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Dragon's Den – St Joseph's Enterprise Project

On 3 December 2021, St Joseph's hosted its first ever 'Dragon's Den' event, where representatives from each year group will present their business ideas to our panel of investor Dragons for an opportunity to gain investment.

The Dragons have significant experience working with businesses on strategies to improve productivity and growth, which we hope will provide valuable lessons for our young entrepreneurs. Below are brief profiles of our Dragons.

Ms Zainab Zorokong

Zainab is a policy advisor/chief of staff in the U.K. civil service and is also one of our school Governors.

She has previous experience working in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) where she developed policies to support business productivity and growth.

Outside of work she enjoys mentoring young people and does so for many organisations in the community.

Mr Arindam Das

Arindam Das leads Westwood Global Energy Group's Commercial Advisory business and is a member of the Executive Management team. He is also one of the Trustees of the school's charitable foundation.

He is based in Westwood's London offices and has over 15 years of experience in the provision of commercial, strategic and financial advisory services to clients in the energy industry.

He started his career as a Field Engineer with Baker Hughes in the US Gulf of Mexico, followed by a decade of experience in Mergers & Acquisitions, Capital Raising and Principal Investments in the energy sector.

In addition to the UK, Arindam has also worked in India, the United States and Canada.

He holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and a MBA (Finance) from Queen's University in Canada.

Arindam has a keen interest in the Energy Transition and Net Zero. In his spare time, he loves reading, listening to podcasts and sports (cricket and rugby). He is currently reading "Speed & Scale - Solving Our Climate Crisis" by John Doerr"

