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Welcome to the Alumni Magazine

Welcome to our all-new alumni magazine, we are thrilled to connect with all of you globally, as we move through the ever-evolving world of professional careers and employability.

The magazine aims keep you, our GBS alumni, informed about institutional updates, events, and personal milestones. We will strengthen your network by sharing alumni profiles, fostering belonging by celebrating our joint achievements, and offer career resources to maintain a strong, connected community. As a GBS graduate, staying engaged with our alumni community, whether by attending events, joining professional networks, or volunteering your time and expertise — contributes to the ongoing success and vibrancy of our GBS Alumni community.

You can unlock the Power of Our Alumni online social media sites on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

Our alumni LinkedIn group is a resource you can use to showcase your expertise, connect with like-minded individuals, and tap into a wealth of industry insights and opportunities.

Our alumni Facebook group is the perfect place to nurture the personal connections that make our community so special. Here, you can share updates on your life, celebrate milestones, and stay connected with the friends and classmates who have become an integral part of your journey.

Stay connected on Instagram - follow our profile for our alumni Instagram for vibrant updates on events, campus life from behind-the-scenes, and graduate achievements. Share your stories, photos, and experiences using #GBSAlumni . Stay in the loop and feel the pulse of our dynamic community.



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Chief Executive Officer Professor Ray Lloyd

I feel honoured to have you as part of our distinguished alumni network. Your accomplishments and dedication uplift and motivate our current students and staff.

Our core value of changing lives through education guides everything we do at GBS. This benefits our students and alumni and fosters an environment where everyone can thrive and succeed.

GBS is a proud member of the GEDU global family, which extends across continents. This affiliation offers GBS alumni global networks and opportunities to advance their careers or business interests. Through this connection, you have access to a wealth of resources and a vibrant international community.

Your commitment and support are invaluable to us. Remain in touch and keep on thriving in life.

A Celebration of Triumph and Transformation

As the sun sets on another academic year, we each share the excitement for the GBS graduation ceremony, a momentous occasion highlighting the culmination of hard work, dedication and growth. Our graduates prepare to walk across the stage ready to embrace the future with newfound knowledge, skills, and experiences. From late-night study sessions to collaborative projects, each step of their journey has led them to this defining moment of celebration — not only of their academic achievements but also of personal transformation. As we gather to honour their accomplishments, we reflect on the countless memories shared and the countless possibilities that lie ahead. As the graduating class prepares to bid

farewell to their alma mater, we turn our focus to the final year students who have reached the zenith of their academic journey at GBS. Their time here has been a tapestry woven with academic challenges, personal growth, and cherished memories. Now, on the cusp of their graduation, these students stand at the threshold of a new chapter in their lives, brimming with anticipation for the opportunities that await beyond the familiar halls of our institution. Let's delve into their experiences, aspirations, and the exciting prospects they eagerly anticipate as they embark on their post-graduation adventures.



Join us in celebrating the achievements of Paola Gomez in this video, an inspiring student who embarked on her academic journey in September 2022. Paola is currently pursuing an HND in Digital Technologies at the prestigious London GEDU campus. In this alumni video, Paola shares her unique experiences, challenges, and triumphs throughout her time at the institution.

With a passion for technology and innovation, Paola chose the HND Digital Technologies program to equip

herself with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career in the ever-evolving tech industry. Her story is a testament to the transformative power of education and the supportive environment at London GEDU campus.



Paola - Full Student Success Story

[youtube.com/watch?v=gUyLQCFVkrY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gUyLQCFVkrY)

Achieving Career Success: GBS Deans Share Their Top Advice for Graduates

As you prepare to transition from GBS to the professional world, it's essential to seek guidance and insights from those who have navigated similar paths and have years of experience. We reached out to our esteemed deans and directors at GBS to gather their advice and strategies for you, as a recent graduate. Here, we present their responses to five key questions that will help you navigate this new chapter of your life. Their combined wisdom offers you a comprehensive guide to ensure your success and continuous growth in the evolving job market. The contributors to these insights include:

- **Dr Diane Bray**, *Dean of CCCU*
- **Colin Bladen-Kopacz**, *Dean of UOS*
- **Jovana Perzic**, *Dean of Pearson*
- **Ian Roberts**, *Dean of OBU*
- **Odette Carew**, *Dean of LTU*
- **Dr Alli Jones**, *Dean of BSU*
- **Dr Matthew Carlile**, *Dean of Education*
- **Deborah Trayhurn**, *Director of Academic Standards and Quality*
- **Susan Busby**, *Dean of Studies*

Through their collective expertise, you'll find practical advice and encouragement to help you build a successful career and maintain a strong professional network.

1. Navigating the Transition from University to the Professional World

Graduating and transitioning to the professional world can be both exciting and daunting. Dr Diane Bray, Dean of CCCU, advises being confident but not overconfident and learning from others daily by listening. She also suggests seeing events as challenges and opportunities. Dr Alli Jones, Dean of BSU, highlights the importance of building a professional network by attending events relevant to your field and using LinkedIn effectively. She also emphasises staying updated with industry developments, gaining experience through internships or volunteering, and customising job applications with tailored CVs and cover letters. Alli adds that being open to change is crucial, as career paths might not always be straight.

2. Crucial Skills for Success in Today's Job Market

In today's job market, effective interpersonal skills are essential. Jovanna Perzic, Dean of Pearson stresses the importance of good communication and emotional intelligence for teamwork, which GBS promotes through group discussions, presentations, and report writing. Odette Carew, Dean of LTU agrees that communication is key and advises being able to communicate effectively with people in various roles. She also emphasises staying current, asking questions when unsure, and being prepared to sell yourself. Odette highlights the importance of resilience and how GBS helps students build it by providing support and opportunities to work with others and achieve more than their initial aspirations.

3. The Role of Technology in the Future

Technology is revolutionising every field, making it crucial to stay updated. Ian Roberts, Dean of OBU notes that AI offers more efficient and effective ways of working in Health, Wellbeing, Social Care, and Business. Colin Bladen-Kopacz, Dean of UOS explains that GBS courses integrate technological knowledge and skills to ensure students are proficient in relevant tools. He advises alumni to prepare for technological changes by continuously upskilling through professional development courses, attending industry conferences, and participating in online tech communities. Colin also emphasizes the importance of following industry trends and engaging in lifelong learning initiatives.

4. Building and Maintaining a Strong Professional Network

Building and maintaining a strong professional network is vital for career growth. Dr Matthew Carlile, Dean of Education at GBS, suggests using social media to post or repost content daily, which helps become part of a large network of conversations. He also recommends joining ready-made networks or organizations related to your field, like the Black Business Network or Healthcare Workers Foundation. Deborah Trayhurn, Director of Academic Standards and Quality, advises engaging with professional representative bodies in your industry, as they offer opportunities to develop skills and network with a range of people. By following these strategies, alumni can effectively build and maintain their professional networks.

A Message for New Graduates

As you start this new chapter, be proud of your achievements and the challenges you've overcome, as Dr Diane Bray suggests. She also asks for you to keep GBS values close and stay in touch with us. Jovanna Perzic encourages you to be brave, trust yourself, and wisely choose your next path. Ian Roberts urges you to be courageous. Odette Carew advises you to grow from every experience, stay positive, and constantly improve yourself. Colin Bladen-Kopacz congratulates you and reminds you to believe in your abilities and pursue your passions fearlessly. Dr Matthew Carlile emphasizes valuing all your experiences, as they make you unique. Deborah Trayhurn inspires you to aim high, persist, and enjoy your journey. Remember, GBS will always be here for you, so keep in touch.

Our final word goes to Susan Busby, Dean of Studies, who would like to congratulate you on your academic success at GBS! Your commitment and dedication to your studies have paid off, making you an inspiration to family, friends, work colleagues, and the UK and international communities. Always be proud of your degree achievement and enjoy the next adventure of exceeding lifelong career dreams and aspirations.

Please keep in touch with GBS; we are always here for you.



Graduation Through The Years

Step into the realm of nostalgia as we journey back through the corridors of time, tracing the vibrant tapestry of GBS graduations through the years. With each passing commencement season, our campuses have been imbued with electric energy — a symphony of hope, accomplishment, and boundless potential echoing across generations. From the jubilant tossing of caps to the heartfelt embraces shared amidst a sea of proud family and friends, these moments encapsulate the essence of the human spirit reaching new heights. As we embark on this vibrant odyssey down memory lane, let us revel in the shared experiences, cherished traditions, and unforgettable milestones that have shaped the fabric of our alma maters and continue to inspire future generations of scholars.



Graduation HND Hospitality

Reflecting on our 2020 graduation, though it was small and intimate due to COVID restrictions, we ensured that every student still celebrated their proudest achievements. It was a difficult time, marked by uncertainty and challenges, but our determination and resilience shone through. Despite the obstacles, we came together in spirit, making it an unforgettable and meaningful ceremony. #ClassOf2020

Celebrating our 2021 graduation at the Republic campus, Canary Wharf London

Celebrating our 2021 graduation at the Republic campus in Canary Wharf London was a breath of fresh air. With loosened restrictions, we were able to have a more expansive ceremony while still maintaining social distancing. It was a beautiful day of achievement and joy, marking a hopeful step forward. #ClassOf2021



Graduation 2022 Birmingham ICC

Graduation 2022 was truly special, marking a departure from the past two years. With restrictions finally lifted, we gathered for a beautiful ceremony at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham. It was a day filled with joy, pride, and a sense of normality as we celebrated our achievements together. #ClassOf2022

Graduation 2023 Queen Elizabeth II Centre

Graduation 2023 was a momentous occasion, celebrated across our Manchester, Birmingham, and London campuses. It was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students. Honouring their success was paramount, and the ceremonies of 2023 were filled with pride, joy, and a bright sense of achievement. As we look forward to this year's graduation, we're excited to continue celebrating the incredible accomplishments of our students. #ClassOf2023



Mollie joined GBS back in 2022 as a Marketing Assistant and has since progressed into the Events team as a Marketing & Events Executive. She has helped to execute a variety of engaging events, one of which was Graduation 2023, as well as Graduation 2024.

With a passion for the industry and an eye for perfection, she is determined to ensure Graduation is more and more successful every year. "I have always loved networking and getting stuck right into social events, so when the opportunity arose for me to work across 2 departments that I have a true passion for, it was a no-brainer!"

Graduation 2024 – QEII Centre, London

Westminster will buzz with excitement on the morning of the 8th of July as our summer 2024 graduation kicks off. With students eagerly lining up in their caps and gowns, hearts racing with excitement and their families flocking to the iconic and historic Queen Elizabeth II Centre, expected to be glowing with early summer sunshine for the first ceremony which will commence at 10.30am.

The day's celebrations will continue with the second ceremony scheduled to begin 2.00pm bringing another wave of excitement. We all look forward to this momentous occasion where we can all celebrate years of hard work and dedication, carrying with it immense joy and sense of pride.

Here at GBS, your continued success means everything to us. Join our alumni community on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram to stay connected, share your achievements, and support one another. Your journey with GBS doesn't end at graduation — be part of our family and let's keep the momentum going together!



How Graduate Achievements Can Support You as an Alumni

Graduate Achievements support students in understanding how the key skills they develop will support them throughout their working life. As an Alumni you will have been developing these skills throughout your time at GBS but may not have identified this. GBS recognize the Graduate Achievements as:



Reflection is a key skill that you will have developed during your academic study time. Reflecting on your academic studies, personal or work-related activities will help you to identify where you have developed and enhanced these skills. This can then support you when articulating to future employers on how you have developed these skills.

The Graduate Achievements are not just restricted to your time at GBS. As an individual you will always be growing and developing your skills. It is important that you take time to reflect on your progress throughout your career journey and how you are growing as an individual.

By becoming an active Alumni, we can support your development within the Graduate Achievements. It's important to engage with you about your journey, how you have overcome challenges that we all face and how you continue to grow as an individual as a GBS graduate.

To find out more about how your skills align to the graduate achievements and how you can enhance these more, reach out to the careers team.

Please reach out to our careers team to find out more: careers@globalbanking.ac.uk



Empowering Your Post-Graduation Journey: Free Courses and Seminars

In this edition of our alumni magazine, we are thrilled to introduce an array of additional courses and seminars designed to empower you on your post-graduation journey. Whether you're seeking to enhance your professional skill set, explore new passions, or simply connect with fellow graduates, our offerings are crafted to meet your needs and aspirations. Join us as we embrace the spirit of lifelong learning and embark on a collective voyage of discovery, empowerment, and personal fulfilment.

Tips for Selecting Courses:

1. **Align with Your Career Goals:** Choose courses that complement your career aspirations and help you developing the relevant skills to move your career forwards.
2. **Look for Verified Providers:** Ensure the platform is reputable and offers high-quality content.
3. **Consider Certifications:** While many free courses offer optional paid certificates, they can be a valuable addition to your resume.
4. **Bitesize:** Ensure the courses are short in length, so you can complete them and then move forward with the learning.

We are excited to offer free training courses from industry-leading companies: Cisco, Sage, Qlik, Microsoft, and LinkedIn. These courses are designed to equip you with essential skills and knowledge, making you more competitive in the evolving job market. Below, we highlight the benefits of each training program and how they can enhance your career prospects.

Further information on these courses can be found:
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The careers hub provides hundreds of free online training course for you.
globalbanking.careercentre.me/u/hlck40yx



GBS Life Student Interview: The Hidden Jewel in GBS

The Enterprise Hub has been in full flow since the start of the year, with lots of comings and goings, entrepreneurial ideas and opportunities — but one has caught the eye during this first quarter. Jewel Alom popped his head around the door at the Enterprise Hub in room 414 of Norfolk House to discuss his product idea. It's a product that turns heads. We saw a photograph and immediately pondered on how striking it was. But we were wondering who the product was aimed at and what they would use it for?

Jewel's idea was a backpack with an inbuilt umbrella. The first question Ed Pearson, Senior Enterprise Officer at GBS asked was, "Who's going to buy one?". Lots and lots of people can buy this product but who was Jewel targeting initially? "Well, everyone can buy one", was the gist of the conversation. The temptation is to think everyone can buy this type of product and therefore we should market to everyone, and it'll be a 'winner'. That's not great thinking though from an entrepreneurial point of view. In fact, it's what we call 'stinking thinking', the kind of thought process that sees us calling out to everyone and appealing to nobody. This leads to stalled sales and very quickly ideas become stuck in the blocks and not running along the track.

It required a chat to start examining some tangible markets and work out who we can contact today, thereby making a practical plan of action. Far better, instead, to focus on the numbers of customers required to make a meaningful impact to a business and work out who those customers are, where they hang out and why they might be interested in your product.

They talked through the target markets where hiking, fishing and picnic days certainly came up in the discussion.

Then one niche area came up in conversation. The niche area they talked about needs to remain under wraps for a short while longer while the product is established in its sector. It suddenly felt possible to create initial sales of 20,000 items in the first couple of years. There's a working plan now to achieve that dream, and it'll generate something close to £2,000,000 and establish this as the go-to product for its niche area (which is why it's a secret a while longer as it's in launch phase right now).

Jewel commented, "I arrived with a great product, but sales had not started yet. There was a danger my business would never take off. Within an hour of chatting to Ed in the Enterprise Hub I had a plan, a real plan, to make sales happen and a strong idea on where to find my customers and how to approach them." This isn't Jewel's first business, it's his third foray into running a successful enterprise. The first two were successful import businesses. So, we asked him for feedback on the advice he had gotten from Ed at the Enterprise Hub, and he said, "This has been the best business advice I have received in my lifetime." Praise indeed. But the real star will surely be a jewel of a product developed by GBS student Jewel and talked about in the Enterprise Hub for a long while to come.

Email
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 for further information.





GEDU Group Expands Global Reach with Strategic Acquisitions

The GEDU Group, which GBS is a core part of, is a prominent provider of diverse educational opportunities and over the last 12 months has continued to solidify its position as a global leader in education through a series of strategic acquisitions. With operations in 12 countries, including the USA, Canada, UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Spain, Malta, UAE, India, Saudi Arabia, and Australia, GEDU offers a comprehensive portfolio of higher education qualifications, apprenticeships, and language schools. The group's focus on employability and student experience ensures a high return on investment for its 40,000+ students worldwide.

MetaGedu

MetaGedu is an English apprenticeship training provider offering tailored programs to both new entrants and existing employees across various industries. They combine qualifications with practical workplace experience, ensuring apprentices earn while they learn. MetaGedu focuses on bridging skills gaps for employers by developing new talent and upskilling current staff. Their programmes cover a wide range of qualifications designed to support specific job roles, with personalized support from application to graduation. MetaGedu is part of the GBS family, enhancing career prospects and professional growth through industry-relevant education.

Acquisition of Schiller International University

In a significant move, GEDU has acquired Schiller International University, marking an important entry into the American education market. Schiller, renowned for its campuses in Tampa (Florida), Madrid (Spain), Paris (France), and Heidelberg (Germany), offers undergraduate and

postgraduate degrees primarily in International Relations and Diplomacy, Business and Economics, Sustainability, and Tech and Data. The university's unique intercampus transfer facility and dual degree programmes, in partnership with the University of Roehampton, provide students with a rich international experience and flexibility between online and physical campuses.

Dr. Vishwajeet Rana, CEO of GEDU, highlighted the value of this acquisition: "Schiller International University has a great history of creating value through its presence on two continents across the Atlantic. Since we are committed to widening access to education, having Schiller in our fold will help us extend the same international experience and global perspective to students in newer geographies."

Expansion into the Performing Arts: Australian Performing Arts Conservatory

GEDU has also expanded into Australia with the acquisition of the Australian Performing Arts Conservatory (APAC) in Brisbane. APAC, known for its undergraduate programmes in acting, screen production, and song and dance, has a stellar reputation for producing successful TV, theatre, and film professionals. Notable alumni include actor Mirko Grillini and comedian Mark McConville.

Professor Ray Lloyd, Deputy CEO of GEDU, expressed excitement about the addition of APAC: "The acquisition of APAC, with its outstanding reputation in delivering performing arts education, allows us to extend our curricula offer whilst also extending our geographical reach into Australia."

Strengthening Management Education: École de Management Appliqué (EMA)

Furthering its reach in Europe, GEDU has acquired the Paris-based École de Management Appliqué (EMA). EMA, a multidisciplinary school offering qualifications in Law, Economics, and Arts, is a Qualiopi-certified training centre. The school provides undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral level education with courses in both English and French.

Professor Lloyd emphasised EMA's alignment with GEDU's values: "We are delighted to welcome EMA into the GEDU family. Their 20-year history of dedication to their students fits well with our core values, and we look forward to working with them to offer even more students access to high-quality higher education."

Enhancing Maritime Education: MLA College

GEDU's acquisition of MLA College, a UK-based higher education provider specialising in distance learning degrees for the marine and maritime sector, signifies another step towards expanding its global ambitions. MLA College, which partners with the University of Plymouth and UNITAR's CIFAL City of London, focuses on global sustainable development

programmes aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Professor John Chudley, Rector of MLA College, stated: "As education providers, it is our responsibility to develop methods which allow quality education to all, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals."

In Summary

Through these strategic acquisitions, GEDU Group is broadening its educational offerings and extending its global footprint. By incorporating institutions like Schiller International University, APAC, EMA, and MLA College into its portfolio, GEDU is poised to deliver diverse, high-quality educational programmes that enhance employability and student experience, furthering its mission of accessible and valuable education worldwide. This further strengthens your degree and its global reputation.



To keep up to date, please visit gedu.global for further details.

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GEDU Courses on Offer

Global Education (GEDU) offers a wide range of innovative educational programmes across 12 countries, aiming to transform lives through education. As alumni, you understand how important inclusivity and practical learning is. So, we wanted to share some of the courses within the portfolio which could prepare you for leadership roles in a globalised world.



The **Mastère en Management Appliqué** at École de Management Appliqué (EMA) is a two-year programme designed to develop advanced management skills. The curriculum includes core courses in finance, human resources, marketing, and business strategy, with specialization options in Business Law, Finance, and Creative Industries. The programme comprises 900 hours of coursework, providing practical and theoretical knowledge to prepare students for high-responsibility roles in various fields. It requires a Bachelor's degree (BAC +3) for admission and offers 120 ECTS credits upon completion. For more details, visit [EMA's Mastère Management Appliqué](#).

The **MBA programme** at École de Management Appliqué (EMA) is a comprehensive two-year programme designed to develop advanced management skills. It covers key areas such as strategy, finance, human resources, operations, and marketing. The programme includes 900 hours of coursework and offers specialisation options in Business Law, Finance, and Creative Industries. With 120 ECTS credits awarded upon completion, the program prepares students for high-responsibility roles in various industries. Admission requires a Bachelor's degree or equivalent. For more details, visit [EMA's MBA programme](#).

The **MLA Bytesize** courses, offered by MLA College in collaboration with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), are designed to provide concise, impactful learning experiences focused on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These short courses are ideal for learners looking to enhance their skills and knowledge interactively. Each course includes engaging video-based modules and quizzes, ensuring dynamic and effective learning. The program initially offers courses on SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 2

(Zero Hunger), with plans to roll out additional SDG-focused courses in the future. For more information, visit the [MLA Bytesize page](#).

The **MBA programme** at MLA College, verified by the University of Plymouth, is designed for professionals seeking flexible, tutor-supported, technology-enhanced distance learning. This comprehensive programme covers advanced techniques in research methods, project management, leadership, and statistics, tailored to fit around work and life commitments. Specialisations include Capital Markets & Finance, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, and Maritime Operations. The programme aims to equip students with strategic thinking and practical skills essential for leadership roles across various industries, enhancing career prospects through rigorous academic and practical training. For more details, visit the [MLA College website](#).

The **Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy** at Schiller International University is a 12-month programme offered at their Paris, Heidelberg, and Tampa campuses. This programme provides comprehensive training in global political dynamics, conflict resolution, human rights, and international law. It includes practical workshops and prepares students for careers in foreign service, international organizations, NGOs, and more. Graduates earn 36 American credits (45 for the UK dual degree). The program emphasises critical thinking, problem-solving, and cross-cultural communication. For more details, visit the [Schiller International University website](#).



Find out more at gedu.global



Enhancing Student Success: Insights from Dan Conneely at GBS's New Leeds Campus



Dan Conneely, GBS's Employability and Entrepreneurship Mentoring Manager, shares his insights from the new Leeds campus. Dan is dedicated to connecting students with mentors to enhance their career prospects and boost confidence, whilst recognising the importance of personalised mentoring.

We at GBS UK are thrilled to announce the expansion of our presence in Leeds with a new state-of-the-art facility in Wellington Place, which we moved into in June 2024. This modern building is conveniently located a short walk from Leeds station and our existing campus at St George House, making it easily accessible for both students and staff.

This new facility is designed to significantly enhance our student's experience; we have equipped it with modern classrooms and IT suites, providing an ideal learning environment that caters to the diverse needs of our students. Additionally, our face-to-face student support services area on

the ground floor is accessible and readily available to allow our students to interact with key staff, ensuring that everyone has the support and resources they need to succeed.

Our new campus includes comfortable break areas where students can relax and socialise between classes, and the surrounding business complex of Wellington Place is a vibrant and inspiring environment for our students, featuring various coffee shops, local supermarkets, waterside walks, and plenty of green spaces for outdoor activities. This lively neighbourhood offers many opportunities for our students to unwind and engage with the local business community here in Leeds.

This expansion represents a significant milestone for us, reflecting our commitment to continuous growth and improvement of the student environment at GBS UK, which I am pleased to play a continued part in. My team and I look forward to supporting our students in both of our Leeds campuses and connecting with the many first-class businesses operating alongside us in Wellington Place.

Give Back With Mentoring: Volunteer Mentor Opportunities Now Available

GBS has successfully launched their Professional Mentoring Programme, connecting students with a mentor to support their career ambitions to help our students fulfil their potential — and alumni are now welcome to apply and be part of that success!

What does a volunteer mentor do?

We match mentors with a student who wants to work in their mentor's career/job/industry area. Mentors can tell their student what jobs are really like, what skills their job/industry requires, provide advice on how they can apply for jobs, and give encouragement and support. Mentoring is really rewarding, and it only requires 6 hours of your time over a 6-month period.

What are the benefits for a mentor?

Volunteering one hour a month for 6-months to support a current GBS student's career journey is a great way of improving your own self-development. Not only do you get the satisfaction of passing on your knowledge and experience to play a part in helping someone else succeed, but you also get to boost your own personal and professional development by showcasing your abilities as a leader and mentor.

How can you get involved?

If you have 2+ years of career experience and can offer 1 hour a month for a total of 6 months, we would love to hear from you. Our Employability & Entrepreneurship Mentoring Manager, Dan Conneely, will be happy to chat to you at: mentoring@globalbanking.ac.uk or you can fill out a short application form.



Mentor application form

<https://rb.gy/0x5zvg>

What do our mentors say?

Volunteer mentor, Sameera, said "Empowerment begins when you believe in your own potential, set fearless goals, and expand your network with purpose. As a mentor to a Business and Entrepreneurship student at GBS, I felt ecstatic to guide my mentee who needed my support for goal setting and confidence in widening her business network."



Volunteer mentor, Sameera Khan



Entrepreneurship: It Was Standing Room Only

GBS embraces 'Enterprising Spirit' as one of its core values. More than simply a cornerstone of wishing to be entrepreneurial, it reflects the established and growing number of students who have an existing enterprise or have a desire to run one.

But beyond the words, it's impact that makes the real difference.

The Enterprise Hub has been in full flow since the start of the year, with lots of comings and goings with entrepreneurial ideas and opportunities, but one event caught the eye during this first quarter.

Hira Baber, CCA at Manchester Campus reached out to Ed Pearson the Senior Enterprise Officer based in the Norfolk House Campus in Birmingham mentioning that some students would value a face-to-face support meeting. The pair joined forces and sprang into planning.

Little did Ed realise just how in demand a support on enterprise was.

The first session was captured in photos with Hira getting 61 students to come along and hear Ed talk about achieving business growth with no budget. Growth has most likely already followed for one student, after the talk prompted a rethink in their approach to research and development around marketing approaches.

More reports like this are set to follow, as it was 'standing room only' in the room and the audience stayed for much more than the allocated one hour.

The most repeated request since that talk, 'we want Ed back in Manchester again'.

With that, and Hira's continued enthusiasm, it sounds like there'll be more students standing on their own two feet with an enterprise very soon.

Celebrating Your Success

Our annual Celebration of Student Success events celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students outside their primary academic studies. This inspiring evening highlights the accomplishments of those who have excelled in placements, engaged in volunteering initiatives, earned the Employability Award and have shown exemplary service as student representatives. With a focus on personal and professional growth, the event shows the value of these experiences. We not only applaud their hard work and commitment but also encourage others to pursue excellence in all facets of their academic experience.

Let's look at the event in all its glory, captured in the photos below.

At the Birmingham Norfolk House event, we had guest speaker Dee Scott, who highlighted her journey into becoming a lecturer at GBS, rejoining education after 15 years. Dee talked about her struggles adjusting back into studying full time and how her perseverance was rewarded in the end.

Students and staff were inspired by our keynote speaker, Eliot Kelly, who discussed their next steps, goal setting, and how to achieve the Five Pillars of

Success, also known as SHIFT, at our GEDU campus. This encompasses Spirit, Health, Intellect, Financial Freedom, and Teamwork.

Our next event was at the London Greenford campus, and was a huge success. Guest speaker Eliot Kelly returned for another insightful talk, and spoke about the importance of professional self-care and making connections in the professional space. His insights left everyone feeling motivated and better prepared for their future careers.

Keynote speakers at our events play a vital role in inspiring and guiding final year and graduate students as they transition into their professional lives. The messages they deliver are essential, providing students with the tools and mindset needed for success.

Dee Scott's talk on the rewards of perseverance and Eliot Kelly's insights into next steps, goal setting, and achieving success with SHIFT have been especially impactful across our campuses. Overall, these events have been a resounding success, celebrating the amazing work that our students do, offering invaluable wisdom, and motivating others to achieve their true potential and thrive in their future careers.



Reconnect and Give Back: Volunteer Opportunities for Alumni GBS Students

As an alumni member of GBS you hold a special place in our community. Your experiences, achievements, and memories continue to shape the on-going legacy of our institution.

Now, we invite you to reconnect in a meaningful way by volunteering your time and talents. Whether you're looking to assist with events, or contribute to alumni networks, there are numerous opportunities for you to make a lasting impact.

Volunteering as an Alumni student allows you to make new connections, share your experiences and learn from others. It can boost your CV with real work/life experience. You can also build valuable employability skills such as communication, teamwork, time management, organisation, problem-solving and explore different career options.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering at Global Banking School allows you to:

- Give Back: Share your expertise and experience with current students who can benefit from your guidance.
- Stay Connected: Strengthen your ties with the university community and stay informed about the latest developments and initiatives.
- Network: Engage with fellow alumni, faculty, and students, expanding your professional and social networks.
- Grow Your Skills: Enhance your leadership skills and gain satisfaction from helping others.

Present Volunteer Opportunities:

- Alumni Reunions: Help organise and manage alumni reunions, fostering a sense of community and celebration.
- Career Fairs: Share your professional journey and insights at career fairs, offering valuable advice to students exploring their career options.
- Guest Speaking: Offer your expertise as a guest speaker in relevant courses that you studied, providing real-world perspectives to students.
- Volunteer Events: Engage in community service projects organised by GBS.

External Volunteer Roles:

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to your community, gain new skills, and meet like-minded individuals. For those looking to find volunteer opportunities, several national volunteer databases can help you find opportunities that match your interests and availability. Here are some of the best platforms:

- doit.life
- volunteermatters.org.uk
- reachvolunteering.org.uk
- ncvo.org.uk (National Council for Voluntary Organisations)
- charityjob.co.uk
- london.gov.uk
- londonplus.org

Additionally, you can also volunteer with your local CVS (Council for Voluntary Service). Google your 'location' for example 'Manchester CVS' and you will find listings for local volunteer centres in your area. Local councils also provide volunteer opportunities.

Tips for Using Volunteer Databases

1. Create a Profile: Many volunteer databases allow you to create a profile, making it easier to apply for roles and get matched with suitable opportunities.
2. Set Preferences: Use filters to narrow down opportunities by location, interest, and availability.
3. Check Regularly: New opportunities are posted frequently, so check back often.
4. Be Open: Consider various roles, including those outside your primary area of interest, to broaden your experience and skills.

How to Get Involved

Getting started is easy! Simply visit our alumni (LinkedIn Page) and subscribe to the channel. Or you can contact Volunteer Lead Siobhan Johnston at volunteer@globalbanking.ac.uk

Additionally, keep an eye on our alumni newsletter for upcoming events.





Upcoming Events



Hi, I'm Jack, the Alumni Relations Officer here at GBS, and I'm working with the team to put on some amazing events for our alumni over the next 12 months.

You might think that your journey with us ends on graduation day, but the GBS alumni family is a community that will support you for life. So, as you toss

your caps in celebration alongside family and friends and embark on your career journey, we're already planning a wealth of events that will help you towards your milestones, no matter your goals or dreams.

From guest talks with industry professionals, to regular professional networking events, and opportunities to celebrate the work you've done since becoming a graduate, there's something for everyone to get involved in. We also have a range of on-demand resources, including video courses, recorded webinars, and support from our careers team.

Part of our events calendar for this year is the Business Opportunities and Networking event series, a casual networking event with staff, students, your fellow alumni and industry professionals at a different campus each month. Listen to talks from industry-leading guest speakers, with complementary food and a welcoming environment to make new contacts — you won't want to miss it. Here's a few key dates for the rest of the year:

- **Global Education House, Stratford (East London)**
Friday 19th July from 8-10am
- **Norfolk House (Birmingham)**
Friday 20th August from 12-2pm

- **Greenford (London)**
Friday 27th September from 12-2pm
- **Universal Square (Manchester)**
Friday 25th October from 12-2pm
- **Wellington Place (Leeds)**
Friday 22nd November from 12-2pm
- **Global Education House, Stratford (East London)**
Friday 13th December from 12-2pm



To find out more, and sign up to any of the upcoming networking events, follow this link.

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Our alumni events starts after Graduation 2024, with regular exciting events throughout the year, available to everyone in the GBS alumni community. While your life as a GBS student may have finished, we're ready to welcome you into the GBS alumni community and continue to support your growth towards success. Join our network of former GBS students, and gain access to our careers advice, workshops and a platform to share your achievements.

If you have any questions, or ideas for potential alumni events, drop us an email at alumni@globalbanking.ac.uk



You will find further details here:

globalbanking.ac.uk/alumni-community

Test Your Campus Knowledge

As GBS is such a diverse place, we thought we would create a quiz to see how much you know about all our campuses. So, here's fun quiz for all our GBS alumni:

1. Explore the City: One campus is located right next to one of the UK's largest town halls, sitting at 68.6 metres tall. Which one?

- a) George St House, Leeds
- b) GEDU

2. Industrial Heritage: Which campus is named after an industrial town in Staffordshire, accessible directly via canal?

- a) Fazeley
- b) Manchester

3. Historic Architecture: Which campus is close to a building started in 1863, designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott?

- a) George St House, Leeds
- b) Cam

4. Railway Marvels: Which campus is near the largest railway station in the country, when it opened on 8 February 1885?

- a) Norfolk House near New Street Station
- b) GEDU near Stratford International Station

5. Footloose: Which campus is the furthest from a railway station by foot?

- a) Manchester
- b) Fazeley

6. Waterways and Names: Which campus is located near a water crossing and includes it in its name?

- a) Greenford
- b) Cam

7. Canal Proximity: Which campus is just 100 meters from the Grand Union Canal?

- a) Greenford
- b) Fazeley

8. Spacious Grounds: Which campus building boasts the largest area, with 97,028 square metres of total space?

- a) Manchester
- b) Greenford

9. Classroom Count: One of our campuses has 55 classrooms, which is the highest number across GBS. Which campus has this many? (Hint: Check the door signs!)

- a) Manchester
- b) Greenford

10. Warehouse Wonders: Which campus was formerly a warehouse?

- a) Fazeley
- b) Bow

11. Sweet History: Which campus is near an old Custard factory?

- a) Fazeley
- b) Greenford

12. Government Design: Which campus was originally designed as a Government office?

- a) Bow
- b) Greenford

13. Classroom Colours: What are the colours of the chairs in the classrooms?

- a) Red/Green
- b) Red/Blue

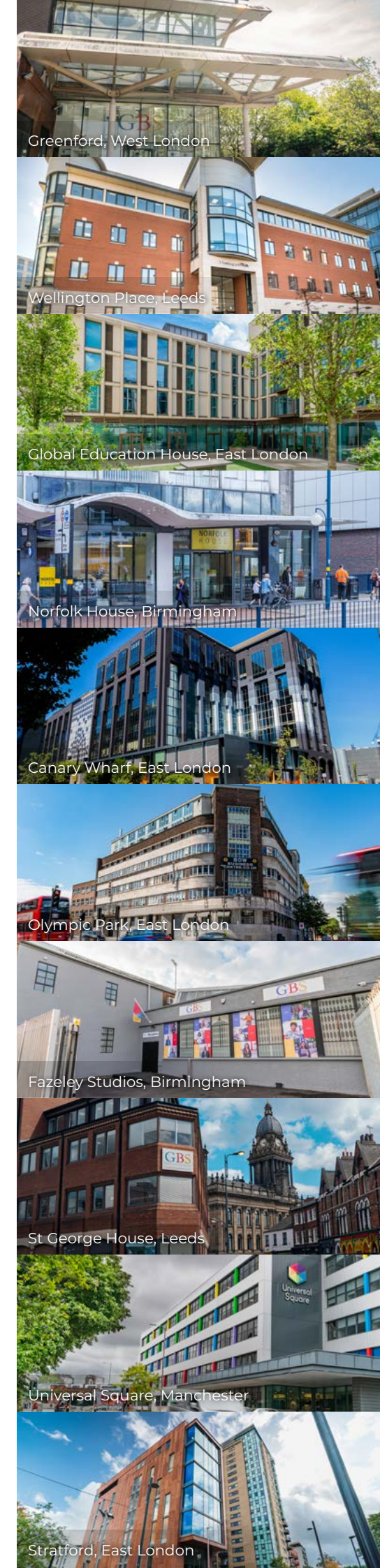
14. GBS Origins: Which is the original GBS Campus?

- a) Greenford
- b) Bow

15. GBS Distance: Which Two Campuses are furthest apart by car?

- a) Bow to George St House, Leeds
- b) Cam to Manchester

Enjoy your trip down memory lane and good luck with the quiz!



Answers: 1=A, 2=A, 3=A, 4=A, 5=A, 6=A, 7=A, 8=A, 9=A, 10=A, 11=A, 12=A, 13=B, 14=B, 15=B



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