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Education & Qualifications

University: Currently completed my first year, studying for BSc Computer Science with Digital Technology Degree Apprenticeship (Pricewaterhouse Coopers) at University of Birmingham. I have represented the University by volunteering my free time to help at open days. This involved speaking to prospective students to help them make the necessary decisions for their future.

Sixth Form: Canon Slade Sixth Form

Secondary Education: Canon Slade School

A-Levels:
Mathematics, Computing, Physics - A*
Further Mathematics - A

Extended Project Qualification EPQ: Driverless Cars. Completed an in-depth research project and essay relating to the development and ethics of self-driving cars. Presented my findings to my peers and received an A* with a mark of 46/50.

GCSEs:
Mathematics (9-1): 9 (High A* Equivalent)
English Literature (9-1): 8 (A* Equivalent)
English Language (9-1): 7 (A Equivalent)
Computing, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, RS, Spanish: A*
History: A

Interests: Cyber Security, AI, Robotic Vision, Software Development

Languages: English, Spanish GCSE

Key Skills and Experience

CTF Hackathon: March 2020. Completed a series of Computer Science related problems and challenges as part of a team in a competitive event held at the University of Birmingham.

Head Boy at Canon Slade Sixth Form: This role meant acting as a bridge between my peers and the staff, representing the student body whenever necessary. It also involved representing the Sixth Form by talking to parents of students, encouraging future students and helping to organise events throughout the year. I was also able to use my influence in convincing staff to replace single use plastic cutlery in our canteen with a more sustainable alternative.

Work Experience and Volunteering

Degree 53: February 2018. Visited the offices of a Manchester based software development team for a week and gained knowledge of how they use agile development methods. Adapted prior programming knowledge to a language suited to iOS.

K3 Syspro: Salford Quays. Software Development. Spent time with various departments and worked on an individual project in VB.net. 17th – 21st October 2016. Year 11 Work Experience. Found the company online. Working hours: 8:50-4:30.

Previous Employment

Tesco: Tesco Superstore, Crossley Street, Little Lever. Checkout Assistant. July 2017 – August 2019. After completing my GCSEs, I began working at my local Tesco Store in Little Lever. Working on the tills was a fantastic opportunity as it allowed me to get to know better the community which I had lived in for so long. Team Leaders often noticed that I quickly became more confident and improved my communication skills when serving customers. I also quickly became better at taking initiative within my role at the store. I enjoyed the job so much that I remained working there for two years and only left due to University commitments after completing my A-Levels.

Interests and Hobbies

Piano: 2007 – present. Grades 1, 2 and 3 – Distinction. Grades 4, 5, 5 Theory, 6 and 8 – Merit. Performed in church occasionally and at Christmas services. Part of the band 'Soul Patrol' with Bolton Music Service (2015 - 2017).

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award: 2016. Physical Section - Jogging (3 months). Volunteering Section - Beaver Scouts (3 months). Skill Section – Piano.

References

Dr Benjamin Eves: bae@canon-slade.bolton.sch.uk. Head of Sixth Form. Canon Slade School, Bradshaw Brow, Bolton, BL2 3BP.

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