

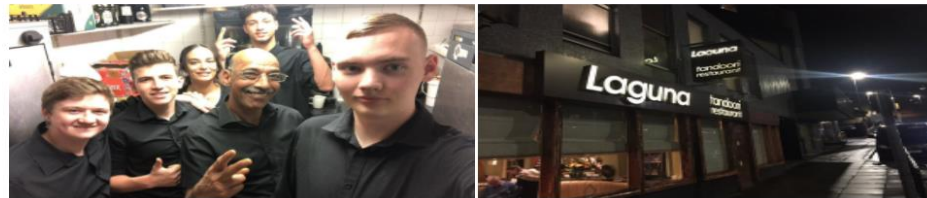
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## Personal Profile

I believe I am a very ambitious and open-minded individual who loves to learn and develop the prior knowledge about topics I have an interest in and have previously learnt about.

My everyday use of computer systems has extended my capability to independently engineer and source solutions to problems that have developed throughout my schooling years. I hope this skill will continue to develop my character during my time at University.





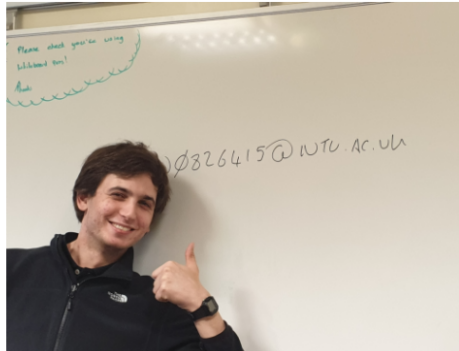
### Waitering (2017-2019)

I started working at the Laguna Tandoori restaurant towards the end of 2017, which is it's busiest time of year. I believe that my work as a waiter has been extremely rewarding and a massive contributor towards my personal development over these two years. I have learnt how to work efficiently in a team and speak in a way that better articulates what I am trying to explain to others.

I would argue that effective communication skills are a must-have skill which is required to work effectively in the technology industry. Throughout my career, I expect that I will need to present information in front of an audience on a regular basis, this is where I believe this skill will be best implemented.

I have also found that my confidence has grown as a result of working as a waiter. For example, I act less awkward when talking to strangers. This has had a positive impact on my ability to open conversations and network at specific events such as DDD.





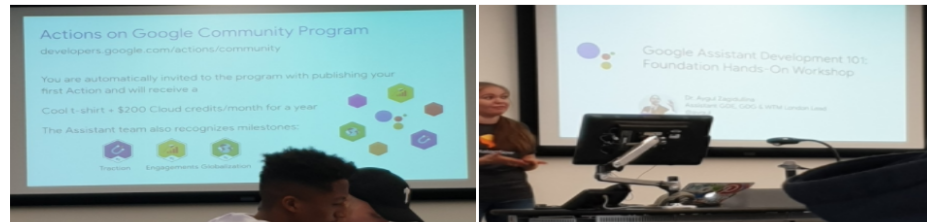
### Student Mentor (Sessions)

In total, we have had 8 student mentor sessions (1 hour each). In these sessions, the mentors primarily check up on our wellbeing and how university is treating us (mainly to check that we are keeping up with the work).

These sessions are personally a real help to me as it shows that hard-work can pay off, especially considering and that they have (relatively recently) completed the same first year of university.

These student mentor sessions act as an opportunity for us to ask questions to clarify our understanding on topics which may be confusing such as assignment submission dates. We also have student mentors present in our laboratory sessions. This extra help is particularly beneficial as it provides a fresh set of eyes on code/html which is hard to debug or fix.





## Digital Horizons

Digital Horizons was full of events, most of which were interesting and enjoyable to attend. I first attended the research showcase on affective computing. I thought this was a good way of accessing a different perspective on how academics set out their work.

Afterwards, I attended a research talk which was hosted by Mufti Mahmud. This talk's focus was around Neuroengineering and the challenges of the practice in modern society. His findings explained how it is implemented in the industry.

To finish of the week, I attended a Google talk on voice controlled devices. The talk leader was very factual in the way she spoke and it was obvious she had experience in this field. The talk was good as it provided a background on the behaviour of these types of devices. After the talk, we were able to attend a workshop which showed us how to actually make a chat bot. The instructions were clear and very easy to follow.





### Developer Developer Developer East Midlands

DDD is a free one-day technical event for developers, and has been running for more than 10 years. It is present in many of the major cities in England and does a good job at nurturing talented speakers, who have gone on to present at National and International Conferences.

One of the best talks at DDD (in my opinion) was hosted by **Dylan Beattie**. He is a software architect, most famous for developing the Rockstar programming language. The Rockstar programming language takes code and turns it into rock lyrics. He then played this in front of everyone at DDD (see video below).

