

Whether taking their first steps in the working world, or rising up the career ladder, our Alumnae continued to show that hard work and determination really do bring success.

Jenny Griffiths MBE
Software Engineer and entrepreneur

As the inventor of the world's first cross-platform visual search engine for fashion over a decade ago (for which she was awarded an MBE for Services to Digital Innovation in the Fashion Industry), Jenny continues to innovate in her role as founder and CEO of Snap Vision. Jenny's speciality is AI (Artificial Intelligence) and in the autumn she was asked by LinkedIn to create a series of weekly videos 'de-mystifying AI and entrepreneurship'. Her videos have been seen thousands of times and her latest gives top tips for generating content for LinkedIn.



Francesca Edwards
Airline Pilot, easyJet

She did it! A year after qualifying as an airline pilot in the midst of the worst crisis in aviation history, Francesca's career literally took off in April 2022 when she officially became a commercial pilot for easyJet. As a First Officer on the airline's Airbus 320 fleet, Francesca has now flown thousands of travellers all over Europe from her base at London Gatwick. It's been a long road to success for Francesca, who first completed a BSc in Biomedical Sciences and a Masters in Human and Applied Physiology before spending three years training as a commercial pilot.



Caitlin Robinson
Global Revenue Analyst, Soho House Group

Psychology graduate Caitlin Robinson's first job with global brand Soho House has taken her into a glamorous world of high-end 'houses' hosting the likes of Hollywood megastar Tom Cruise. Based at the London office, Caitlin is part of a small team which analyses the revenue of 33 houses – clubs, hotels and working spaces – in 14 countries, studying occupancy levels and alerting the promotions team to the best timing for promotions to increase revenue. It's the perfect first job for aspiring accountant Caitlin, who completed a year in industry as part of her four-year course at the University of Manchester.



Anna Scott
Programming Co-ordinator, BBC Studios

An opportunity to write and conduct interviews at the Commonwealth Games in 2022 led to a dream job for University of Birmingham graduate Anna Scott, who is now working in the Kids and Family team at BBC Studios. As Programming Co-ordinator, aspiring TV presenter Anna plays a key role in setting up shows such as *Horrible Histories* and *Bluey* on YouTube and contributing to other creative projects. The appointment follows two years of creating her own social media content through her Instagram channel #annaasksthepeople.



Dr Francesca Back (BMBCh)
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Pictured here with her sister Hannah, Francesca (right) graduated in 2022 and calls her six years at the University of Oxford the 'challenge of a lifetime', particularly enjoying the hospital placements in Zambia and Nairobi. Francesca is now a Junior Doctor at the Royal Cornwall NHS Trust in Truro and, having completed her first four-month placement in adult general surgery, is now working in Paediatrics. Francesca's daily workload on the wards – where her patients can weigh anything from 400g to 100kg – includes emergency assessments, carrying out lumbar punctures and booking scans and operations. Though she says the NHS can be a tough place to work, she is loving putting six years' worth of theory into practice at last.



"I rely on lip reading and I don't hear certain words. But it's made me very resilient – I have a natural 'can do' attitude! Sometimes what is viewed as a weakness is actually a strength."

Claudia Buffini, UK

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Corporate Responsibility Advisor, Schroders.com

Former Head Girl Claudia Buffini celebrated her first year at investment management firm Schroders with professional recognition in the 2022 Business Culture Awards, where she and her team won 'Highly Commended' in the 'Best Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiative' category. It capped off an exciting year for Durham graduate Claudia, who was born with hearing loss but sees her disability as an opportunity for innovation. As part of her role running the firm's charity partnerships, she regularly collaborates with the National Deaf Children's Society and recently ran the company's first ever Employability Workshop for young deaf students.

Olivia Devenport
Data Protection Apprentice, Christie's

Apprenticeships are a fantastic way to get a foothold in the working world and Olivia Devenport is thoroughly enjoying her challenging role at world-leading art and luxury business Christie's. Based at the company's Mayfair offices, Olivia works in a small team looking after clients' and company data in line with Christie's Data Protection Information Strategy. There's plenty of career potential and, when her apprenticeship ends in December 2023, Olivia is hoping to stay and develop her interest in the luxury goods and business sector.



Helena Roberts **Evie Scott**
Ceramicist *Textile Designer*



Repeated lockdowns particularly affected university students doing practical courses, but that didn't stop Helena and Evie from excelling at their final year degree shows. Helena, who studied Design Crafts, won Leicester DMU's Christopherson prize for her exquisitely-crafted seventies' inspired ceramic platform boots while Bournemouth Arts Uni textiles graduate Evie won a top industry award for her nature-inspired prints at the New Designers Show in June. Her prize was a valuable internship as a Print Designer with homewares chain Wilko.

Sophie Plummer
Composer and Musician

Already marked out as a 'future bubbler' on the London Jazz scene, alumna Sophie, stage name Plumm, took the Royal Albert Hall's Elgar Room by storm in October, when she and her band took to the stage as part of the iconic venue's Late Night Jazz series. Plumm also performed at Ronnie Scott's in November and at the Jazz Café in January 2023, wowing the sell-out audience with a powerful tribute to Led Zeppelin's famous 1973 concert at Madison Square Garden.

