St Peter’s Business Society Event: EY London Firm Visit (21/11/2014)

Our final event of term was a trip to the EY offices in central London. EY is one of our society’s sponsors and this was a great opportunity for St. Peter’s students to get a better idea of the opportunities offered by EY, as well as a great introduction to the professional services industry generally. It was also helpful for our members to attend a careers event that wasn’t in the typical graduate presentation within Oxford, this being a chance to enter the office environment itself.

The day consisted of a presentation given by recent audit recruit Tom Hocking, followed by a Q&A session with some recent graduates in the tax service lines, lunch, and a tour of the office. The presentation itself covered an introduction to professional services, an introduction to the firm itself, followed by advice for applications and interviews. Tom was also able to talk about his personal experiences with regards to choosing professional services, and choosing EY, as well as his experiences on the graduate programme so far. This was especially useful for our members as he was in their position only a few years ago.

The event proved very popular, with ten members from across the MCR and JCR attending. These ranged from first year students to D. Phil students. We received very positive feedback and hope to do a similar event in future.

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