



WHSB CAREERS

AN EVENING IN Finance and Law

Wednesday 28 January 2026 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm

We are delighted that five professionals have agreed to attend our evening event, discussing their pathway into careers within their areas of expertise, as well as sharing some of the exciting projects they have been involved with to-date. Please book your free tickets ASAP via TicketSource which can be accessed at <https://whsb.ticketsource.co.uk/>.

The event is open to pupils in all year groups, their families, carers, and our local secondary school community as well. However, seating is limited.



Fiona Colwell - Partner, Paul Robinson Solicitors

Having studied Law at Brunel University (the only University at the time that offered a 4 year LLB degree with a year in industry) and then at the College of Law in Guildford, where she obtained her Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Fiona trained at a commercial law firm in Bournemouth where she qualified as a Solicitor in 2001. Fiona relocated to Essex and joined Paul Robinson Solicitors in 2002, where she was made a Partner in 2010. Fiona also qualified as a Civil and Commercial Mediator in 2011. Fiona heads up the Dispute Resolution department at Paul Robinsons and deals predominantly with company/commercial disputes as well as employment matters. In addition, Fiona also enjoys undertaking corporate work including company sales and acquisitions together with drafting commercial documentation and contracts. Fiona is also the current co-Chair of Governors at WHSB (having been a Governor at the School since 2012) which is a role that she finds both interesting and inspiring, alongside it being a chance for Fiona to give back to the local community.



Sam Drewery - Assistant Director, Rothschild & Co (Consumer, Retail & Leisure M&A and Strategic Advisory)

Sam left WHSB in 2012 to study Economics at the University of Surrey. After graduating, he worked in the Consumer Goods & Retail M&A practice at KPMG, obtaining his ACA qualification. He joined the Consumer, Retail and Leisure team at Rothschild & Co in 2019, since when he has provided advice to corporate and private equity clients on M&A transactions ranging in size from £100 million up to £7 billion in Enterprise Value. Over time, he has become ever more aligned with the Retail, Leisure and Sport sub-sectors in particular. Key clients and deals have included Asda, Dishoom, Butlin's, ATP, Tottenham Hotspur and Southampton FC.



Samuel Phillips - Electronic and Program Trading Sales Trader at KCx,

Old Westcliffian, Samuel is an Electronic and Program Trading Sales Trader at KCx, trading equities for institutional clients around the world. In 2023, Samuel graduated from University of Nottingham with a BSc in Economics. Whilst at Nottingham, Samuel participated notably in the Nottingham Economics & Finance Society and the rugby team. Over the past two years, he has worked as part of a dynamic team at KCx focused on improving trading performance, refining algorithms, and executing millions in equity trades every day.



Nikita Nanu - Analyst, Barclays Investment Bank

After leaving WHSB in 2022, Nikita went on to graduate from King's College London with a First Class Honours in BSc Political Economy. During her time at university, she interned at Barclays in the summer of her second year, and converted this into a full-time graduate role which she began in 2025. She now works within the Investment Banking division in the Equity Capital Markets team. Nikita loved her time at Westcliff and is passionate about helping others break into finance.



Quinn Williams - Solicitor Apprentice, Linklaters

Upon leaving WHSB in 2025, having completed A-Levels in History, Religious Studies, German, and Physical Education alongside an Extended Project Qualification, Quinn declined his university offers—including one from the University of Cambridge—to pursue a degree apprenticeship at Magic Circle law firm Linklaters. Quinn currently sits in Capital Markets, where he will remain for the year, focusing specifically on equity and debt markets. Over the six-year programme, he will complete an LLB in Law and his SQE examinations from BPP University, qualifying him as a solicitor. Quinn is potentially hoping to qualify into Public M&A, though remains open to other practice areas.

This event will take place in the Westcliff Theatre, parking is available on the South Drive. Please note that tickets are limited and should you be unable to attend, kindly cancel your booking.

We hope that you find this WHSB Careers Evening interesting, helpful, and informative. Feedback is always welcomed, as well as offers of support for future events.

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