## James Watson

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## **EDUCATION:**

2016 -

University College, London, MSc in Economics

Awarded 81 in exam Introductory Mathematics and Statistics

2013 –

University of Oxford (New College), BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2,i)

2016:

- Distinction earned in first year exams, awarded Academic Scholarship
- Public Economics 71, Political Theory 71, Comparative Political Economy 72, Macroeconomics 70

2006 –

Saint Olave's Grammar School, London:

2013:

- GCE A Levels: Economics A\*, Maths A\*, History A\*, Further Maths A
- Level 3 Extended Project Qualification: A\* (Full marks awarded)
- Selected Vice-Captain of School responsible for academic matters & societies
- GCSEs: 12 A\* Grades including Maths, English, 3 Sciences, 2 Languages

## **EXPERIENCE:**

June-

Summer Placement at Oxford Economics (Global Macro Team)

September 2016

- Personally conducted in-depth research into debt dynamics in a low-yield environment, using my initiative to identify key cases and existing theory
- Conceived, built and populated a framework for detailed debt sensitivity analysis
- Produced research briefing using results from my framework to analyse how key cases are redefining debt sustainability (published Sep. 2016)
- Trained to use Oxford Economics' industry-leading global macroeconomic model, in addition to Bloomberg, Haver data and advanced MS Excel features
- Assisted with editorial process for a number of company publications

June – October 2015 Summer Placement Student at **HM Treasury** (Banking and Credit Team)

- Worked in a team to deliver impact assessment and consultation response for EU Payments Accounts Directive
- Managed Help to Buy: ISA risk register, including reports to Senior Civil Servants
- Conducted research into long-term policy strategy for the Payments branch
- Completed correspondence and Freedom of Information requests across Team
- End of placement review cited strengths in making effective decisions, analytical ability, changing and improving and rapid understanding of detail

January –

Researcher at **OxPolicy** student think-tank

June 2015

- Conducted primary and secondary research into welfare benefits stigma (March-June) and Gypsy & Traveller education (January-March)
- Worked as part of a team to produce two full research reports

July - Sept.

Intern at the Counter Human Trafficking Bureau

2014

- Responsible for publicity about key CHTB research
- Researched, designed and created communications strategy for awarenessraising campaign to reach Roma communities in several local authorities
- Prepared policy advice to other NGOs during passage of UK modern slavery law

July – Sept.

Funding Volunteer with JusB Youth Charity

2014

- Administered funding database
- Researched trusts and corporations as sources of funding and prepared application letters, yielding £4,000 of funds with a further potential pipeline

## **OTHER INTERESTS:**

Acting

Performed in 'The Norman Conquests' in the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2015. Profit of £700, raising audience numbers with distinctive marketing

French Horn  Principal horn and Treasurer of Oxford University Orchestra 2014/15, including executing all sales for most financially successful summer term in over 10 years