Nathaniel Watson

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EDUCATION

The London School of Economics and Political Science — **London, United Kingdom**
Bachelor of Science in Economics — *September 2024 – July 2027*

- 2:1 Predicted
- Relevant 1st/2nd Year Modules: Principles of Finance, Econometrics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, and Globalization of Economic Growth.
- LSESU Business and Investment Group, Hockey & Rowing
- M&A Analyst, LSE Industry Coverage Society – Financial Institutions Group (December 2024 – May 2025)

St John's Marlborough — **Marlborough, United Kingdom**
A-Levels and GCSE — *September 2017 – July 2024*

- A-Levels: A* Mathematics, A History, A Chemistry, B Further Mathematics, A in EPQ (focused on economic responses to the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK, US, and China).
- Gold Award in the UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge.
- GCSEs: 9999999887 across 10 subjects.
- Senior Student (2022/23) and Student Prefect (2021/22), enhancing leadership skills.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Aviva Investors — **London, United Kingdom**
Portfolio Manager Shadow — *September 2026*

- Shadowed a portfolio manager and engineers across multi-strategy and other desks, gaining front-to-back exposure to the investment process.
- Observed portfolio construction and frontline risk functions.
- Met analysts on the graduate scheme to understand career pathways into asset management.

Ascona Group — **Marlborough, United Kingdom**
Supervisor — *June 2026 – Present*

- Supervised the team on shift, delegating duties and covering for the Site Manager as required.
- Responsible for all cash and admin duties, including financial reporting and email correspondence.
- Managed stock replenishment and deliveries, enforcing site due diligence standards.

NAUSTEC — **Remote**
Project Analyst — *June – July 2026*

- Conducted market research into an AI-driven therapy companion tool designed to summarise patient feelings between sessions, reducing in-session recap time.
- Analysed the competitive landscape in AI mental health tools to inform the product's market positioning.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and Trinity College London — **London, United Kingdom**
Trombone and Piano

- Distinction in Grade 8 Piano (130/150).
- Diploma and Associate of Trinity College London (ATCL) in Trombone Recital (73/100).
- Demonstrated dedication and time management by balancing advanced music studies with academic commitments, key to a work-life balance.

West of England Youth Orchestra — **Bradford-on-Avon, United Kingdom**
1st Trombone — *August 2022 – May 2023*

- Led the trombone section of multiple musicians, developing leadership and coordination skills throughout rehearsals and performances.
- Performed leading parts and solos in three major concerts, demonstrating confidence and expertise in a high-stress environment.

VOLUNTEERING

Venture Force — **Gunjur, The Gambia**
Community Support Volunteer — *August 2023*

- Raised £3,200 for a voluntary expedition to Gunjur, The Gambia, a town twinned with my hometown.
- Co-ordinated and assisted in the construction of a storehouse for women farmers, turtle conservation efforts, and street cleaning initiatives.

Marlborough Penguins — **Marlborough, United Kingdom**
Swim Teacher — *October 2019 – December 2023*

- Instructed early-level swimming to children aged 5-10, focusing on building fundamental skills and water confidence.
- Enhanced clear and concise communication abilities through regular interaction with pupils and parents.

3Dcrowd — **Marlborough, United Kingdom**
Volunteer PPE Production — *March 2020 – July 2020*

- Worked with a team of volunteers to 3D-print personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline workers and NHS institutions during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Developed problem-solving skills by troubleshooting 3D printing issues and ensuring consistent production output.

ADDITIONAL

- GCSE proficiency in Spanish
- SEQ Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching)
- Educational Proficiency in Stata, Python and LaTeX, with Codecademy Learn Python 3 certification