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## EDUCATION

**University of Nottingham**  
| Nottingham, UK |  
**Sep 2017 – Present**

- MSci (Hons) Chemistry - Grade Year Two: *First (72.3%)*, Grade Year Three: *First (73.0 %)*, Predicted: *First*
- Achievements: *Chemistry Society President*

## EXPERIENCE

**University of Nottingham Chemistry Lab Projects** | *Student* |  
Nottingham, UK |  
**Sep 2017 – Present**

- Demonstrated strong analytical and problem-solving skills in measuring and interpreting research data
- Used Python (numpy, matplotlib, pandas, scikit) to on year-long machine learning research project
- Developed oral and written communication skills in report writing and presenting complex scientific ideas
- Worked collaboratively in a team to plan and conduct experiments in time-restricted lab sessions
- Exhibited organisational skills by planning and conducting time-restricted lab sessions to meet deadlines

**University of Nottingham Summer School Ambassador** | *Mentor* |  
Nottingham, UK |  
**Jun 2020 – Jun 2020**

- Selected as one of 30 students to mentor a group of 6<sup>th</sup> Formers from under-represented backgrounds
- Employed verbal communication skills to present activities and tasks effectively over video-call
- Used leadership acumen to run activities which helped mentees gain a holistic insight into university life
- Devised and executed a curriculum to motivate and instil enthusiasm resulting in 95% engagement

**Frontline** | *Brand Ambassador* |  
Nottingham, UK |  
**Sep 2019 – Apr 2020**

- Promoted a Times 100 graduate company as part of a team of 3 on the University of Nottingham campus
- Strategized and executed creative ways to promote the company effectively online and on campus
- Effectively assisted in increasing Frontline's graduate recruitment by 30% at the University of Nottingham
- Demonstrated the ability to work on multiple project streams and an eagerness to help team-members

**KMPG Insight Day** | *Intern* | Manchester, UK |  
**Mar 2019 – Mar 2019**

- Led a group pitch on ways to improve the financial performance and branding of a luxury hotel to a panel
- Selected as one of 40 students, gaining an insight into auditing, consulting, and tax services at KMPG
- Networked with industry professionals and the other highly motivated candidates
- Obtained commercial insight into how a business operates for the benefit of its stakeholders

**Yo! Sushi** | *Chef* |  
London, UK |  
**Jun 2018 – Sep 2018**

- Worked as part of a team of 4 to deliver a high-quality service to hundreds of customers in central London
- Gained a strong work-ethic and endurance to work under pressure in a time-limited environment
- Assisted the chain to consistently exceed its weekly target of £10,000 as part of the kitchen team
- Delivered an excellent service and furthered my ability to build a rapport with peers and customers
- Took the initiative to motivate colleagues during peak periods and flexibly supported colleagues on tasks

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR & VOLUNTEERING

**Nottingham Chemistry Society** | *President, Fourth Year Representative, Treasurer, First Year Representative* |  
Nottingham, UK |  
**Mar 2019 – Present**

- Refined management skills by running the 400-member society and over-seeing 7 committee members
- Organised weekly meetings to discuss short, medium-and long-term objectives of the society and its projects
- Improved my communication skills through constant interaction with vendors and society members
- Helped organise internal events of prominent scientific speakers for audiences of up to 200 attendees
- Liaised with companies such as BP to hold internal events for members and secured £1000 in sponsorships
- Led a team of 11 to organise the annual Science Ball, selling 300 tickets and achieving a turnover of £25,000
- Organised a charity quiz event for the Autism East Midlands Charity raising £135 with 50 participants
- Co-ordinated and oversaw several societal projects including the four Chemistry Society's sport teams

**IntoUniversity Charity** | *Volunteer* |  
Nottingham, UK |  
**Mar 2018 – Present**

- Honed verbal communication skills by teaching and supporting 25 local primary school children
- Demonstrated creativity through the development of simple scientific experiments to engage classes
- Developed commitment and punctuality through preparing and organising activities for a class

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Python (learning using DataCamp), HTML, CSS, JavaScript (learning using FreeCodeCamp) Running, Sushi