

# Zachary Whelan

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## EDUCATION

<b>Durham University   BA (Hons) Philosophy, Politics, and Economics with Year Abroad,</b> (on track for 1 <sup>st</sup> Class)	Sept. 2022 – Jun. 2026
▪ Notable modules: Economic Methods, Macro Application and Policy, Principles of Economics.	
<b>Aarhus University   Business School   Denmark,</b>	Sept. 2024 – Jun. 2025
<b>Hampton School   London,</b>	Sept. 2014 – Jun. 2021
▪ A-levels: Mathematics (A*), Economics (A*), Politics (A*), and AS Level Art (A).	
▪ GCSEs: 10 A*s and 1 A (inc. Further Maths).	

## FINANCE AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Pictet Asset Management,</b>	London, UK
<i>Intern,</i>	Jul. 2025 – Aug. 2025
▪ Collaborated with the Total Return team on two flagship funds, <i>Atlas</i> and <i>Consumer</i> with a combined AUM of \$4.1bn, contributing to analysis of long-short equity strategies in the consumer discretionary sector.	
▪ During <i>Diageo</i> 's earnings season, reviewed over 15 analyst reports and discussed insights with equity analysts; gained introductory experience using Bloomberg and produced an 8-page investment thesis linking demographic consumption trends to market valuations.	
▪ Completed a rotational internship across 10 investment teams, including Multi-Asset, GEM, Trading, CPM, Sales and ESG, developing an understanding of how different functions interact within the wider investment process.	
▪ Attended team meetings, shadowed portfolio managers and client-facing staff, and observed how investment ideas are communicated and executed across the firm.	
<b>Aarhus University, Business School,</b>	Aarhus, Denmark
<i>Applied Finance Coursework,</i>	Jan. 2025 – Jun. 2025
▪ Applied core financial concepts including portfolio theory, capital budgeting, risk-return analysis, and derivatives in case studies and problem sets, using Excel for financial modelling, scenario analysis, and valuation exercises.	
<b>Generative AI Applied Project,</b>	Aarhus, Denmark
<i>6-month Course,</i>	Aug. 2024 – Dec. 2024
▪ Built a custom Spotify playlist generator in Python using the Spotify API, integrating 35+ structured input options with free-text descriptions to deliver personalised playlists.	
▪ Coordinated with 4 teammates on interface design and integration, and tested the tool with student users to improve usability.	
<b>Data Analysis &amp; Text Mining Research Project,</b>	Durham, UK
<i>Student Research,</i>	Nov. 2023 – May 2024
▪ Analysed 200+ documents on Turkish-Armenian diplomatic relations using the natural language processing capabilities of an LLM to perform sentiment and rhetoric analysis to identify key diplomatic trends.	
▪ Streamlined data management through Excel, structuring complex datasets to extract meaningful insights.	

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>The Championships, Wimbledon – AELTC,</b>	London, UK
<i>Retail Stock Team Leader,</i>	Jun. 2025 – Jul. 2025
<i>Retail Assistant,</i>	Jun. 2024 – Jul. 2024
▪ Promoted to team leader a year early, directing stock operations and supervising a team of 10 in the Centre Court Wimbledon Shop.	
▪ Coordinated 100+ daily inventory replenishments, led daily briefings, delegated tasks, and trained new staff to ensure smooth operations and maintain a cohesive, high-performing team during one of the UK's most prestigious sporting events.	
<b>Vail Resorts,</b>	Colorado, USA
<i>Full-time Professional Ski and Snowboard Instructor,</i>	Nov. 2021 – Apr. 2022
▪ Relocated independently to the US at 18 for a full-time role, earning PSIA Level 1 certification and securing pro-deals with leading outdoor brands (The North Face, Helly Hansen), demonstrating industry recognition and experience in brand partnerships.	
▪ Instructed groups of 10–12 clients, achieving a 70% repeat client rate through clear communication and tailored lesson plans.	
▪ Strengthened resilience through 15-day work streaks in demanding conditions, consistently delivering solutions under pressure.	
<b>The River Café,</b>	London, UK
<i>Waiter,</i>	Aug. 2021 – Nov. 2021
▪ Served 50–70 high-profile clients per shift in a Michelin-star restaurant, collaborating closely with a 15-person front-of-house team.	
<b>Camp Dudley,</b>	New York, USA
<i>Summer Camp Counsellor,</i>	Jul. 2019 – Aug. 2023
▪ Led daily activities for a cabin of 10 boys, planning and executing programs across four summers whilst developing leadership skills.	

## INTERESTS, POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CERTIFICATIONS

<b>Captain, St. Cuthbert's Society 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football Team:</b> Elected captain of university college 1 <sup>st</sup> team, managing a squad of over 20 players and overseeing an annual budget of ~£1,500 for equipment, pitch fees and logistics.
<b>Durham University Football Club:</b> Committed member, participating in university-level competitions and training sessions.
<b>JPMorgan Chase – Introduction to Investment Banking Virtual Experience Program:</b> Online module on sell-side fundamentals.
<b>Social Secretary, St. Cuthbert's Society Mixed Lacrosse Team:</b> Organised social events and coordinated team activities to foster team cohesion.
<b>School Prefect:</b> Nominated by the Head of Year to supervise lower school students, demonstrating leadership and responsibility.
<b>National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS):</b> Completed a 22-day wilderness backpacking expedition in Wyoming, demonstrating teamwork and leadership skills in challenging environments.