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**Personal Statement**

Since I was a young child I have been curious about how things are made and programmed. I would begin to take things apart and reconstruct them. Later on in life, I would get my first laptop and begin to learn programming and over years I would begin to learn different programming languages. Afterwards, I began to have an academic interest in completing a Computing course which has allowed to, just out of my knowledge that I managed to express, develop my curiosity and database. I was able to complete the course and develop my understanding of the different program languages. I know that I would be right for the job because not only do I have a fundamental knowledge, I am always trying to solve problems and I am stubborn once I have something that I need to do, I would spend countless hours in my day programming games to make sure I encapsulate everything that I imagine the game could be.

I also do look after my family as a carers but this would not impact my ability to work and hold down a full-time job as I have worked several previously. When ever I would have time as a child after looking after my family I would always do a creative art or even learn programming. I find time for the things I enjoy.

**Health and Wellbeing**

I am generally healthy and try my best to exercise and remain fit. With my previous job being 6 miles away, I could cover this distance on bike to get some fresh air. I have had asthma as a child and haven’t been experiencing it to the extent I used to. For a lot of time I tried different sports and fighting classes, which have kept me fit and pushed me to become more athletic.

**Skills and Abilities**

I have spent countless hours learning programming languages either in or out of school. I am very stubborn and will continue to try and find solutions until I feel like I would require help. In my latest job as a chef, I took the job as a creative outlet, it aided in my understanding of teamwork and made me aware of my individual abilities and strong points, alongside my weak spots. There’s been times where I have been able to show leadership as I have been able to help the team through different problems, just as they have supported me. Working in kitchen has developed my personality and confidence when in the spotlight, as I am able to solve situations under pressure and also maintain an organised head and work space.

**Education**

Whilst studying at Hope Academy I have managed to obtain my GCSE results. During my GCSE's I chose ECDL, ICT and Business Studies, where I learnt about technology and about how to run and open a business.

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| European Computer Drivers Licence (ECDL) | Distinction |
| Mathematics | B |
| ICT | C |
| English | D |
| Science | D |
| Applied Science | D |
| Business Studies | E |
| Religious Studies | F |
| History. | F |

I earned my place on a Computing course due to my complete interest and knowledge of the subject already. I managed to complete the course and gain a Merit overall. During the entire course I was able to understand many different topics like programming, using http, python and CSS, we managed to touch up on the use of pseudo code. We also did topics on internet safety, by covering a topic of how to improve an organisation’s safety and security whilst storing, using and maintaining personal data. Also created a website for a client using http. During this I would also teach my self how to program using java and a few other languages.

I also managed to get a Distinction in a level 3 Engineering course.

**Work Experience**

Worked within a catering agency for the last 2 years of my academics, I did this so I could have a job that was pressuring and also to be able to see different places and work within different fields. Other than this job I have also worked as a Chef which I did as an apprenticeship just so I was able to work within a range of different situations and also to allow me some form of flexibility as the hours where relatively generous. These two jobs have undeniably changed and effected the way I would think as I now know my limits and have also been able to learn and work within a team. In this job I have been able to show a part of my creative nature but outside of work I would continue to do different things to properly keep my creativity going. I would like a job that would offer more of a challenge and allow me to use my creativity and skills to create the correct and appropriate solution.

**Personal Interests**

I love to collect different consoles and games, I have begun repairing and fixing controllers for older consoles, this interest is something that I built whilst working in the kitchen as a creative and a practical output. I have always wanted to do this as a kid and I want to be able to continue within this field and better myself.