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Education

2015-present University of Kent, Canterbury

BSc Computer Science

Stage 1: Merit

I have enjoyed all areas of my first year. The most important technical skill I have learnt is the Java language. I have also learnt multiple web-based programming languages (client/server side) such as HTML, CSS, Javascript, jQuery, MySQL, Erlang, PHP and AJAX.

Studying towards my degree I have learnt other skills such as organisation, user requirements, project management and teamwork.

2013-15 Meopham School Sixth Form, Meopham

A levels: Finance (B)
BTECs: Information Technology (Distinction*)
Business (Distinction*)
Public Services (Distinction*)

2008-13 Meopham Secondary School, Meopham

GCSEs: English (B), Maths (B) and 8 other subjects (A*-C)

Work Experience

Jun-Aug 2016 Labourer - Private

During my summer break I worked very closely with 4 other people on a private build housing project. As we were working with building plans, there was a lot of problem solving involved and adaptability.

Jun-Aug 2015 Window Fitter - Anglian Windows

My job at Anglian involved me working alongside my boss and another fitter. Due to the deadlines set, the work was very intense. Despite this being physically hard work I learnt how to positively work efficiently.

Mar-Jun 2015 Front and Back of House - Ship Inn

I began work as a trainee chef, later into the job I also served and accommodated for the guests. My training covered health and safety, food safety, customer satisfaction and many more topics.

Interests

- Working out: I regularly go to the gym in attempt to maintain a healthy and positive lifestyle. I have learnt many skills since joining the gym such as organisation, determination and commitment.
 - Basketball: I play basketball as a leisurely activity for fun and exercise. Through this, I have learnt planning and teamwork skills.
 - Swimming: Another sport I take part in is swimming so that I can keep healthy. Swimming has helped me improve my determination and commitment skills in other aspects of life.
 - Gaming: In my own time I like to relax and play video games. I enjoy the creative and strategic thinking aspect of the games as well as thinking from a computer scientist's perspective how the game has been constructed.
 - Cooking: I am very passionate about cooking and take a lot of pride in the meals I make. Cooking has improved my organisation, preparation and ability to work under pressure.
 - Technology: In my own time, I have taken apart hardware, created software, websites, animations, illustrations and videos. I am known amongst many of my friends and family as the person ablest to help with their IT issues.
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Achievements

- School council: During my time at Meopham School I was elected to be the School Council representative for my tutor group. As part of this role I brought forward the suggestions that the sixth form students gave me, which I then discussed in school council meetings with members of staff.
 - Sixth Form Social Committee: I was also a member of the sixth form social committee, a committee in which a small group of us organised activities for the sixth form students and staff to take part in. The events we held ranged from barbecues to the end of year prom.
 - Football: In the past I played in a defensive position for a Sunday league football team called Hartley De Sales. In my last season playing for the team we finished second on the results table in our division.
 - Acting and Singing: During primary and secondary school I took part in many performance, regularly being cast as one of the main characters. In these shows I'd have many lines and sometimes sing full songs by myself.
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