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**Summary**

* A **problem solver** with the ability to take a **logical** and **analytical** approach to solving problems and **resolving** issues (developed throughout my time with Army Cadets).
* **Experienced** in building customer relations and offering excellent customer service through paid employment.
* **IT literate** through extensive use of technology such as VBA, Matlab, and Office software throughout studies to aid revision and complete projects.
* **Organised** and **Punctual** to show dedication and the ability to manage time well, as I am balancing both studies and employment.
* Possessor of Advanced **Numerical** skills, working with numbers in both studies and employment.
* A peoples’ person, with a can-do attitude, and hunger to succeed.

**Education**

2015 – Present **Brunel University London  
BSc (Hons) Financial Mathematics First (Expected)**Year 2 Includes: Calculus, Numerical/Linear Methods, Combinatorics, Analysis, Probability and Statistics, Operational Research, Elements of Investment Mathematics and Computing for Finance.  
  
Year 1 (First Achieved) Includes: Financial Markets (A\*), Essential Mathematics (A+), Advanced Mathematics (A+), Intro into Data Handling for Finance (A+), Probability and Statistics (A-), Mathematical and Computational Skills (B-).

Foundation Year: Algebra (A+), Calculus (A), Discrete and Decision Maths (A), Intro into Computing (B), Statistics (B), Study Skills (C).

2008 – 2015 **Kingsbury High School**  **A Levels:** Economics (B), Mathematics (C), Physics (D).  
**GCSE’s:** 10 GCSE’s A-C : Mathematics (A), English Language (B)

**Project Work**

Excel Project – Stock Price Simulation

* This project required me to analyse stock prices on Excel for a given firm and find the growth and volatility of the stock over a given period and simulate future stock price.
* The project gave me a basic understanding of how to programme using VBA.
* Using VBA, I learnt to create a user form for clients to simulate stock prices at the click of a button.
* For the project attention to detail was essential as one miscalculation or error in the VBA code would lead to the simulation not functioning correctly.

Matlab Project – Loan Repayment

* Using Matlab to generate a code to forecast how long it would take a graduate student to repay their student loan using realistic scenarios i.e. paying bills, interest.
* The project required the use of Compound Interest helped me understand its implications for financial planning and the effect interest has when repaying back a loan.
* As well as learning some basic aspect of personal finance the project also taught me how to write and amend Matlab codes.

**Previous Employment**

2015 – 2016 **JD Sports  
Sales Assistant**2017 **–** Present **Waitrose  
Customer Service Assistant**

Day to day work included:

* Dealing with customer enquiries, and resolving any problems throughout the day.
* Building relationships with customers for them to feel more comfortable and myself more approachable.
* Taking a logical approach and analysing customer needs to offer a suitable and reliable product.
* Adding input on how to set displays for discounted offers to grab the customer’s attention.
* Training new staff, and offering help while also using ideas from more experienced staff to better myself and get tasks of the day done more efficiently.

**Extra-Curricular**

**Army Cadet Force**

* Worked my way up to the rank of Lance Corporal.
* Developed leadership skills while teaching new recruits how to march, iron their uniform, weapon cleaning and basic drills.
* The emphasis of high standards in all areas helped instil a sense of good etiquette in me.
* My time in the ACF taught me to work under pressure and make quick yet effective decisions.
* Improved my ability to co-operate with others and work as a team, through a range of tasks such as canoeing, abseiling, orienteering and camping.

**Interests**

**Sports**

* Trying to stay fit, so I visit the gym regularly
* Enjoy keeping up to date with the football, and play regularly every week with work colleagues.
* Have recently developed an interest in boxing.

**Outdoor**

* I also took part in the National Citizen Service programme called “**The Challenge**”, a lot of the activities were like those I did in the ACF (except rifle shooting). However with “The Challenge” I also did some **voluntary work** such as visiting a hospice in South London, as well as promoting a “Keep Fit” campaign to the Greenwich public.

**References**

Available upon request.