



# ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH JANUARY 2025



## **James Driscoll**

Financial Planning Associate (City of London)  
and Professional Tennis Umpire

***The quote I live by:***

***“The expert in anything was once a beginner.”***

I’m currently a Financial Planning Associate for Augustine Ltd with the view to qualify as a Chartered Financial Planner over the coming years. I have worked in financial services in the

City of London since I left STM in 2014 having worked my way up from an entry level position to Operations Manager at Canada Life UK before recently moving to Augustine Ltd. I always knew university wasn’t for me as I wanted to get out and forge a career for myself at the earliest opportunity, plus I hated revising and exams! I still do.... but passing exams in the world of work often leads to promotions and career progression.

Outside of my 9 to 5 office job, I have a side job of Professional Tennis Umpire for the ITF (International Tennis Federation) and LTA (Lawn Tennis Association). I have been involved in tennis locally for over 20 years and realised early on I was never going to make it as a player! I thought if you can’t beat them, be in charge of them!

In 2016 I qualified as a Line Umpire and then Chair Umpire two years later. In the years since, I have worked my way up to the Elite National Group for the UK, there are only a dozen of us out of a couple hundred people and have worked numerous prestigious events in this country and overseas. This year I will work at my sixth Wimbledon Championships.

### **PROFILE:**

**NAME: James Driscoll**

**JOB: Financial Planning Associate (City of London) and Professional Tennis Umpire**

**YEAR left STM: 2014**

**Went into the world of work straight from school**