Riley Knowles

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# Personal Statement

I am a focused and ambitious GCSE student with a strong passion for Computer Science and software development. I enjoy solving problems through code and have developed practical skills in Python, HTML, and general programming.  
  
As a dedicated team captain for my local football club, I’ve built strong leadership, communication, and teamwork skills. I am highly motivated, eager to learn, and always looking for opportunities to grow both academically and personally.

# Education

**Sir Harry Smith Community College (September 2020 – June 2025)**

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| Subject | Qualification | Exam Date | Predicted Grade / Achieved |
| English Language & Literature | GCSE | June 2025 | 7–7 |
| Mathematics | GCSE | June 2025 | 9 |
| Combined Science (Triple) | GCSE | June 2025 | 7–6–6 |
| Computer Science | GCSE | June 2025 | 8 |
| History | GCSE | June 2025 | 7 |
| German | GCSE | June 2025 | 5 |
| Further Maths | GCSE | June 2025 | 8 |
| Sport | BTEC Level 2 | June 2025 | Distinction 2 (D2) |

# Key Skills

- Programming in Python and strong understanding of HTML

- Confident with software fundamentals and problem-solving

- Effective teamwork, leadership, and communication under pressure

- Highly motivated, disciplined, and organised

# Practical & Technical Experience

- Built custom Python programs and small-scale apps as part of Computer Science coursework

- Created web pages using HTML/CSS, and explored JavaScript independently

- Regularly use code editors and basic version control in personal projects

# Leadership & Volunteering

Team Captain, Whittlesey Football Club

Responsible for motivating the team, setting up matches, and supporting younger players. Developed leadership, reliability, and communication skills through regular training and matches.

# Interests

I enjoy playing football for my local club, where I thrive in a competitive and team-focused environment. In my spare time, I explore new programming languages and love challenging myself with coding projects or logic puzzles.

# References

Mr. Salt – Head of House  
Sir Harry Smith Community College  
(Available upon request)