St Peter's Business Society Event: EY Presentation and Skills Session

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We were delighted to welcome Gavin Daniels, an EY (formerly Ernst & Young) Consultant in the firm’s Financial Services Advisory division, to St Peter’s on Tuesday 13th May. Gavin graduated from Oxford in 2012 and currently focuses on his former university for the purposes of EY’s graduate recruitment schemes. He was thus in a unique position to offer advice and information to the College student body.

The presentation included a general overview of EY and the professional services industry. Many students were amazed by the scope and sale of the firm, both geographically and functionally. The interactive skills session provided guidance, tips and insights into application & interview techniques. The session was tailored to address the specific feedback from employers who interview Oxford graduates. This was of great use to the students, as it allowed us to understand what the top graduate recruiters wanted to see from an Oxford student in the application process. This was particularly beneficial given that EY’s internship applications open over the summer. The skills session that followed enabled the students to attempt, in an informal manner, to put into practice this advice, with immediate feedback provided by Gavin. Finally, there was the opportunity to chat with Gavin after the session over drinks.

The event was popular, with 25 students attending from all years, in spite of clashes with other events, including examination season and an arts formal dinner. There was great enthusiasm from those who participated throughout, and people were very impressed. One attendee, who missed out on a place on EY’s first year programme in spring, said: “It’s great to learn firsthand where I fell short previously. I can now incorporate what I have learned into my summer internship application.”

We were delighted with the event that EY, and Gavin in particular, kindly put on for us at St Peter’s. We know that the students enjoyed it greatly and found it enriching and useful. We hope that EY will be able to return next year.

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