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Education

Newcaslte University

Bachelor of Science - BSc (Hons), Computer Science

Expected Graduation: May 2027

Newcastle Upon Tyne

- First Year grade— **80%**
- Courses: Fundamentals of Computing, Computer Systems Design and Architectures, Foundations of Data Science, Programming Portfolio 1 and 2, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Security Programming, Software Systems Design and Implementation

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Art, Maths and Physics

Sep 2022 - May 2024

St Saviour, Jersey

- A-levels— **A*BB**
- Awards: Achieved the **Best Artist award**, for GCSE and A-level, and a **Jersey Eisteddfod Gold (Art)**

Work Experience

Sports Direct

Sales Assistant

Dec 2022 – Present

St Helier, Jersey

- Influenced store operations by analysing sales patterns and customer trends to improve product placement - demonstrating an **analytical and problem-solving mindset**
- Used point-of-sale (POS) and stock management systems daily, developing familiarity with digital tools and **data-driven decision-making**
- Adapted quickly to new systems and procedures, reflecting strong technical **adaptability** and **willingness to learn new technologies**

JD Sports

Sales Assistant

Sep – Dec 2022

St Helier, Jersey

- Provided a high-quality customer experience in a busy retail environment, enhancing **communication** and **teamwork skills**
- Maintained accuracy in transactions and stock control, strengthening **attention to detail** and **data integrity awareness**

Projects

Spotify Music Finder | *Source Code*

ReactJS | Spotify API | Tailwind CSS

- Developed a web application integrating Spotify's Web API and Playback SDK, enabling users to discover similar songs through advanced audio feature analysis including BPM, key, energy levels, and genre
- Implemented real-time music playback controls, playlist management, and an intelligent recommendation system using Spotify's audio features API to calculate similarity scores and suggest tracks

Certifications

Datacom | Cyber Security Virtual Experience Progam on Forage

Oct 2025

- * Incorporated **OSINT** tools to investigate an APT group linked to a company data breach, identifying vulnerabilities and assessing the technical and business impacts
- * Completed a **risk assessment** using a structured framework to develop and communicate effective mitigation strategies

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, Java, JavaScript, C, SQL, HTML5, CSS

Developer Tools: Git, Azure

Libraries/Frameworks: ReactJS, Astro, Vite, PostgreSQL, Tailwind CSS, Lucide

Additonal Work Experience

Star Noodle Bar	Jul – Sep 2022
<i>Crew Member</i>	<i>St Helier, Jersey</i>
* Managed multiple orders simultaneously during peak hours, strengthening time management and multitasking skills	
* Prepared food items accurately and consistently, demonstrating attention to detail and adherence to safety/hygiene standards	
Framing Workshop Ltd	Dec 2021 – Jun 2022
<i>Framer/Team Member</i>	<i>St Helier, Jersey</i>
* Measured, cut, and fitted glass and framing materials with precision, developing strong attention to detail and accuracy	
* Collaborated closely with colleagues and customers to deliver high-quality, tailored products, improving teamwork and communication skills	

Achievements

- Earned the prestigious **Grand Prior's Award** with St John Ambulance, completing over 100 hours of community service providing first aid to events and skill development across multiple first aid disciplines
- Received **Best Artist Award** in both GCSE and A-Level cohorts, highlighting top performance, strong portfolio development, and leadership in creative projects
- Won a **Gold Award** at the Jersey Eisteddfod, recognising outstanding performance and excellence in artistic expression

Additional Skills

- Full clean driving license
- IT - proficient in Photoshop and Microsoft Office, including Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Word

Interests

- Playing guitar, DJing, learning music production using Ableton Live
- Going to the gym and staying fit and active
- Socialising with friends and enjoying live music events