**Kieran McKinney**

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I have developed many skills such as my natural inquisitiveness that pushes me to learn new things and explore new ideas, which has served me well when settling into a new part of the UK for study. I am also well served by my dedication and determination to achieve something when I set myself a goal.

**Education:**

**GCSEs;**

• English Language — A

• English Literature — A

• Double Award Science — AB

• Maths — B

• Religious Studies — B

• Geography — B

• History — B

• Spanish — C

**Higher Education;**

Currently enrolled in a Bachelor’s Degree Programme in Finance – University of Dundee (Graduation 2026)

**A-levels;**

• Government & Politics — A

• Economics — C

• History — C

These subjects have empowered me to develop the ability to process and analyse information in varying forms and eloquently convey it in a well-structured and argued manner. History and Politics have allowed me to think more critically and see the nuance in issues I’ve been studying, while economics has allowed me to conceptualise and visualise data.

**Accreditations:**

* Competed in the Universities Business Challenge National Semi-Finals in Edinburgh, March 2023. Competed again in my 2nd year as a team leader.
* Lead a team in the University of Dundee Enterprise Challenge for start-ups, won audience voted best pitch
* Treasurer of the University of Dundee Marketing Society
* Experience using the Bloomberg Terminal with 2 accreditations from Bloomberg for Education
* Proficient in Sage Business Cloud Accounting Software certified by Sage
* Completed 2 St. John’s Ambulance First Aid Courses
* Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
* Extensive experience in conducting door-to-door market research

**Employment:**

**Accounts Payable Summer Intern – TP ICAP July – September 2024**

* Hundreds of hours logged on Oracle and Concur as well as other accounting software
* Joint 1st place on team leaderboard for invoice processing, and 1st for processing broker expenses by end of month 1
* Refined my attention to detail and care when processing invoices and running payments worth up to millions of pounds
* Worked with hundreds of suppliers and financial institutions across the EMEA and Americas regions.

**Sales Assistant – Carroll’s Irish Gifts** **June – January 2023**

* Developed communication skills to help customers, and overcome strong language barriers
* Made customers feel more comfortable by addressing their concerns or questions about the area
* Conversed with thousands of people from all over the world and learned about their own backgrounds
* Routinely lead the leaderboard for promotional item sales, helping our location come 2nd place nationally that quarter

**Receptionist – Sleeperz Hotel** **October 2022 – February 2023**

* Handling guest bookings as well as welcoming guests during check-in
* Working night-shifts where our duties were to account for all the transactions that had occurred that day
* Handling any complaints our queries from guests or customers on anything from the rooms to the booking process
* Often volunteered to work the desk alone which meant handling all of the responsibilities of the front desk without any co-workers or managers present

These jobs have allowed me to hone a broad set of skills. TP ICAP has been a fantastic introduction into the corporate world where I have met driven and like-minded people. While Carroll’s has taught me so much about other cultures, which is incredibly valuable to me with an interest in living abroad. It was there where I discovered a new hobby in learning French which I am determined to take to an accredited level. I find that I have learned to be more accommodating to customer’s needs and have become more confident in conversing with people from all walks of life.

**Hobbies:**

* Studying French
* Enjoy various outdoor sports and pursuits, for example mountain biking, Gaelic Handball, hiking and wild-camping
* Avid enjoyer of travelling and exploring. For example, in summer 2023 when I embarked on a 30-day road-trip from Western to Eastern Europe