

James Horne

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Throughout my school life, maths was my favourite subject – it was not only my strongest, but also the one in which I had most interest. My gap year has confirmed to me that I really enjoy the aspects of my jobs that involve finances, handling money, and customer contact.

Education

The Holt School, Wokingham, Reading | A-levels

- September 2014 – June 2016
- A: mathematics, B: further mathematics, C: biology

The Forest School, Winnersh, Reading | GCSEs

- September 2012 – June 2014
- 7 As: mathematics, English language, English literature, biology, French, RE, music
- 4 Bs: physics, chemistry, geography, IT

Gap Year Experience

I decided to take a gap year to do some voluntary work for a church. In order to do this, I am supporting myself financially by working at Sainsbury's.

Customer Service Assistant | Sainsbury's, Burpham

This involves:

- advising and chatting with customers, and dealing with customer queries
- handling money when working on the checkouts

Volunteer Intern | Centrepont Church, Guildford

This involves:

- counting and banking the weekly offering
- maintaining and updating spreadsheets and databases
- communicating via email and telephone to church members and the public regarding events and general queries
- creating and writing the e-newsletter once a month
- regularly leading a small team on Sunday mornings
- attending and contributing to weekly staff meetings
- organising events

- regular posting of church events and information on social media
- regularly serving on the crèche and set up team

Other Experience

Youth Leader | New Frontiers Network of Churches

- I've been part of the youth team at big church festivals, leading secondary-aged children in games and fun activities, and keeping them engaged
- I am DBS checked and have undergone safeguarding training

Additional Skills and Roles

- I represented the maths department as Senior Subject Prefect
- I co-led the Christian Union during my final year in sixth form, which involved booking a meeting room, preparing and presenting 25 minute talks each week, pastoral support, and delegating duties
- I am very comfortable with public speaking and have done speeches in multiple school assemblies, presenting to several hundred peers and teachers
- I play several musical instruments, and have performed at multiple events, once to an audience of over 1,000. I led the youth band at church, and was also the lead role in a musical
- I have played for a football team since the age of 8, and have represented my schools in the football and rugby 'A' teams throughout secondary school and sixth form
- In Year 9 I was selected to go on a school trip for gifted and talented students, which focused on team-building and resilience

References

Available upon request.