

# Richard Hughes

Over the last few years, I've developed a passion for supporting those around me through my pursuit of unique, voluntary experiences with engaging challenges. Currently, I am studying at the University of Chester to build a career with my passion in Computer Science. I hope to find part-time work to support this, and further develop my skills in a professional environment.

## Work Experience

### Shop Assistant - Debra Charity Store, Bispham

Apr 2022 to Sep 2023

- ❖ Testing electronics for their usability, before pricing and displaying them.
- ❖ Photographing and publishing rare items on ecommerce sites for higher profits than if they were sold in-store.
- ❖ Assessing the quality of new donations, deciding which items are suitable to resell.
- ❖ Rearranging the in-store displays to engage new and returning customers.
- ❖ Pricing items by following the original price tag, online research, or looking at similar items in the store.
- ❖ Serving customers at the counter, providing a positive experience and addressing queries.
- ❖ Working in a team, solving problems based on the task priority and strengths of the team members.
- ❖ Adapting to a variety of tasks, many of which were taught under short notice, requiring me to learn quickly.

### Volunteer - Blackpool Tiggers

Jul 2021 to Jul 2022

- ❖ Caring for children of various ages while their parents are away; including providing entertainment, comfort, and safety.
- ❖ Developed communication skills for neurodivergent individuals through active listening, as well as attentiveness to non-verbal signals and mindfulness of their individual needs before responding.
- ❖ Demonstrating trampoline moves for the children, giving praise and feedback for improvement.
- ❖ Adapting to the needs of each child to create a positive environment for them.

## Education and Qualifications

### University of Chester (BSc Hons - Computer Science)

Sep 2023 to Present

- ❖ Developed a first-class Java application for sorting and analysing song collections.
- ❖ Designed and developed a first-class Microsoft SQL Server database with data entries.
- ❖ Designed a first-class mobile app user interface.
- ❖ Completed modules in cybersecurity, web development, mathematics and more.
- ❖ Proficient in Microsoft Office, Google Workspace and various operating systems.

### Blackpool Sixth Form (A-Level & BTEC)

Sep 2021 to Jul 2023

- ❖ **Computer Science:** D
- ❖ **Business (Double):** Double Distinction

### Hodgson Academy (GCSE 9-1)

Sep 2016 to May 2021

- ❖ **Grade 5s** in English Language, Religious Studies, Business.
- ❖ **Grade 6s** in English Literature, Mathematics, Combined Science (Double), Computer Science, Geography.