**Thomas Merritt**

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**Education**

***Colmers School & Sixth Form College*** *2011-2016*

My achieved GCSE grades; ICT Distinction, English Language C, English Literature C, Maths C, Biology C, Physics C, Chemistry D.

***Halesowen College*** *2016-2018*

BTEC level 3 IT software/Game development

My achieved BTEC grades: D\*D\*D.

**Personal Profile**

I am a highly dedicated and hardworking student, that has recently just finished my final year of my BTEC. Graduating with high grades and seeking to secure an apprenticeship placement within the IT industry. This will, I hope, allow me to build upon a keen technological interest and kick start an amazing career as a software developer. I have a strong passion for IT and aim to be at the forefront of the software industry. Throughout my college course I have gained a lot of knowledge within IT and programming, but on top of this, outside of college I have learnt what proper hard physical work is through my laboring roles. This I feel has allowed me to gain and sharpen a unique skill set that makes me a well-rounded and versatile team worker. I will not shy away from hard work. To sum it up I would say; I have a strong IT knowledge base, a good team player and a great understanding of what it’s like to have a demanding job.

**Employment**

*Laborer, Dreamcoat Painters and Decorators(Part-time) 2016-present*

Tasks included;

* Manual work
* Prepping
* Painting
* Stripping wallpaper
* Priming
* Tidying up tools

Working for Dreamcoat Painters and Decorators gave me the opportunity to develop many valuable skills and knowledge that I can use later on in life.

*IT Technician, Plantsbrook School (Summer Holidays) 2013-Present*

Tasks included;

* Replacing older computers throughout the whole school
* Install operating systems onto every new computer via a USB with PXE boot software
* Asset management
* Preparing the computers and technology for the new school term
* Software Management
* Relocating Computers to Suite Requirements

At Plantsbrook school I gained the knowledge about how technology systems are replaced and maintained within schools.

*IT Technician, Cadbury College (Work experience) October 2015*

Tasks included;

* General IT Technician tasks
* Checking computers were ready for student use
* Managing the front desk of the student library
* Booking student’s computers
* Resolving user problems
* Computer hardware replacements
* Using Hiren’s bootable cd: resets forgotten passwords on student laptops

From my work experience at Cadbury College I gained confidence, especially while in charge of the library front desk as I dealt with many students and it helped with my communications skills.

**Hobbies**

* Cooking and baking for friends and family
* Watching and reading online reviews of new technology and gadgets
* Cycling
* Photography of scenery’s when I go on holiday
* Collecting rare and vintage lighters
* Socialising and going out with friends

**References**

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