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ABOUT

Born in 2002, I'm now a second year Computer Science student at the University of Leeds. My original plan had been to study Graphic Design, but when A-levels were cancelled during the first lockdown I became increasingly interested in creative coding. I taught myself how to code simple animations in a Java framework called Processing, and then moved onto website design.

By the time I started my Art Foundation year I'd decided that my primary interest was computing and digital media and applied for my current course.

Unfortunately I hadn't taken maths at A-level so I had to study for this concurrently with my Art foundation course. I enrolled with an online college but essentially taught myself. I achieved the necessary A-grade in maths and got a Distinction in my Art Foundation.

Despite coming to coding later than most of my student peers I have worked hard to make up for lost time and achieved excellent results at the end of my first year.

My aim is to make the most of my time at university, including work placements during the summer vacations and taking a year out between second and third year to work in industry.

EDUCATION

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE (A-LEVEL 2020)

Physics (A) Chemistry (B) Graphic Design (A)

OPEN STUDY COLLEGE (A-LEVEL 2021)

Mathematics (A)

BRIGHTON METROPOLITAN COLLEGE (2021)

Art and Design Foundation Diploma (DISTINCTION)

SKILLS



LANGUAGES

Javascript
Java
C
C++
Python

TECHNOLOGIES

HTML
CSS
Git

SOFTWARE

Photoshop
Illustrator

www.ramz.fun (Aug 2022)

A website for Ram-z (DJ). Initially Ram-z just wanted a graphic of his name around a disco-ball for the cover of his newest release. Instead of using illustrator for the graphics I decided to code it using HTML, CSS and the Javascript framework p5.js and turn it into a website.

www.grovemusic.xyz (Aug 2022)

This is a website for GRØVE, a producer, DJ and friend of mine. I came up with the idea for the website and coded it using HTML, CSS and the Javascript framework p5.js. The website is audio reactive and uses the amplitude of the track to display each letter of his name as part of his logo.

Gun Brewery Taproom (Summer 2022)

I worked as a barman in the Gun Brewery taproom during the summer. It was my first time behind the bar and I learnt a lot. I learnt all about the different beers, how to chat to the customers as if I knew what I was talking about and how to pour a good pint.

The Griffin Inn (Sept 2020 - Nov 2020)

At the Griffin Inn I worked as a waiter. I had to polish cutlery, run the food out, make drinks, take orders and clear tables. Here I learnt how to work and communicate under stressful situations, while also learning how to work with a wide variety of colleagues and customers.

Limetree Kitchen (July 2018 - March 2020)

I worked as a kitchen porter, a waiter and sous chef. I made some good friends at this little restaurant. This was my first job working as a waiter and I learnt a lot about how to talk to people effectively whilst also under pressure (being shouted at by the head chef).

The Snowdrop Inn (Nov 2017 - July 2018)

This was my first ever job in hospitality and I worked as a sous chef and a kitchen porter. It was definitely a steep learning curve being thrown in at the deep end and the hardest kitchen porter job I've done. This also means I learnt the most at the Snowdrop, such as how to work hard, how to work quickly under pressure and how to use my initiative.

On top of these jobs I've worked at a number of weddings as a waiter and kitchen porter, at a 4 day festival and as a labourer.

From the age of six, Forest School Camps (FSC) has been a big part of my life. FSC is a charity that takes children and young adults camping. It is very basic: no electricity or electronic devices, no running water and no toilets. I am now trained as a staff member.

It has introduced me to hundreds of people of all ages and backgrounds. It has taught me many skills, not just how to start a fire with a flint and steel, but how to talk to people, how to be patient with people and how to stay positive, even when everything you own is soaked through and you're miles from civilization.

I also help to care for my older sister Molly who has learning disabilities as well as significant speech and language difficulties.

I achieved my black belt in TAGB Tae Kwon Do when I was 16.

I read about 20-30 books each year (mostly fiction), enjoy an eclectic range of music and have attended various festivals as both a punter and as a member of the crew.

