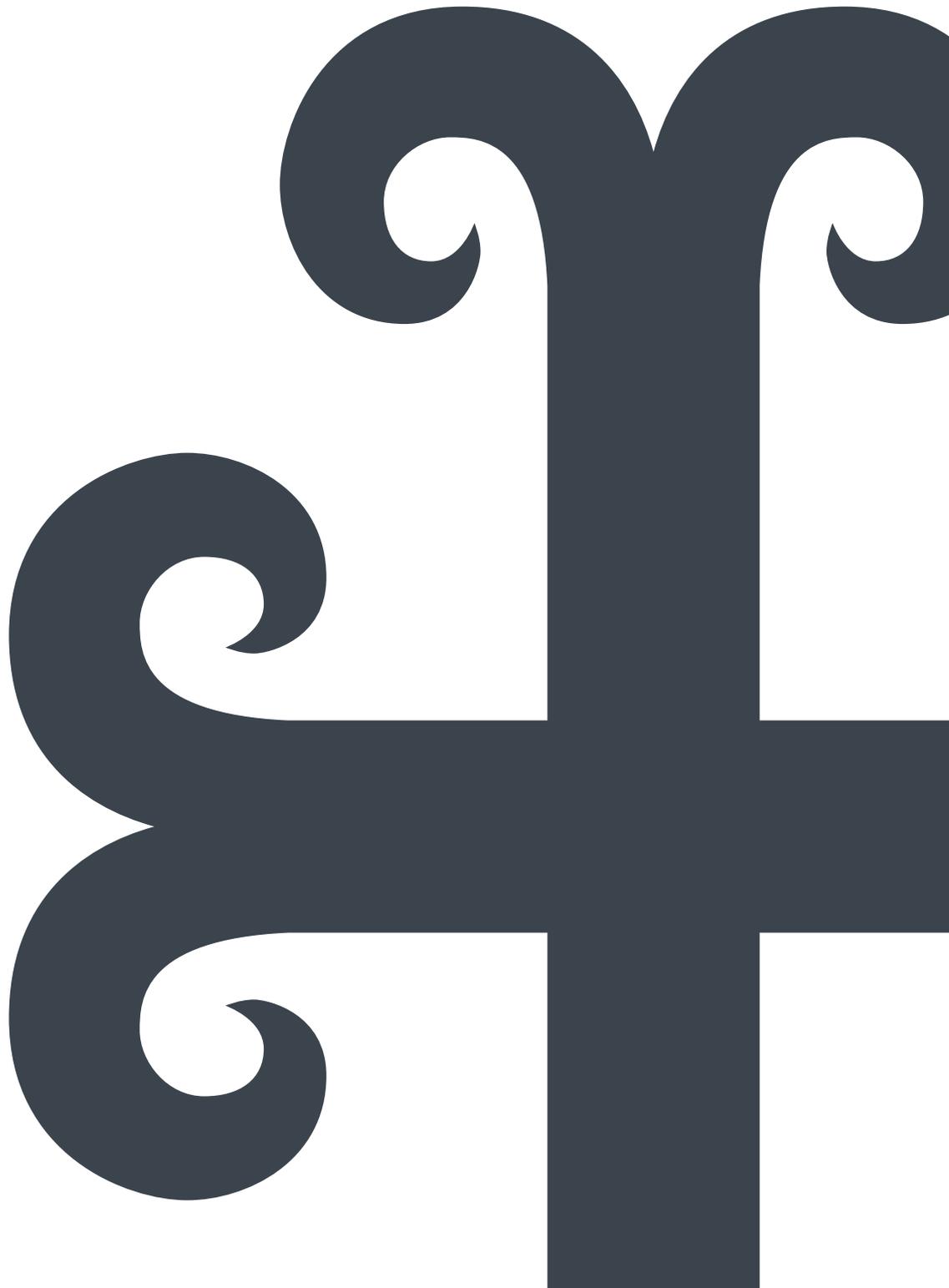


 DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

BEYOND DOWNSIDE





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WELCOME

I don't think that any of us would have conceived of our current situation or chosen the challenges with which it is presenting us, but it is worth remembering that the best and most valuable education happens when we engage with a genuine and meaningful challenge. I hope that, despite the obvious disruption and disappointment you have encountered in not being able to finish your final year in the conventional fashion, you have taken the opportunity to reflect and take stock. As you move on from Downside, you are being offered a wonderful chance to plot the next step of your journey.

Victor Frankl is someone I particularly admire. It was his belief that we detect rather than invent our mission in life. In his words, 'Everyone has his own specific vocation or mission in life... Therein he cannot be replaced, nor can his life be repeated. Thus, everyone's task is as unique as is his specific opportunity to implement it.' I hope that your time at Downside has helped you develop an awareness of your uniqueness and the singular contribution you can make. You each have your own mission, your own path, and, whilst you may now be moving into unfamiliar terrain, you are well equipped to navigate your journey guided by values which do not depend on the behaviour of others, the environment in which we find ourselves, or the latest fashion, but which are based on fundamental truths and will engage you in a genuine search for meaning as you journey through life.

In the next three weeks you have the opportunity to hear talks and engage with a wide variety of contributors to the 'Beyond Downside' Programme. They are drawn predominantly, but not exclusively, from our Old Gregorian community and I would like to thank them all sincerely for giving their time so generously to share with you their insights, experience and expertise.

The programme is aimed at widening your knowledge and understanding of life beyond school, whether that is in further education or in a job. Please do make use of the sessions on offer and participate.

ANDREW HOBBS
Head Master

BIOGRAPHIES



Joseph Aylward (B13)

After finishing senior school at Downside, Joseph read Business Management at King's College London. He is currently working towards a Masters in Finance at The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and works as a Front Office Trade Support Associate for SMBC Nikko Capital Markets Ltd.



Matthew Bates (U83)

I've worked at Sayle Screen since the mid-1990s representing writers and directors working in film, TV and theatre. I also enjoy representing dramatic rights in a wide range of books. After an English Literature degree I qualified as a lawyer. An interest in stories and storytellers combined with the rigour of a legal training serves me well as an agent. I aim to work closely with my clients, helping to nurture newer talent and to support and guide more established writers and directors. Strong relationships with producers, managers and agents in America mean I can help clients with opportunities outside the UK. I'm always excited about taking on energetic, distinctive new clients and keep my eyes open for writers and directors with bold, compelling voices.



Emily Bell (I15)

Emily studied at Downside from 2000-15, and is currently an Events Administrator for Harrods. Before Harrods she worked for, amongst others, Red Bull, as part of the Student Marketing collecting consumer perceptions of the brand to help the marketing team as well as distributing the product to build up a diverse range of consumers and combat negative perceptions of the brand.



Rupert Bevan (U73)

Rupert studied at Downside from 1968-73. He then completed a BSc, PGCE and M.Phil in Environmental Biology at Bath Spa University from 1991-2000. He is currently Director of three environmentally specialist companies, Musical director of St John's Bath and Mayor of Radstock.



Rhys Bowen

Rhys Bowen is the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* bestselling author of two historical mystery series as well as three internationally bestselling stand-alone novels. Her books have won multiple awards and been translated into over 20 languages. A transplanted Brit, Rhys now divides her time between California and Arizona, where she escapes from those harsh Californian winters.



Major Robert Butt

Rob joined Downside as Head of the History after serving in the Army with the Royal Artillery and with the Territorial Army with the Royal Green Jackets. He improved results gained in the History Department and continually strived for academic excellence. He was also an integral part of the Combined Cadet Force at Downside. Rob has given much to Downside over the years where he has consistently demonstrated excellence as a teacher and school master. Rob is not one to shy away from difficult decisions and his determination to succeed has always been reflected in those he taught and those he managed. Sadly, in 2018, Rob was seriously injured in a bus accident, resulting in him having to leave his position at Downside, but he remains a much-beloved member of the Downside Community.



Mark Canning

Mark Canning (Downside 1968-72) was a former senior member of the British Foreign Office. He held three ambassadorial appointments in a career spanning 40 years, and developed a particular focus on the countries of South East Asia. He now works as an adviser to companies which are active in that region.



Rupert Carr (S80)

Rupert is an entrepreneur with a 25 year commitment to the development of the Birchall Estate. Initially he contributed to the site's regeneration from a period of open cast since then he has been responsible for the freehold acquisition of the Estate, the formation of the PEAK concept and the obtaining of detailed planning permission. Rupert has also assembled the core team and business relationships required to implement and operate PEAK. His core skills include Land Assembly & Acquisition, Obtaining Planning Approvals, Developing Commercial Structures, Assembling Professional Teams, Assembling Management Teams, Managing Continuity and Delivering Sustainable Returns.

BIOGRAPHIES



Tim Crowe (R81)

Founder and Director of Property Management company, with 10 years of experience with very-tall buildings over 1000ft, and expertise in contract management, risk management and community management.



Rogan Dwyer (S75)

Rogan is the Principal of Observatory Holdings in the US – a consultancy focused on improving insurance products for both carrier and policy holder. Current projects relate to IoT, wildfire, underwriting process. He is also the CEO for Global Asset Protection, Inc., providing detailed analysis and solutions to kidnap, extortion, stalking and specific threats to family, business and property.



Humphrey Francis-Jones (B18)

Having taken a gap year, during which I assisted with the build of a new house and ran a winter chalet in the French Alps, I decided that a pathway in Real Estate was my future. Fortunately, I was able to secure a five year degree apprenticeship with Savills Building Consultancy which includes them sponsoring my qualifications to becoming a Chartered Surveyor. Once the degree is completed, I will finish with no student debt and will have gained vast amounts of experience to support me as a qualified surveyor. The presentation is a synopsis of my work life and time since leaving Downside.



Jamie Francis-Jones (B84)

Highly numerate, analytical and versatile business and operations senior manager with track record across: recruitment, manufacturing, IT, Property in B2C, B2B and Defence sectors. Strong skills in stakeholder management, communications, purchasing, customer retention, financial governance and control, cost optimization and performance improvement particularly in manufacturing and business cultural change.



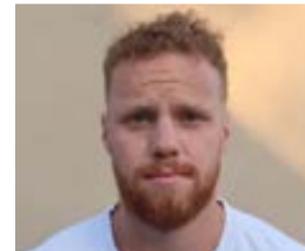
Anthony Griffin (C05)

Anthony joined First Property Management (FPAM) in 2011 and works with Martin Pryce on the investment management of FPAM's UK funds, sourcing suitable investments, liaising with external agents and professionals, and undertaking commercial due-diligence on prospective purchases. Post purchase, Anthony assists Martin in the formulation and implementation of asset management strategies to drive value. Anthony completed his Master's Degree in Real Estate in 2012 and is holder of the Investment Management Certificate (IMC).



Charles Harbord (R12)

Charlie studied at Downside from 2007-12, and then read a BA in International Relations. He is currently an Associate Consultant for Portland Communications.



George Hobbs (R17)

George, an OG who attended Downside between 2010 and 2017, is studying English Literature at Cardiff University. After leaving school, George spent a year as a Gap Assistant at the King's School in Sydney, before taking his place at Cardiff. In his second year at university he has become the social secretary for the Men's Rugby Society and most recently became a student ambassador for Oddballs, a charity raising awareness for testicular cancer.



Henry Hudson Evans (R06)

Henry left Downside in 2006. After graduating from Durham University, he had an aborted career as a journalist and travel writer before joining Howe Robinson Partners as a junior broker in 2011. He has exposure to a wide variety of shipping markets, but deals mostly with South East Asian and Japanese Trading Houses. Henry moved to Asia in 2014 and lives in Singapore with his wife, Lucy, and their young daughter.

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Sanchia Jones

Sanchia is Placements and Projects Manager for The School of Management at The University of Bath, one of the UK's leading business schools. 90% of undergraduates at The School of Management prepare for and fulfil a professional work placement under the leadership of her team. With over 20 years' experience in the field of specialist recruitment, professional skills development and business development, since 2015 Sanchia has been working exclusively with young people, through her work with the charity Young Enterprise and with the University. She will be offering a current and expert view of placements and internships as an undergraduate.



Vikas Krishnan

Vikas (Vik) has over 25 years' experience in international consulting and advisory. He has a particular focus on Financial Services, Technology and Business services organisations. He has recently worked with a number of emerging technology firms in the areas of Blockchain and digital transformation. His career history includes roles as global head of Financial Services platforms, solutions and large deals at HCL, senior partner at Logica, and Vice President and Managing Director of the Financial Services Industry Group at EDS. Vik began his career as a commissioned Infantry officer, before working for the Investment Banks CSFB and Morgan Stanley, and a Capital Markets strategy Partner at Accenture. He is the father of twins at Downside.



James Leeper (C76)

James is an Executive, Change & Career Management Coach supporting and navigating clients through challenging change, growth or crisis, to move from uncertainty to calmer waters of stability. He is a certified practitioner with PRISM Brain Mapping, one of the world's acclaimed neuroscience based behavioural assessment instruments. He also provides Interim Specialty Insurance with a career stretching across Lloyd's Underwriting, Broking and Consultancy, Schemes and a Mutual Medical Defence. Previously, a Non-Exec Director/Charity Trustee of Scope and Chairman of the City Region of the Lord's Taverners (Fundraising). An Auctioneer (Pro Bono) for Charities, just for the pure fun of it.



Michael Legge (R56)

Experienced professional photographer based in Oxford, England, currently specialising in black and white portraiture on film.



Will Leicester (S96)

Will is the Digital Design Lead at St James's Place, Wealth Management. He has created a presentation on 'Inclusion and Design' and the importance of understanding people from all walks of life and considering them in any design planning. Increasingly important in our modern world, this is a thought provoking presentation.



Debbie Maburutse (C17)

Debbie is currently at 6th form studying Sociology Religious Studies and English Language and Literature. She is hoping to further her studies of Sociology at university in September 2020.



Michael McNaught-Davis (C82)

I am an experienced investment professional with over 30 years experience in fund management. I am currently working for CopyLab as an investment writer where I write reports and articles for various fund management groups. I have been a Japanese equity portfolio manager and a global equity portfolio manager, managing money predominantly for large pension funds and other discretionary mandates. I have headed both a Japanese team and a wider international equity team. I have also worked as a product specialist in global equities. I have had client contact throughout my career and been successful in bringing in new business as well as a good record in retaining clients.



Billy Monger

A young British racing driver already with significant success, Billy Monger's life changed forever on 16 April 2017. After making contact with a stationary car at over 120mph during a British F4 race, Billy was left with life-changing injuries resulting in the amputation of both legs. Despite the huge personal challenges that lay ahead, Billy wasted no time in setting out his goal to return to motor racing. Fuelled by an outpouring of support from the motorsport industry and the wider public, Billy embarked on his remarkable journey to a different future.

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Katy Jane Nannestad (I09)

A young passionate artist who is confident, reliable and dedicated to always creating current on trend makeup looks. With a diverse understanding of Clients, Editorial and Fashion I strive to bring great quality, in-depth product knowledge and efficient productivity to any work environment.



Kevin Phillipson (OG)

Kevin's career in finance was mostly spent based in France. His talk will take you through 42 years spent working in the accounting profession and in industry. His last post before retirement was Senior Finance Director International Affairs for Gilead – a research-based biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development, and commercialisation of innovative medicines – who are working on a Coronavirus cure.



Mary Jane Platt (R76)

After leaving Downside in 1976, I studied Medicine, following which I trained as a GP. Rather than join a practice, I spent some time in community paediatrics in South West London, before undertaking a MPH (Masters in Public Health) at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in the US. On my return to the UK, I completed my training in Public Health, eventually becoming a Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant at the University of Liverpool. During my almost 20 years at Liverpool, I completed my doctorate (MD), was head of department/division of Public Health, and deputy course director in the Medical School. I also carried out research focusing on paediatric and perinatal epidemiology, principally on pregnancy-related issues in women with diabetes, and more recently on cerebral palsy.



James Shone

Following a 16-year teaching career, James Shone was appointed as a headmaster in 2012. However, during his medical assessment prior to taking the job, a brain tumour was discovered. Treatment resulted in James losing most of his sight and having to relinquish the job. However, James is a man who embodies a positive attitude to life, a determination to turn setbacks into springboards and a passion to increase self-confidence in young people. This has led him to setting up his charity 'I Can & I Am' which raises valuable funds to enable James to speak to as many young people and educationalists as possible around the UK and beyond. James now visits hundreds of schools and businesses a year delivering his powerful pastoral messages to pupils, parents and staff to great acclaim. His goal is always to get people to focus on what they can do and not on what they can't and to inflate their 'balloons of self belief'.



Dr Dominique Thompson

Dr Thompson is an award winning GP, young people's mental health expert, TEDx speaker, author and educator, with over 20 years of clinical experience caring for students, including as a police and expedition doctor; and as Director of Service at the University of Bristol Students' Health Service. She was named Bristol Healthcare Professional of the Year 2017. In 2019 she was nominated as one of the Top 100 West Women of the Year.



George Verdon

George is a documentary filmmaker and conservationist. He has worked for the Natural History Museum, National Geographic, and Netflix. He travelled to 11 countries last year for work, including an expedition to an uninhabited island in the most remote archipelago on Earth. He is now working at the BBC on a wildlife documentary series.



Andrew Walsh-Waring (B83)

A current parent, Andrew has been in financial services for over 35 years firstly in Private client investment management then as a Private Banking Manager of a national retail bank in London and subsequently offshore based in Jersey and the Isle of Man, with sales, recruitment and product management responsibilities across Europe and the near East. Following his return to the UK Andrew joined Lighthouse Financial Advice a national provider of Financial Advice. He started his business practice from Scratch in 2008 as a self-employed Adviser and works on the principle that he works solely for his clients. He is an FCA regulated, locally based Adviser providing advice on range of financial planning areas, and specialises in pensions, investment, Long term Care, inheritance tax and succession planning.



Ellie Wells (I16)

Ellie studied at Downside from 2008-16. She has a BA in Theology and Religious Studies and is currently doing her MRes in Theology/Theological Studies – both from Nottingham University.

TIMETABLE

WEEK ONE

	MON 1ST JUNE	TUES 2ND JUNE	WED 3RD JUNE	THURS 4TH JUNE	FRI 5TH JUNE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER 9.00am	Mr Hobbs Introduction to Downside's 'life beyond Sixth Form' programme	Mark Canning Life of a diplomat	Michael Legge From a swinging Sixties photographer to a life in Hollywood	Mary Jane Platt Epidemiology: how does disease spread?	George Verdon The Natural Selection
SESSION 1 11.00am	OPTION 1 George Hobbs Can I go out every night? OPTION 2 Mr Rawlins How can I pay my tuition fees?	OPTION 1 Andrew Walsh-Waring How to manage my personal finances? OPTION 2 Debbie Maburutse How am I expected to study at Uni?	OPTION 1 Matthew Bates What does a film and TV agent do? OPTION 2 Jamie Francis-Jones How do I write a good CV?	OPTION 1 Mr Randall What are the best tips for interviews? OPTION 2 Mrs Pye How do I look after myself?	OPTION 1 Katy Jane Nannestad and Charles Harbord The benefits of being an Old Gregorian OPTION 2 To be confirmed
SESSION 2 2.00pm	OPTION 1 George Hobbs Can I go out every night? OPTION 2 Mr Rawlins How can I pay my tuition fees?	OPTION 1 Andrew Walsh-Waring How to manage my personal finances? OPTION 2 Debbie Maburutse How am I expected to study at Uni?	OPTION 1 Matthew Bates What does a film and TV agent do? OPTION 2 Jamie Francis-Jones How do I write a good CV?	OPTION 1 Mr Randall What are the best tips for interviews? OPTION 2 Mrs Pye How do I look after myself?	OPTION 1 Katy Jane Nannestad and Charles Harbord The benefits of being an Old Gregorian OPTION 2 To be confirmed

WEEK TWO

	MON 8TH JUNE	TUES 9TH JUNE	WED 10TH JUNE	THURS 11TH JUNE	FRI 12TH JUNE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER 9.00am	Vikas Krishan Technology is changing the future of work. The rise of robots...	Tim Crowe 'Torch Tower Fire': what happens when a major fire occurs in an 87-storey building you manage with a population of 2,000?	Michael McNaught-Davis Careers in asset management	Dominique Thompson How to grow a grown up: prepare your teen for the real world	James Leeper Insurance and what the market looks like
SESSION 1 11.00am	OPTION 1 Sanchia Jones Professional placements for students OPTION 2 Dr Tahin Essential skills to speak and argue	OPTION 1 Mr Rawlins Cookery Course OPTION 2 Henry Hudson Evans Shipbroking in an emerging world of Asian growth	OPTION 1 Humphrey Francis-Jones An alternative route OPTION 2 Rupert Bevan Organic agriculture	OPTION 1 Dominique Thompson Degrees of sanity: how to go to university OPTION 2 Billy Monger (introduced by Mr Andrewartha) Billy Monger story	Mr Edge Nebula learning personal finance programme (background economics, personal finance and understanding investment)
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WEEK THREE

	MON 15TH JUNE	TUES 16TH JUNE	WED 17TH JUNE	THURS 18TH JUNE	FRI 19TH JUNE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER 9.00am	Rogan Dywer Challenges and opportunities: as the 'old order' collapses, how do young people embrace that and replace a sense of loss and bewilderment with optimism and excitement?	Kevin Phillipson A career in finance abroad	Rupert Carr 21st Century issues driving the travel and hospitality market	James Shone I Can and I Am	Rhys Bowen How to be a successful author
SESSION 1 11.00am	OPTION 1 Miss Moody Poundstretcher	Dom James Retreat	OPTION 1 Ellie Wells Life at Nottingham University	Special Talk by Major Rob Butt , former Head of History At Downside School	OPTION 1 Will Leicester Inclusion & Design OPTION 2 Joseph Aylward Studying for a Masters
SESSION 2 2.00pm			OPTION 1 Speaker TBC Life at Cardiff University		OPTION 1 Will Leicester Inclusion & Design OPTION 2 Joseph Aylward Studying for a Masters

WEEK FOUR

	MON 22ND JUNE	TUES 23RD JUNE	WED 24TH JUNE	THURS 25TH JUNE	FRI 26TH JUNE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER 9.00am	Mrs Craig How can I use the University library?	3 Days in June			Last day
SESSION 1 11.00am	Library study skills support (University of the West of England – study skills programme)				

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