St Peter’s Business Society Event: Intimate dinner with JP Morgan (29/10/2014)

Sikander Ilyas, Co-Head of International Sales for JP Morgan, came back to St Peter’s bringing 4 JP Morgan representatives (3 of them ex-Peterites themselves) with him on Wednesday the 29th of October, to enjoy an intimate dinner with students who may not have been considering a career in finance. Consequentially, a wide variety of students with different degree backgrounds were present for the evening. This included multiple historians, archaeology and anthropology students and even a chemist.

The evening started off with an admission by Sikander that he had actually been sent down in his second year of studying medicine at St Peter’s, which was met with incredulous laughter. On a more serious note, Sikander however urged the 12 students in the room to pick the employees brains as much as realistically possible.

The students barely needed encouraging though, and as each employee revolved around the table with each course, students were given insights into the day to day life of what a Head of Sales and Trading, Vice President of FX Sales, and a Vice President of M&A, might get up to. A fourth representative had kindly offered to come down as well to provide in depth information in terms of applying for the internship and what it was like, herself having just completed a 10 week summer internship with a job offer a the end of it.

The students all received highly useful advice, and as the dinner wore on, many who had not been considering working in finance, let alone a bank, suddenly found themselves captivated by the idea of applying for a summer internship to get a taste of what could be expected working in one of the most prestigious and high powered banks of today.

All in all, it was a highly successful evening for both students and JP Morgan representatives alike, accompanied by a delicious dinner. The Business society was thrilled to have been able to organize and host such an event within St Peter’s college in such short term notice, and is looking forward to hosting a similar dinner in the future.

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