

# James Fisher

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I am a developer and designer with a degree in History with first-class honours. I like problems and will attack them until solved. I like to communicate in paint, print, and programming.

## Education

2006–9            Bachelor of Arts degree, with first-class honors, in History, at the University of York.

2004–6            Achieved the following six A-levels:

Grade	Subjects	Institution
A	History	Colchester Royal Grammar School
A	Computing	Colchester Royal Grammar School
A	General Studies	Colchester Royal Grammar School
B	Physics	Colchester Royal Grammar School
B	Mathematics	Colchester Royal Grammar School
B	Art and Design	Grey Friars

2002–4            Eleven GCSEs at Colchester Royal Grammar School.

## Skills

- I have computing and I.T. experience of the following, with varying familiarity:

Systems langs. (C, C++, Go, D)	Scripting langs. (Python, PHP, JS)	Functional langs. (Haskell)
jQuery, jQuery UI, underscore	Apache, NodeJS, MVC (Django)	HTML5, CSS3, XML, JSON, &c.
Revision control (git, svn)	Testing (xUnit, QuickCheck)	SQL, MySQL, PostgreSQL
TEX, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	Linux, Windows	
- **An understanding of algorithmics and a comfortableness with formalism.** I am familiar with Big-O notation. I enjoy playing with and implementing algorithms for their own sake.
- **An impeccable grasp of the English language.** I write for pleasure, and enjoy communicating ideas with flair, clarity and concision. I believe this is a prerequisite of being an effective programmer.
- **An eye for aesthetics, design, and presentation.** I adore understated typography, functional communication, and interactive design.
- **Problem-solving and strategic thinking.** I will thrive in an intellectually challenging workplace. I strive to eliminate routine tasks.

## Previous work and achievements

- 2006–present      Director and Secretary of Lexden Montessori Ltd., the family business. In these roles I have overseen, among other things,
- **Business planning.** From the outset I have been involved in the company’s expansion and direction of growth. I understand the requirements and challenges of a small business.
  - **Market research and advertising** in multiple media (print, web, radio, and others). I have learned, by success and failure, how to think from a customer’s perspective.
  - **Administration and secretarial duties.** The follies of schematizing, sorting, and cross-referencing paperwork led me towards the real power of the computer.
  - **Web design and maintenance** for <http://www.lexdenmontessori.com/>.
- 2010      Branding for Pembroke House (<http://www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke/>), a private Kenyan prep school. In the words of their Commercial Director:
- James has worked with me on new brand designs for Harambee Schools Kenya, a charity and Pembroke House school, a prep school. In both cases his work was of the highest quality, and reflected a passion for design, but also for getting under the skin of the organisation he is designing for. I wouldn't hesitate to use James again for any design projects that I might have.
- 2010      Branding and web design for Harambee Schools Kenya (<http://www.hsk.org.uk/>), a charity building schools around Gilgil in rural Kenya.
- GWS Media gave the site an award, commending its “plain, clear English; striking design, and beautiful images.” To date, the new branding and website is known to have directly brought in **£33,000 of funding**, and was used to persuade UBM (the global media and comms giant) to donate **in excess of £20,000**.
- 2009      Developing an internal database-driven system for managing care homes and CSCI reports for Caring Homes Ltd.
- 2008      Various responsibilities at Caring Homes Ltd., including: accountancy and financial planning, due diligence, insurance of plant, and remote I.T. support
- 2005      First prize in a sixth-form art competition
- 2004–6      I.T. technician at Colchester Royal Grammar School
- 2004–5      Membership in a **Young Enterprise** company, qualifying with a **distinction**

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