



### THOMAS'S FULHAM

## Douglas Harrod Class of 2011

I began at Thomas's Fulham in September of 2005, joining the inaugural Reception class of RFW.

I especially enjoyed the Science classes, particularly the playground experiments. Thomas's also cultivated my love of reading and reminiscing. That has me wondering if the books that I gave to the school library as birthday gifts are still there.

During Year 6, in 2011 I departed not only Thomas's Fulham but the UK altogether, moving to Brisbane, Australia. Having been with the small inaugural class it was a very tightly knit group, so as I was leaving partway through the year I got quite the send off, which I still remember fondly. Once in Australia I graduated from Brisbane Grammar School in 2018 before studying Economics at the University of Queensland.

This was followed by a gap year where I briefly returned to the UK for some study and caught up with friends from my time at Thomas's, before returning to UQ for some further business study. The gap year also included a range of camping, hiking, sailing and other outdoor activities in Anakiwa, New Zealand, very reminiscent of what we did on the Isle of Wight. Mr Wild would certainly be surprised by how much time I spend outdoors now, having been quite the bookworm for most of my time at school.

In 2024 I'll be commencing a Master of Strategic Studies at the Australian National University in Canberra. I credit Thomas's for giving me a wide range of interests and ingraining values of helping other people.

