exceptionally grateful to all our delegates who have volunteered their time to share something of their 'journey thus far.' Please do take time to learn about their occupations and glean as much information as you can about diverse career opportunities. There will only be time to consult a few of the advisors during the evening so do consider carefully which advisors you wish to see.

You may find it useful to consider the following suggestions:

- Consider selecting two or three careers which interest you and also a couple of others which may seem suited to your aptitudes, but about which you know little.
- In order to reduce queues, please do not stay with an advisor for more than five minutes if there are other students waiting. You may be invited to see the advisor in a small group if queues are building up.
- When you talk to the advisors, aim to learn all you can about the careers they represent. Prepare questions in advance, so that you can have a productive discussion.
- Be prepared for the advisors to ask you about the subjects you plan to study at GCSE and A Level and what your plans may be after School.
- Please ensure you arrive in good time for any Inspire Lectures that you may have booked, covering Medicine, Journalism, Apprenticeships and working in Central Government. These will take place in Big School and the Lecture Theatre.
- A polite reminder to express your gratitude to all of the delegates you speak with this evening.

I would also like to express my thanks to the organisers of this event: Mrs L Ayres (Assistant Head); Mrs C Desai, (Independent Careers Advisor); Mrs J Chhokar (Society Manager), Miss P Hutchinson (Society Assistant), The Old Readingensians, members of the Reading School Parents' Association.



Ashley Robson

Headmaster

DELEGATE LOCATIONS

Name	Role	Company	Location
Apprenticeships, GAP years and the Army			
Julie Fell	RAF SCEO for Outreach S.E. Area	RAF	Refectory
Lynn Hall	Workforce Capability Team Coordinator	National Grid	Gym
Emma Tallent	Marketing and Recruitment Manager	Lattitude Global Volunteering	DS2
Recruitment & HR			
Robert Kinnard	Executive Policy Officer	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	Refectory
Aviation			
Representatives	Captains	Airlines	Refectory
Andrew Haynes	Procurement Director	Heathrow Airport	Refectory
Business and consulting			
Ian Canning	Independent HR Consultant	HR roles with the Bank of England, Zurich Financial Services and Harlequins Rugby Club.	Refectory
Architecture			
Paul Collins	Architect	Scott Brownrigg	DS1
Anne Owen	Chartered Architect	Anne Owen Architects	DS1
Energy & Environment			
Richard Hughes	Careers advisor in Engineering	IET	Gym
Benjamin Raine	Environmental Consultant	Wood plc	Gym
Jayanta De	Project Process Manager	Wood plc	Gym
Terry Follen	Oil and Gas industry; finance and commercial (now retired)	Energy	Gym
Fang Liu	Lead Principal Engineer	BP	Gym
Gina Tsarouchi	Senior water resources engineer	HR Wallingford	Gym

Technology, IT & Computing			
Ian Smith	STEMNET Ambassador	STEMNET - supporting and encouraging young people to pursue education and careers in STEM subjects	Gym
Jeremy O'Donoghlan	Software Engineering Manager and Cyber-security Architect	Qualcomm Inc.	Gym
Shanmu Thiagaraja	Chief Technology Officer	MuchBetter (muchbetter.com)	Gym
James Musson	Software Engineer	Svelte Software Ltd	Gym
Ian McKinnon	Information Assurance Specialist (cyber security)	UK Public Sector	Refectory
Business/Consulting/Management			
David English	Health & Safety Advisor / Employee Wellbeing Lead	Panasonic UK	Refectory
Public Research and Advocacy			
Elliot Jones	Researcher, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media	Demos	DS2
Financial Services			
Ganga Lal Bhusal	Director	Goldstar Accountants	Rm 1
Helen Perkins	Audit Partner	Deloitte LLP	Rm 1
Katie Fiddaman	Regional Coordinator	ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge)- Education & Employers Charity	Rm 1
Nadine Hill	BDO LLP	Senior Account Manager	Rm 2
Stuart Parsons	Deloitte LLP	Corporate Tax Consultant	Rm 2
Thomas Strasburger	Deloitte LLP	Corporate Tax Analyst	Rm 2
Arts, Theatre, English, Teaching, Marketing, Journalism, Media			
Michael Barrott	Business/Consultancy	Business/Consultancy/Management	DS1
Haydn Middleton	Author & Creative Writing Tutor	Dyson	DS1
Chris Taylor	Senior Design Engineer	Dyson	DS1
Jonathan Mantle	Delegate	Jonathan Mantle	Refectory
Phil Sherwood	Head Teacher	Uplands Primary School and Nursery / Forest Learning Alliance Teaching School	Refectory
Ben Atherton	Client Director	The Creative Engagement Group	Refectory
Tom Whipple	Reporter/Writer	The Times	Refectory
Roger Titford	Entrepreneur	Further Thought	Refectory

Geography & Archaeology			
Helen Craggs	Fellow of the Geological Society of London and STEM Ambassador	The Geological Society of London	Rm 6
Ruth Shaffrey	Artefact Specialist	Oxford Archaeology	Refectory
Law			
Antony Morris	Clarkslegal LLP	Solicitor	Rm 2
James Robertson Jennifer Tur	Osborne Clarke LLP	Trainee Solicitor	Rm 3
Ben Oliver Olly Davidson	Field Seymour Parkes LLP	Solicitor Associate Solicitor	Rm 3
Rita Gupta	LGFL Ltd Leiper Gupta Family Lawyers	Co-owner and solicitor	Rm 3
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals			
Lisa Marshall	Director, Safety Evaluation and Risk Management	GlaxoSmithKline	Rm 6
Veronica Burch	Safety Evaluation and Risk Management Scientist	GlaxoSmithKline	Rm 6
Sonia Garcia	Principal Scientist	Johnson Matthey	Rm 6
Sue Slade	Senior Teaching Fellow/GP Clinical Pharmacist	University of Reading/Parkside Family Practice	Rm 5
David Leake	Professor; Programme Director for Biomedical Sciences degree	University of Reading	Refectory
Kate Paterson	Consultant anaesthetist	Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS	Rm 4
Oliver Flossman	Consultant Physician and Nephrologist	Royal Berkshire Hospital Reading	Rm 4
Elizabeth Bate	Dentist	Wash Common Dental Practice	Rm 4
Tahir Akbar	Consultant Gastroenterologist	Hampshire hospitals NHS Foundation trust, Basingstoke	Rm 4
Vicky Watts	Podiatrist	Brightwell Clinic	Rm 5
Trichy Rajagopal	Consultant Spinal Surgeon	Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	Rm 5
Ozma Tahir	Hospital Pharmacist	Berkshire Healthcare	Rm 5

DELEGATE INFORMATION

Apprenticeships, GAP Years & the Army

Armed Forces – Royal Air Force

Sqn Ldr Julie Fell RAF, Senior Careers Engagement Officer (SCEO)

Alistair Johnson, RAF Pilot

Today's modern RAF is a highly respected inclusive organisation made up of full-time Regulars and spare-time Reserves working side-by-side to make a difference.

The RAF has over 50 available roles and multiple career development opportunities. Regardless of role, the RAF believes in life-long learning so our personnel are trained to the highest standards.

As well as having the opportunity to gain professional qualifications that will equip them for a great career after the RAF, our personnel can look forward to having their talents recognised, developed and rewarded. We offer a number of sponsorships and scholarships to support exceptional individuals who want to join the RAF. These range from covering the cost of Sixth Form College to a bursary or cadetship while at university. Alternatively, as an apprentice in the RAF, recruits gain OFSTED 'Outstanding' qualifications as part of a challenging and unique career.

Not only do they gain a civilian recognised professional qualification, but also have a guaranteed job in their chosen field. RAF Apprentices receive the very best training and accelerated pay, and as well as getting paid to learn, and can join directly from school as young as 16 years of age, in line with the Department for Education Young People statutory guidance. Come and visit us at our stand today for more information.

Lattitude Global Volunteering (Gap activities)

Emma Tallent, Marketing and Recruitment Manager

Lattitude Global Volunteering is an international youth development charity, providing challenging, structured and supported overseas volunteering placements to 17-25 year olds, where they can make a positive difference in a culture and community different from their own.

Through volunteering abroad, young people develop awareness and responsibility towards themselves and others, as well as independence, confidence, and work & life skills.

They also make lifelong friendships with fellow volunteers from other countries and gain a broader view of the world helping them to become Global Citizens.

The overall experience enables them to deal better moving forwards into further education or into the work place as well as looking great on their CV, helping them to stand out from so many others!

The most frequent feedback we receive from return volunteers is; *"It changed my world"*, and it is truly inspirational seeing the change in them on their return. Visit us to learn more about volunteering or for further information visit <https://lattice.org.uk/>

National Grid

Lynn Hall, Workforce Capability Team Coordinator

At National Grid, we are passionate about our work to keep energy flowing to the millions of people who need it for the lives they live.

We dream. We design. We build. We create exciting and pioneering tech that transforms energy into your games, Tweets and Snapchats - your life!

"We're not just talking about attracting new recruits. We're making sure their training is the best"

Our education and skills training empowers young talent to imagine the future and build the energy systems of tomorrow. Come and visit our stand today or for further information visit

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/careers>

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Kinnard, Executive Policy Officer

I am an Executive Policy Officer in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, a department of the Civil Service, and am currently enrolled on the Fast Track Apprenticeship scheme, provided by the Civil Service.

Aviation

Aviation & Airlines Captains

Two representatives from one of the world's leading airlines. They offer a wealth of career opportunities.

Heathrow Airport Andrew Haynes, Procurement Director

Andy is the Procurement Director for Heathrow Airport, buying around £1.4bn of goods and services a year for Europe's busiest airport. Heathrow offers a range of career opportunities for its 6,700 employees from operations to finance to marketing. It has a comprehensive graduate scheme and welcomes internships.

- Andy spent three years as project director for the Bristol Area safely delivering both the largest track engineering project and largest signalling project that Network Rail have ever undertaken.
- Andy's last role was as the company's Contracts and Procurement Director.
- He joined Heathrow Airport as Procurement Director in December 2017.
- Andy is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics, a Fellow of CIPS and has an MBA from Henley.
- He is married with three school age children and lives in Reading

Business & Consulting Services

The Bank of England, Zurich Financial Services, Harlequins Rugby Club Ian Canning, Independent HR Consultant

Ian Canning (OR 1966-73) is highly experienced Human Resources professional and business leader. He has a strong background in financial services, with more recent experience in the construction industry and professional sport. He has a strong commercial focus and is a strategic thinker, with a pragmatic approach and a passionate belief that people are an organisation's only true competitive differentiator.

In partnership with leaders and leadership teams, his role is to support the full spectrum of people-related aspects of organisational development and transformation. Key areas of specialism include talent and performance management, change management, leadership development, employee relations, culture development and executive coaching.

Architecture

Scott Brownrigg **Paul Collins, Architecture**

Scott Brownrigg is an award-winning international design practice providing architecture, master planning, urban design, interior design and town planning services.

The company employs about 300 staff worldwide with offices in London, New York, Singapore, Moscow, Zagreb, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Guildford. Visit my stand today to learn more about a career in Architecture or visit our website at <https://www.scottbrownrigg.com/>

Anne Owen Architects Ltd **Anne Owen, Architect**

I am a Chartered Architect with 20 years' experience. I began my career with an established architects' practice in Berkshire and went on to establish my own independent practice. Most of my work is domestic projects but I also design community and educational buildings.

Energy & Environment

BP Refining Technology **Dr Fang Liu, Lead Principal Engineer**

BP is one of the world's leading integrated oil and gas companies. We provide customers with fuel for transportation, energy for heat and light, lubricants to keep engines moving, and the petrochemicals products used to make everyday items as diverse as paints, clothes and packaging

Our projects and operations help to generate employment, investment and tax revenues in countries and communities across the world. We employ almost 80,000 people across 70 countries.

Dr Fang Liu has over 27 years of experience in industrial engineering, technologies, operation support, commercial optimisation and project development. He enjoys working collaboratively and effectively in a complex organisation to influence and drive his team to success along with encouraging development of his team. To learn more visit me at our stand today or see this link for further information about opportunities with BP - <https://www.bp.com/en/global/bp-careers.html>

Wood plc **Jayanta De, Principal Consultant Process Engineer**

Amec Foster Wheeler is a global company employing 36,000 people in 55 countries. We serve the Oil, Gas & Chemicals, Mining, Power and Environment & Infrastructure markets offering consultancy, engineering, project management, operations and construction services, project delivery and specialised power equipment services to our customers worldwide. We are proud of our core values: delivering on promises, developing full potential and doing the right thing. In the south of England we have offices in Reading and London employing 800 people mainly working in the Oil, Gas and Chemicals sector. For further information visit https://www.amecfw.com/careers_1

Wood plc **Benjamin Raine, Environmental Consultant**

Ben has over 13 years' experience in environmental consultancy focused on environmental risk management and is chartered with CIWEM as both a Chartered Water and Environmental Manager and Chartered Scientist. Ben's focus has been predominantly within the oil, gas and chemical sector but he has also worked with clients in the industrial, education and investment

sectors. Ben has also authored publications on environmental management for bulk fuel storage following 10 years working on the Buncefield Oil Depot incident and is currently leading a team delivering land quality EIA inputs to a major UK infrastructure project. Come and visit my stand today for further information or visit <https://www.woodplc.com/careers>

Upstream Oil and Gas industry

Terry Follen

Terry is an oil and gas executive with more than 30 years international experience in the UK, Trinidad and Tobago, India, Russia and Yemen leading, managing and developing multi-cultural and cross-functional teams in both joint venture and wholly-owned entities. He has a strong project management, business analysis, finance, commercial and corporate governance background combined with first-hand management experience in operational offices.

Specialties include: Business Analysis, Investment Appraisal, Training, Finance, Commercial Agreements, Joint Venture Agreements, Production Sharing Agreements and Corporate Governance.

HR Wallingford

Gina Tsarouchi, Senior Scientist, Water Management

HR Wallingford is an independent civil engineering and environmental hydraulics organisation. We deliver practical solutions to the complex water-related challenges faced by our international clients. With a 65 year track record of achievement, our unique mix of know-how, assets and facilities includes state of the art physical modelling laboratories, a full range of numerical modelling tools and, above all, enthusiastic people with world-renowned skills and expertise. Based in the UK, HR Wallingford has a reputation for excellence and innovation, which we sustain by re-investing profits from our operations into programmes of strategic research and development.

Areas of expertise include: Water resources management; Flood risk analysis; Urban drainage; Coastal modelling and management; Design of maritime infrastructure projects.

Gina is a water resources engineer, with main areas of expertise in hydrological and land surface modelling; climate change; land-use change modelling; catchment hydrology; and water supply planning. Prior to joining HR Wallingford, I undertook a PhD with Imperial College London. My research focused on modelling the hydrological response of watersheds to land-use and climate change in the Ganges River Basin of India. I am currently leading a UK Space Agency - funded project aiming to develop a dengue fever and water availability warning system for Vietnam. I am also leading the hydrological modelling part of another UK Space Agency - funded project aiming to produce a Drought and Flood Mitigation service for Uganda.

Visit me today and learn more at <http://www.hrwallingford.com/hrwallingford-careers>

IET (Institute of Engineering Technology) Berkshire Network

Richard Hughes

IET Schools Liaison Officer

I graduated in Engineering from Oxford University, but stayed there to do some research to become a Doctor of Philosophy. I then went to work (in 1967) for Ferranti designing system for the Royal navy. I left Ferranti in 1984 to work for Software sciences on an Army Air Defence system. In 1992 I joined EH Industries and was responsible for the overall project management of the computer systems for Merlin Helicopter.

That was completed in 1999 and I left EH Industries to join Admiral (which has been taken over by Logica which is now owned by CGI Canada). I retired in 2007. At Admiral, I was seconded to various Government departments to manage relatively small (i.e. about £1 million) projects lasting about 1 year for defence and other government establishments. It has been great fun - I enjoyed nearly every minute of it and would not have done anything else.

Technology, IT & Computing

STEMNET

Mr Ian Smith

I am supporting STEMNET to promote careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, but with a bias towards electronics and software design and development careers.

Qualcomm Inc.

Jeremy O'Donoghue

Jeremy O'Donoghue is a software engineer and architect by experience. Currently, he is the Principal Engineer/Manager working at Qualcomm Inc., the world's largest fabless semiconductor company, which develops the components for use in phones, IoT devices, cars and the like. He is responsible for the design and development of software for chipset security and NFC. He represents Qualcomm at several international industry organisations. Jeremy is a graduate in Electronic Engineering from the University of Southampton.

MuchBetter (muchbetter.com)

Shanmu Thiagaraja, Chief Technology Officer

Shanmu Thiagaraja has over 18 years of experience designing, implementing and supporting technology solutions. He is the CTO of MuchBetter, a challenger mobile e-wallet. At MuchBetter, he is responsible for the overall technical direction of the company in addition to developing and maintaining the technology stack. He has worked in IT for various industry verticals - Fintech, Payments, Telecoms, Education and FMCG and Manufacturing. He completed his BEng in Production Engineering from PSG College of Technology, India.

Visit our website at www.MuchBetter.com

Svelte Software Ltd

James Musson, Software Engineer

I am an independent software engineer with over 20 years' experience of developing large scale software solutions across many industries including: banking, commodities pricing, spread betting, digital asset management, construction, etc.

Panasonic UK

David English, Health and Safety Advisor / Employee Wellbeing Lead

David has worked for 13 years with Panasonic in Bracknell. He is married with 3 children lives in Farnborough. His interests include: walking, football, listening to music, attending gigs / festivals and reading autobiographies.

David's main responsibilities include: Maintain Legal Compliance; Manage risk; Support all levels of the Business in UK (multiple sites) & Europe in Health & Safety Employee wellbeing matters; Manage Student Industrial Placement Programme and work experience request; Charity coordinator; Represent Panasonic relationship with NCS; Manage the Employee Wellbeing Programme; Member of Panasonic's Employee Coaching Team.

Demos

Elliot Jones, Researcher, Centre for the Analysis of Social Media

Elliot is a researcher at Demos. He has previously conducted research on intergenerational fairness and trust between supporters of political party. Elliot holds a BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford.

UK Public Sector

Ian McKinnon, BSc MSc M.Inst.ISP (ITPC) MBCS (CITP) CISSP

Ian is an Old Readingensian who works in the cyber security. He is a freelance consultant / Company Director / semi-retiree / house elf.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

ASK (Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge) - Education & Employers Charity

Katie Fiddaman, Regional Coordinator

ASK - Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge) - Impartial information and myth busting about apprenticeships, from a Government funded Programme.

We're here to help educators, employers and students navigate the fast-changing world of apprenticeships. Our positively charged, inspired team has a wealth of experience in the public and private sectors, working in and with schools, colleges and some of the world's biggest and boldest companies. We've seen first-hand the difference that employers can make to apprentices – and that apprentices can make to their employers. That's why we're committed to communicating a new understanding of apprenticeships – one in which everyone appreciates the huge opportunities on offer.

Apprenticeships are amazing. Let us tell you why, and help you to pass that message on. Dive straight into our free resources, learn about becoming an apprenticeship champion, read about apprenticeship vacancies coming up later in the year, or find out how to request support for your school from our delivery partners now.

Come and visit our stand or come to one of my talks in the Lecture Theatre to learn about further opportunities. Further information can be found at <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/about-ask/>

BDO LLP

Nadine Hill, Senior Account Manager

I am an FCCA with over 25 years' experience. I joined BDO in August 2013 and work in the Global Outsourcing team based in Reading, specialising in Project Management. I work with global corporate clients delivering multiple services across the BDO International network. I have also worked to build a shared service centre in Mauritius to support our growing client base, overseeing the recruitment and training of the local team and developing the service level agreements and governance.

Before joining BDO I worked for a local firm of accountants working with clients around the South East, preparing Statutory Financial accounts and monthly management accounts, as well as advising on business development and efficiencies. Prior to that have I worked in industry in the IT, Construction, Payroll outsourcing and Charity sectors.

During my career I have been involved in contract management, building client relationships, business development and efficiencies, European Social Funding and ESF audits, business disposal, financial reporting and consolidations and preparation of client proposals. .

BDO value each other as individuals and work together to achieve personal and professional ambitions. You have a voice and your opinion counts. You're encouraged to shape your career according to your strengths, skills and personality. You'll be challenged and supported in equal measure. BDO offers a wide range of entry points to careers with BDO come and meet me at our stand to discuss opportunities or visit our <https://www.bdo.co.uk/en-gb/careers> for more information.

Deloitte LLP**Helen Perkins, Audit Partner**

Deloitte is one of the largest global professional firms and provides an exciting array of career opportunities within its audit, consulting, risk, tax and financial advisory businesses. Our culture is about inclusion, collaboration, high performance, and opportunity. As well as earning a market leading salary and benefits, you will gain a recognised professional qualification and develop the kind of rounded business skills that will serve you well regardless of where your future takes you. And you'll get all the support you need to become the leader you know you can be.

We have offer the range of exciting opportunities:

- BrightStart apprenticeship – allowing clever, sparky people the chance to leap into the world of professional services and obtain a professional qualification without having to go to university
- Scholar scheme – a 30 week paid internship that allows you chance to discover the professional services industry: what it offers, who works here, and the kind of exciting projects and progress you can expect if you go on to join us later.
- Summer vacation internship (available to second year university) - An internship at Deloitte is a fantastic way to get up close to the world of business, find out what excites and inspires you, and where it could take you. As well as vital work experience, you'll get a good idea of whether we're the firm for you.
- Industrial placements (available to second year university students) – spend a year in industry and get direct access to exciting, complex projects and major clients
- Graduate placements - The first step on a professional career with one of the world's top profession services firms. We offer you a world-class training scheme, as well as a permanent job that'll earn you a market-leading salary and benefits.

Come and visit our stand today, to learn more about opportunities in the finance industry or visit www.deloitte.co.uk

Deloitte LLP**Start Parsons, Corporate Tax Consultant**

My name is Stuart Parsons and I am a 2012 Reading School Leaver - After finishing my studies at Reading School, I began my undergraduate degree at the University of Bath, where I studied Biochemistry. Despite my initial intentions to work within the Pharmaceutical field, I decided in 2016 to join Deloitte as a tax advisor.

Deloitte LLP**Thomas Strasburger, Corporate Tax Analyst**

I was a student at Reading School from 2009-2016. I got into my first choice university, however a week before I was due to start I decided university might not be for me. I had a look at my options and started applying for various roles, fortunately I was offered a job by Deloitte to start in September 2017 where I have since been working as a corporate tax analyst.

Goldstar Accountants Ltd**Ganga Lal Bhusal (ACCA, BSc), Director**

Goldstar is a progressive, well-established firm of Chartered Certified Accountants & Registered Auditors, tax advisers and business consultants.

Goldstar offer a broad range of services to companies, organizations and individuals throughout the Thames Valley-Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and the rest of the UK. Services include not only routine audit, accounting, taxation and payroll but also financial planning and inheritance tax, business development, company secretarial services and HR consultancy.

Ganga graduated from Oxford Brookes University in 2009 with degree in accounting and trained as Chartered Certified Accountants at Goldstar Accountants Ltd and became a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in 2010.

Ganga became fellow member of ACCA in 2015 and eventually become Director/Partner of Goldstar Accountants Ltd in 2016 following merger of Goldstar Accountants Berkshire Ltd (formally Goldstar Accountants Ltd) and the GB Accountants Ltd.

Come and visit our stand to learn about what is on offer at <http://www.goldstaraccountants.com/>

Arts, Theatre, English, Teaching, Marketing, Journalism & Media

Strategy, Finance and Governance

Michael Barrott, Chief Executive, Business/Consultancy/Management and OR President

Michael has over 30 years' experience in Senior Management and 40 years' experience in Banking and Finance. He spent the first eleven years of his career with Price Waterhouse (now PWC) in its London, Toronto and World Firms and the next ten with Scandinavian Bank in Divisional Finance Director and Chief Executive roles.

He has been Chief Executive of Strategy, Finance & Governance since 1995. He was a National Council Member of the National Housing Federation ("NHF") 1999-2004 and works full time as a strategic and financial consultant exclusively with Boards and Senior Executives.

In 1992 he joined the Board of Thames Valley Housing Association, became Chair of the Audit Committee in 1994, Vice Chair in 1996 and was Chair 1998-2004. He retired having served the maximum 12 years permitted under the Association's rules.

Michael is presently Chairman of the Centenary Memorial Sunday School Trust (a small London-based charity) and was President of the Old Redingensians Association in academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18. He has been *pro bono* adviser to the Canterbury & Stangate Tenants Association since 2006.

Michael's 'A' levels were History, English, Latin and Maths and his degree was in Modern History.

Uplands Primary School and Nursery / Forest Learning Alliance Teaching School

Phil Sherwood, Headteacher

Phil Sherwood is Head Teacher of Uplands Primary School and Nursery, and also oversees their Teaching School, the Forest Learning Alliance. Phil left Reading School in 2005 to study Psychology and, after graduating, joined the teaching profession. Phil has been working as a teacher since 2009, and became Head of Uplands in 2015, at the age of 28. He is experienced in finance, business management and coaching, as well as being an outstanding practitioner. His role across the school and Teaching School leads him to be involved in a more diverse range of activities than a typical maintained primary school, which Phil hopes to share with Reading School students.

The Creative Engagement Group

Ben Atherton, Client Directory

The Creative Engagement Group is a group of companies focused on engaging audiences through the creation and delivery of live experiences, film, and immersive, interactive, training and scientific content. The business operates with four brands:

WRG, The Moment, Axiom and Just Communicate is based in London, Manchester, Plymouth and the U.S.

I joined The Creative Engagement Group after 14 years at Nortel, Cisco and EY where I held a variety of senior marketing roles with a focus on global events and sponsorship. I've led projects at the Beijing 2008, Vancouver 2010 and London 2012 Olympic Games and whilst at EY, worked with the UK's leading entrepreneurial growth businesses. My current role as a Client Engagement

Director means I'm responsible for winning and delivering work for our financial, professional services and tech sector clients globally.

Our company runs global events, creates film content and manages marketing and employee engagement projects for world-leading brands. We are based in the UK and the US.

Visit our website: <http://tceg.com/>

The Times

Tom Whipple, Science Editor

I studied Maths at university, like most of Reading School, but got heavily into student journalism and found I preferred that. After graduating I tried freelancing, mainly for The Guardian - which is a posh way of saying I was unemployed and sitting in my parents' house in my pants. After that, and endless work experience, I got a job writing fact boxes for The Times' foreign desk - and that was my foot in the door. These days I report on breaking scientific research. I found myself in science after they realised I was the only person in the entire media industry without a humanities degree.

The Times has a graduate trainee scheme, from which I was rejected five years in a row. It's hard to get into any paper and there is no set route for most people. Equally though, for those who want it and persist the opportunities are there. Please visit me for more information.

Freelance

Haydn Middleton, Author

Haydn Middleton (aka Haydn Kaye) has been a freelance author since 1980 and a tutor of creative writing since 2005. He has over 200 titles to his name, primarily historical textbooks for schoolchildren and literary fiction for adults. His most recent titles in these categories are "Emmeline Pankhurst" as Haydn Kaye (David Fickling Books, 2018) and "The Ballad of Syd & Morgan" as Haydn Middleton (Propolis Books, 2018); copies of both will be available for purchase at a discount on the evening.

Dyson

Chris Taylor, Senior Design Engineer

Over 10 years designing consumer products including wearables, action cameras, wireless speakers and luxury mobile phones. Currently developing the next generation of hair styling products.

Creative Industries Specialist

Johnathan Mantle

Jonathan Mantle is a creative industries professional with experience of four decades spanning the pre-digital and post-digital era. His books are published in thirty countries and sixteen languages and he has spoken frequently about his work around the world. He is also a journalist, video and film writer, educationalist and playwright. www.jonathanmantle.com

Further Thought

Roger Titford, Entrepreneur

Roger Titford (1966-74) spent 15 years in leading London ad agencies before setting up a qualitative research company, Further Thought. He also worked for ten years with Fast Marketing - an innovative marketing services company. Now largely retired, he writes and publishes on Reading FC and the football industry.

Geography & Archaeology

The Geological Society of London

Dr Helen Craggs, Visiting Fellow at the School of Environment, Earth & Ecosystem Sciences

I gained my PhD at the Open University, studying the Earth's climate and geology from the Cretaceous Period (about 100 million years ago). Results were used to test the accuracy of computer model predictions for our future climate. I now support STEM to promote careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, focusing on Geology and Earth Sciences. My display will include a selection of rock, mineral and fossil leaf samples, together with career information, and a computer display showing different environments and geological features.

Archaeology / History

Oxford Archaeology (South)

Dr Ruth Shaffrey (MCIfA), Project Officer (Publications)

Are you interested in History? A career in archaeology might be for you. Oxford Archaeology is one of the largest and longest established independent archaeology and heritage practices in Europe. With over 250 specialist staff, and offices in Oxford, Lancaster and Cambridge, we provide heritage services on projects like major transport and infrastructure schemes (such as Crossrail, M1 widening, High Speed 1), shopping centre construction (like the Oracle in Reading) and housing developments (with big schemes recently in Didcot, Bicester, Aylesbury) to minor alterations to listed buildings and small private developments. Wherever heritage issues arise, Oxford Archaeology is on hand to help.

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Law

Clarks Legal LLP

Anthony Morris, Solicitor

I am head of the dispute resolution team and lead a team of lawyers specialising in the resolution and litigation of commercial disputes. At Clarks Legal, we want our lawyers and support staff to challenge themselves, to think broadly about the day job and see how they might make a difference to the way we and our clients do business in a global market where nothing stands still.

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Ben Oliver, Associate Solicitor

Olly Davidson, Solicitor

Ben is a solicitor in the Wills, Trusts and Estates team of Field Seymour Parkes, a full service legal firm based in the centre of town.

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Osborne Clarke LLP

James Robertson, Trainee Solicitor

Jennifer Tur, Trainee Solicitor

James is a trainee solicitor with Osborne Clarke LLP and based in the Thames Valley Office in Reading having previously worked as a paralegal with the firm. He is currently based in the commercial real estate team and has previous experience working within commercial and corporate law. James graduated from the University of Birmingham with a degree in Business Management before completing his post-graduate legal studies.

Jennifer is a trainee solicitor with Osborne Clarke, after completing my Law degree in Preston and the Legal Practice Course in London, she worked as a paralegal in Financial Regulation in a city law firm for one year, as an Enforcement and Investigation paralegal at the Financial Conduct Authority for a brief period and as a Commercial and Corporate paralegal for 1.5 years at Osborne Clarke before starting her training contract at the same company this year.

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Lisa Marshall, PhD, Safety Evaluation and Risk Management Director

Veronica Burch, (BSc Pharmacology, Cert. PV & Pharmacoepidemiology), Safety Evaluation and Risk Management Scientist

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Johnson Matthey
Sonia Garcia, Principal Scientist

Sonia Garcia gained a BSc in Chemistry in the University of La Rioja (Spain) and a PhD in Chemistry in the University of Reading working on Nano catalysts for fuel cell applications. Currently, she works for Johnson Matthey in the New Applications Group in projects using novel catalysts for a variety of processes. Visit me to discuss various opportunities or visit the link for further information on career opportunities at <https://matthey.com/careers>

University of Reading
Sue Slade BPharm DipClinPharm MRPharmS FHEA
Lecturer in Pharmacy Practice

I am able to talk to anyone considering a career in pharmacy whether or not they wish to attend Reading University. Clinical pharmacy is a specialty within Pharmacy and is an ideal alternative career with a good salary for anyone wanting to work in the NHS in a patient-facing role but who don't meet the criteria for medicine/dentistry. Clinical pharmacists work in a multi-disciplinary team alongside doctors and make a difference to patient lives every day in a rewarding role with good career progression. There is also currently a good employment rate. Please come along and have a chat if you would like to find out more. For further details please visit <https://www.reading.ac.uk/pharmacy/>

University of Reading
Dr David S. Leake, Professor

The School of Biological Sciences at the University of Reading has undergraduate degrees in Biomedical Sciences, Biochemistry, Microbiology, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Zoology and Ecology and Wildlife Conservation. The Biomedical Sciences degree is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS).

Royal Berkshire Hospital
Dr Kate Paterson, Consultant Anaesthetist

Working in both NHS and private healthcare as a consultant for the last 9 years, I can discuss training and careers in medicine from my own perspective - no rose-tinted spectacles here! I have most experience in my own specialty of anaesthetics and intensive care, but also work closely with surgery and emergency medicine.

Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Mrs Ozma Tahir, Lead Medicines Information and Clinical Economy Pharmacist

For a Junior Pharmacist, the day-to-day job involves taking medication history and medicines reconciliation on admission, ensuring correct information regarding medicines is transferred to primary care on discharge, ensuring medicines safety on the ward by advising doctors regarding prescribing, formulary choice, route of administration, and liaising with nurses for correct supply and administration of medicines to patients. The role also involves educating patients to optimise the use of medicines and to receive optimal benefits from their medications. Depending on the speciality of the area in which you work, you can be responsible for:

- releasing aseptically prepared intravenous chemotherapy for suitability to use in cancer patients; and
- assisting with clinical trials checking and dispensing and so on.

As a Senior Pharmacist, the role develops into more managerial and generalised medicines management looking across an organisation as a whole, rather than patient specific issues. Work includes; writing guidelines and policies, meeting with other organisations to discuss transfer issues, running Groups and Committees then reporting to Executive Committees and so on.

No two days are the same.

**Royal Berkshire Hospital
Dr Oliver Flossmann
Consultant**

I have been a Consultant Physician and Nephrologist (kidney diseases) at the Royal Berkshire Hospital since 2009.

**Wash Common Dental Practice
Dr Elizabeth Bate, Dentist**

I work as a general dentist in a large 6 surgery dental practice

**Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Basingstoke
Dr Tahir Akbar, Consultant Gastroenterologist**

Dr Tahir Akbar is consultant working at Basingstoke hospital. He specialises as a physician and gastroenterologist.

**Brightwell Clinic
Ms Vicky Watts, Podiatrist**

As a podiatrist I am a healthcare professional and I have been trained to diagnose and treat abnormal conditions of the feet and lower limbs. Podiatrists can help with complex foot problems, including nail surgery for ingrowing toenails, elderly care and preventing, diagnosing and treating injuries related to sports and exercise and wound care for people at risk of amputation due to poor circulation or diabetes.

**Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Trichy Rajagopal, Consultant Spinal Surgeon**

Mr Rajagopal is a Consultant Spinal Surgeon at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading.

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SPEAKERS

For consideration to our speakers and guests entry into Big School or the Lecture Theatre will not be permitted after the talk has commenced. Talks include times for questions & will finish promptly at allotted times. Please have your ticket ready for entry.

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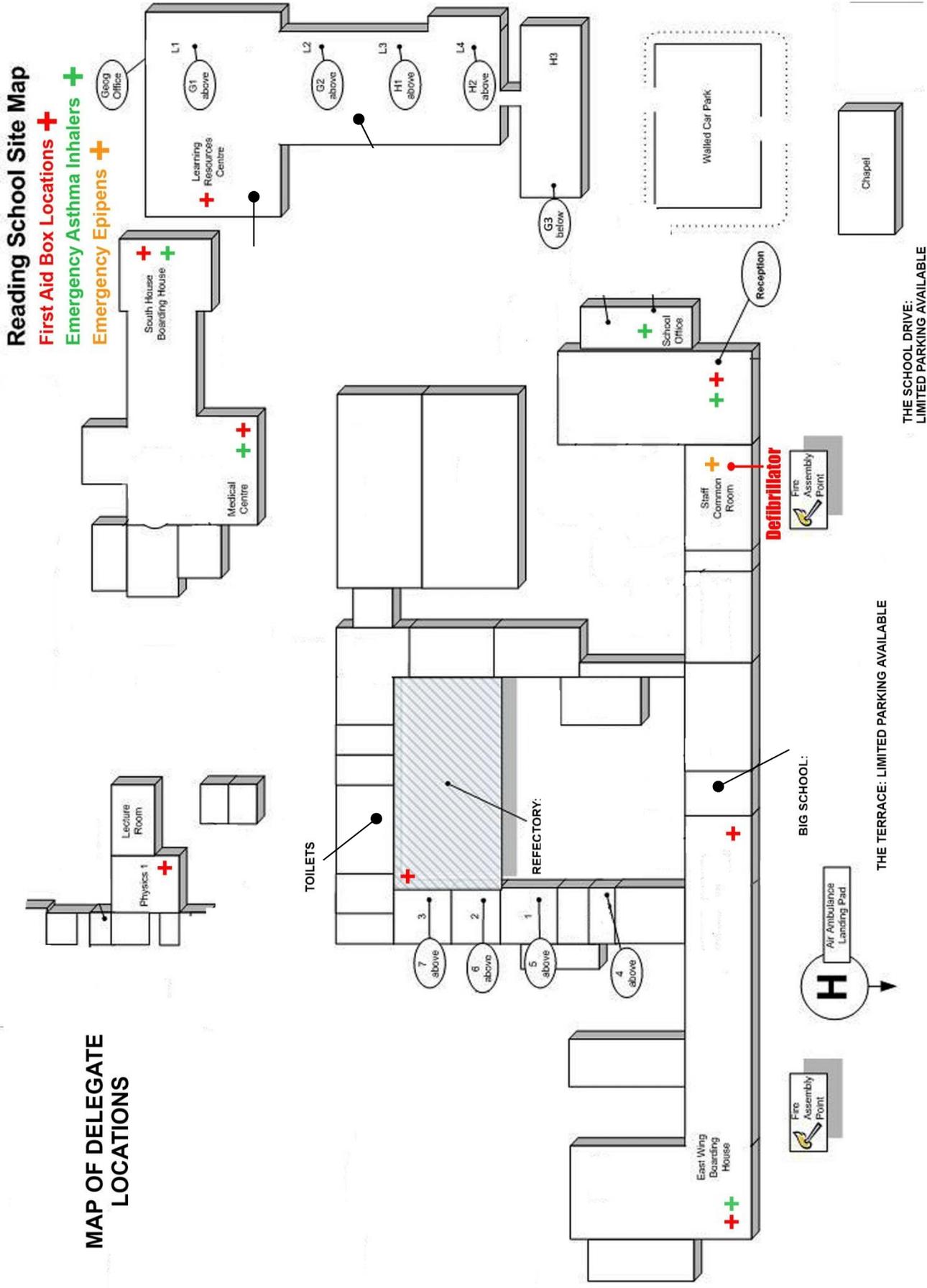
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