

# LAURA KAMBANIS

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Full-stack web developer with a teaching background customer to build user-friendly web applications. Experience in JavaScript, Bootstrap, React.js, MERN and responsive web design.

Soft-skills gained from previous employment include project management, leadership, teamwork and communication. Passionate about developing apps that solve real-world problems, with a focus on mobile-first design and development. My aim with each application created is to ensure a smooth user experience. I applied aspects of UX and agile development in a recent project. I worked in a team of four to develop a dynamic web-age using two server-side APIs that helps Breaking Bad enthusiasts discover new related series. I'm excited to use my skills as part of a quality-driven team to build better experiences for web-users.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

JavaScript ES6+, CSS3, HTML5, SQL, NoSQL, GitHub, MongoDB, MySQL, Express, React, Node, Handlebars, Query, Bootstrap

## PROJECTS

**Sun's Come Out Weather App** | <https://github.com/Laura-Kam/Sun-s-come-out-app>  
<https://laura-kam.github.io/Sun-s-come-out-app/>

- Summary: Weather app that provides current and future weather forecasts in cities.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Server-Side APIs.

**Work Calendar App** | <https://github.com/Laura-Kam/Schedule-my-life> |  
<https://laura-kam.github.io/Schedule-my-life/>

- Summary: App that stores events and appointments to a time slot, in a user friendly format according to your working schedule.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, API, Bootstrap, Font Awesome.

**Readme Generator** | <https://github.com/Laura-Kam/Readme-quickly> |

- Summary: A node.js command-line application that dynamically generates a professional README.md file from user input.
- Role: Sole author
- Tools: Node, Javascript, HTML, CSS

## EXPERIENCE

**Targeted Intervention Assistant**  
**2012-Present**  
**University of Birmingham School.**

**Birmingham, UK**

Developed action plans for ensuring academic progress for pupils with Autism.

**Key Accomplishments:**

- Coached teachers to embed routines and behaviour for learning strategies with pupils.
- Implemented scaffolding and differentiation techniques to ensure progression.

**History, Sociology and Spanish Teacher**  
**January 2021- July 2022**  
**Secondary Teacher, Greensward Academy.**

**Essex, UK**

Taught multiple subjects, managed a form group, planned and created materials, collaborated with colleagues. Ensured every lesson was catered to the needs of all pupils. Corresponded with parents and other staff on a daily basis to ensure any problems were solved.

**Key Accomplishments:**

- **Project Management**- Created a scheme of work for lessons spanning over seven weeks, including a booklet, assessment and all materials for my department, trained other teachers in how to deliver these lessons effectively.
- **Communication skills** - Taught 11-14 year old pupils, ensured that lessons were carefully scaffolded, with accessible explanations built on previous knowledge, including recall activities.
- **Teamwork skills** - Worked collaboratively with colleagues through regular meetings scheduled to share subject knowledge and resources, delegate tasks and to assist other teachers.
- **Problem Solving** - Consistently checking student progress and understanding through regular checkpoints in the lesson and adapting the lesson accordingly. Other forms of problem-solving included behaviour management and addressing issues with online platforms.
- **Organisation and Time-Management:** Extensive long and short-term planning well-executed to ensure daily lessons were prepared along with resources, Reports completed to the deadlines required.

**Various Roles as an English Language Teacher/ Language Assistant**  
**2013- 2019**

**Madrid, Spain,**  
**La Spezia, Italy**

Taught Spanish and Italian students English as a foreign language. Age groups from 8 years to adult learners. Completed in 2013 a Certificate in English Language Teaching as well as Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Module One in 2017 . Prepared students for Cambridge Exams in private languages centres and public schools.

## **Key Accomplishments:**

- **Project Management Skills and Teamwork** - working closely with colleagues to produce materials, share successful ideas and ensure resources are kept up to date.
- **Communication and Empathy**- Working with Spanish and International Students, ensuring ideas are conveyed in accessible ways and with cultural awareness. Helping students to overcome blocks in their approach to learning.
- **Creativity**- Attended ESOL Conferences 2017 to network with English Language Experts and exchange ideas to ensure engagement and student academic success.

## **EDUCATION**

### **2022 Certificate in Full Stack Web Development**

The University of Birmingham , UK

**Birmingham, UK**

### **2019-20 Postgraduate Certificate in Secondary History Teaching**

University of Birmingham, UK

**Essex, UK**

### **2010-13 Bachelor of Arts in Modern History**

University of Essex, UK

**Essex, UK**