

Thomas Middleton - TTS Student: 2003 - 2010

Current role: Assistant Lecturer and PhD Student

Career pathway:

After leaving Thomas Telford, I went on to study for a BSc in Financial Economics with Econometrics with a Year in Industry at the University of Kent where I achieved a First Class degree with honours and was awarded the dissertation prize. As part of my degree I worked for a year as an intern for a large multi-national business and was given the intern of the year award. I was awarded an ESRC full scholarship to complete my MSc and PhD at the university. In 2015 I graduated with a First class Master's degree in Economics from the University of Kent and was once more awarded the dissertation prize, in addition I achieved the highest marks in my cohort and was awarded the Walter Hagenbuch prize for best academic performance.

Advice for students:

While being an academic is not something one would traditionally call hard work it is taxing in many ways. The most important piece of advice I would give would be to maintain a good work-life balance and that the most important skill for anyone to learn is how to see critical feedback in a positive manner, leading to personal development.

Plans for the future:

I intend to spend the coming years completing my PhD which looks at savings behaviour and its associated microeconometrics. Beyond this I hope to continue working in research either in the public or private domain, directly applying my knowledge of economics.

Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?

The football trip to Holland was great fun and was the first time I went abroad without my parents!

