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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

- **Programming and computer science.** I am happy using various languages including C++, Javascript, and Haskell. I can develop modern web sites and applications.
- **I.T. administration,** including operating systems (Windows, Linux) and networking (small-scale)
- **An impeccable grasp of the English language.** I write for pleasure, and enjoy communicating ideas with flair, clarity and concision.
- **Problem-solving and strategic thinking.** I strive to eliminate routine tasks.
- **An eye for aesthetics, design, and presentation.** I adore understated typography, functional communication, and interactive design. I can put this into practice on the web, in Photoshop, or simply in letter-writing.
- **Office suites** (MS Office, OpenOffice, Google Docs). I am comfortable with document processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and databases.

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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