

# Oliver Bennett

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Economics graduate (2:1, University of Manchester) with internship experience in audit and a strong record of quantitative coursework. Seeking a place on a Big 4 graduate scheme, building towards the ACA qualification. Comfortable with financial statements, Excel modelling and presenting analysis to non-specialists.

## EDUCATION

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**BSc Economics — Upper Second-Class Honours (2:1)** 2022 – 2025

*University of Manchester*

- Dissertation: pricing behaviour of UK challenger banks (graded 74, First)
- Key modules: Econometrics (72), Corporate Finance (68), Accounting (70)
- Year-2 group consultancy project for a Manchester fintech — presented pricing analysis to the founders (graded 75)

**A-Levels: Mathematics (A\*), Economics (A), History (A)** 2020 – 2022

*King Edward VI Sixth Form, Birmingham*

- Senior Prefect · Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Summer Audit Intern** Jun – Aug 2024

*Hartwell & Mason LLP — Manchester*

- Supported audit fieldwork for three clients in retail and manufacturing (revenue £20M–£150M)
- Tested revenue and payroll samples and documented findings in audit software
- Attended stocktakes and client walkthroughs at two sites; drafted sections of the management letter
- Received a graduate-scheme fast-track interview offer following the internship

**Spring Insight Week** Apr 2023

*Global investment bank — London*

- Completed rotations across markets, IBD, and risk; built a mock pitch book in a four-person team

**Student Caller** Oct 2023 – May 2024

*University of Manchester Development Office*

- Raised £4,200 in alumni donations across two campaigns; top 10% of callers
- Balanced 8-hour calling weeks with a full course load across two academic years

## SKILLS

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- Excel (lookups, pivot tables, scenario modelling) · introductory Python and R from econometrics coursework
- PowerPoint and report drafting · Bloomberg Terminal (university trading-room induction)
- Clear written and verbal communication — seminar presentations and society committee work

## ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERESTS

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- Treasurer, Economics Society — managed a £6,000 annual budget and grew membership 30%
- Winner, university-wide stock-pitch competition 2024 (team of three, 60 entrants)
- Half-marathon runner (Manchester 2025); 5-a-side football

## REFERENCES

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Available on request.