

# James Fisher

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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	<p>Director and Secretary of <b>Lexden Montessori</b>. In these roles I have overseen, among other things,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Business planning.</b> 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.</li><li>• <b>Market research and advertising</b> in multiple media (print, web, radio, and others). I have learned, by success and failure, how to think from a customer’s perspective.</li><li>• <b>Administration and secretarial duties.</b> The follies of schematizing, sorting, and cross-referencing paperwork led me towards the real power of the computer.</li><li>• <b>Web design and maintenance</b> for <a href="http://www.lexdenmontessori.com/">http://www.lexdenmontessori.com/</a>.</li></ul>
2012–present (work in progress)	Branding and marketing consultancy for <b>The Gilgil Trust</b> ( <a href="http://www.gilgiltrust.org.uk/">http://www.gilgiltrust.org.uk/</a> ), an organization providing young people around the town of Gilgil in Kenya with shelter, health-care, and help in their education and careers.
2010	<p>Branding for <b>Pembroke House</b> (<a href="http://www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke/">http://www.pembrokehouse.sc.ke/</a>), a private Kenyan prep school. In the words of their Commercial Director,</p> <p>James has worked with me on new brand designs for Harambee Schools Kenya (<i>see below</i>), 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.</p>
2010	<p>Branding and web design for <b>Harambee Schools Kenya</b> (<a href="http://www.hsk.org.uk/">http://www.hsk.org.uk/</a>), a charity building schools around Gilgil in rural Kenya.</p> <p><b>GWS Media</b> gave the website 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 <b>£53,000 of funding</b>, including from UBM (the global media and comms giant) and HSBC, who made HSK their official corporate charity after finding their website.</p>
2009	Developing an internal database-driven system for managing care homes and CSCI reports for <b>Caring Homes</b> .
2008	Various responsibilities at <b>Caring Homes</b> , 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 <b>Young Enterprise</b> company, qualifying with a <b>distinction</b>

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