# Alex McKenzie

### Personal Information

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### Education

2012–present **MMathPhil Mathematics and Philosophy**, *University of Oxford*, First Class (first three years).

- Double First Class
- Awarded the Les Woods Scholarship

2010–2012 **A-levels**, Thornton Grammar School, A\* A\* A.

A\*s in Maths and Further Maths, A in Physics.

- Awarded the A-level Further Maths prize
- o Awarded the 'Academic Appointments' prize for best A-level achievement

2008–2010 **GCSEs**, *Thornton Grammar School*, *7 A\*s*, *4 As*, *1 B*. including A\*s in all three Sciences, Maths and English Language.

# Experience

July 2015 **Training Internship**, *Softwire*, London.

- o Learned C#, various web technologies and the basics of commercial software development
- o Programmed individually and in pairs
- o In a team of six, wrote an internal Softwire app for lunch collection

July 2014 Academic Mentor, UNIQ Summer School, Oxford.

Provided help and support for prospective university students.

- Responsible for nine students for a week
- Fostered team spirit with team challenges
- o Gave presentation on 'How to build a calculator out of dominoes'

# Positions of Responsibility

2014-2015 Website and Computing Officer, Balliol JCR.

- Managed college student union's website, maintaining and modifying several custom Drupal modules
- Managed mailing lists
- Provided general computing help

Oct-Nov '13 Volunteer Trainer, Oxford Nightline.

Trained 9 students as a team of 3, over 2 full days of training and 1 day of assessment.

Feb 2014 Musical Director, Balliol Charity Musical.

- o Arranged, organised and directed all music in musical
- o Ran rehearsals for band

### 2014 Maestro Music, Balliol JCR.

- o Provided equipment, advice and support for music events
- Organised a successful open mic night

# Computer Skills

### Languages o Python

- - Self-taught over summer vacation
  - Familiar with basic object-oriented concepts
- LaTeX (intermediate)
- C# (basic)

- Software o Comfortable with Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook.
  - o Proficient with Windows and familiar with Linux

# Other Qualifications

Piano	Grade 8 (Merit)	2012
Drums	Grade 8 (Merit)	2012
Duke of	Bronze	2011
Edinburgh		

## Interests and Activities

- Music o Perform regularly as part of a band or on my own
  - Won the talent competitions at both my school and my college at Oxford
  - o Compose and have recorded my own music
  - o Member of Balliol choir; part of concert tour to Florence in 2014

- Drama o Major acting role in production of 'His Dark Materials' in November 2014
  - Lead role in production of 'The Sorcerer' at the Minack Theatre

Volunteering o Volunteer for Oxford Nightline, a confidential listening service for students