

# 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.

**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.

**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.

**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!

