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Summary

I am currently an undergraduate Geography student, eager to learn more about the world and its complexities. As a Christian, I am also interested in understanding better how my faith contributes to an understanding of my studies, and of the world more broadly. I am a keen reader, writer, as well as a hobbyist coder. I have a full UK driving license.

Education

Bachelor of Science, Geography | University of Birmingham | 2024-

First year average: 67%.

Further developed writing, critical thinking, and reading skills whilst at university.

Developed skills in use of GIS software (QGIS), and programming in R.

Activities and societies: Course rep (First year), German (A1), Christian Union, University Music Wind Band, Astronomical Society

A-level, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Extended Project Qualification | Peter Symonds College | 2021-2023

Achieved grades A, B, C, A.

Good preparation for university degree. Learnt referencing, writing long-form essays, how to form structured arguments, critical thinking, reading and writing.

EPQ looked at the changes to railway management in the United Kingdom, relating to the recent announcements around renationalisation.

Activities and societies: First Aid training, Christian Union

GCSEs | Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School | 2016-2021

Subjects and grades achieved: Mathematics (9), English Language (7), English Literature (7), Religious Studies (9), Biology (8), Chemistry (8), Physics (8), Geography (7), Spanish (7), Music (9), FSMQ Additional Mathematics (C).

Activities and societies: DofE Bronze (2020), Deputy Head Boy (2020-21), School Wind Band, School productions (Tech team), Editor of student-run school newspaper

Work Experience

St Mary's Church, Basingstoke

Gap Year Trainee | Sep 2023 – Sep 2024

Was involved in all aspects of church life.

Helped with youth and children's work.

Helped to manage tech (audio and visuals) and assisted with church administration.

Attended theological training one day a week in Oxford.

Gained confidence in public speaking and grew writing and time management skill, as well as reading skills and theological understanding.

Cleaner | Oct 2021 – Aug 2023

Worked part-time cleaning the church buildings during sixth form.

Voluntary Experience

Grace Church, Starchley

Youth Team | Mar 2025 –

Help to lead youth team at local church.

Wrote some materials for use during these sessions, which helped to improve writing and teaching skills.

Tech Team | Jan 2025 –

Assist with sound for Sunday morning services.

University of Birmingham Christian Union

Small Group Leader | Feb 2025 –

Co-lead a student bible study group once a week.

Tech Team Lead | Feb 2025 –

Manage sound and visuals for Christian Union meetings, organise rotas, deliver team training, and have responsibility for maintenance and purchasing of equipment.

Madness & Mayhem Holidays

Leader | Jul 2023 –

Lead on an annual summer camp for 9– to 11-year-olds.

Awards and Hobbies

Grade 8, Flute | 2023

Have been playing flute for over ten years.

Grade 6, Piano | 2022

Bronze Certificate, Duke of Edinburgh Award | 2020

Editor, Student-run school newspaper | 2018-2020

Ran the student-led school newspaper for several years, developing leadership, writing and editing skills.

Published some breaking school stories over the two years of leading the team.

Technology Essays and Reading

Widely read outside of undergraduate course into the topic of technical culture and the impact of technology on today's society. Written several essays on this topic, some published on personal website.

Programming

Competent programmer with web technologies including JavaScript, HTML, CSS. Also proficient in Python and R. Have helped design several websites, varying from simple informational sites to ones with more complex features including a voting system.