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## EDUCATION

**University of Manchester**, Manchester, UK

(September 2020 - July 2024)

BSc. Computer Science with Industrial Experience

- Core modules in Year 1 include Computer Engineering, Computer Architecture, Data Science, Operating Systems and Programming in Python and Java.
- Predicted to graduate with First Class honours.

**Bright Riders School**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

(Graduated: March 2020)

CBSE Class XII Board Examination, **94.2%**

- Ranked first in school for Computer Science (**97%**) and English (**98%**).
- Implemented a supermarket billing system for the final Computer Science project using C++.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Kataba, YouthTech Competition by StartAD (kataba.xyz)**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Head of Operations**

(August 2020 – September 2020)

- Conducted surveys, analysed data and drafted relevant reports for market research.
- Designed the logo, theme and UI of the web-application.
- Conceptualised, edited and animated a 1-min pitch video with relevant infographics and information.

**Grocamie**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Market Research Intern**

(July 2020 – August 2020)

- Surveyed over 20 hotels, restaurants, and cafes across Abu Dhabi over its daily consumption of dairy products and raw materials.

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Bright Riders School**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Head Boy & Assistant Head Boy of Student Council**

(May 2018 – February 2020)

- First student to hold both posts in the school.
- Founded the photography club and organized workshops and interactive sessions with Nikon for over 350 students from Grades 9-12.
- Initiated a fundraising event for Operation Smile and raised over AED 3500.
- Led a team of 15 volunteers to distribute food boxes to motorists during the month of Ramadan.
- Headed the school's anti-bullying campaign in the primary sections.
- Mentored juniors in leadership positions and sporting events.

**TEDxYouth@BrightRidersSchool**, Abu Dhabi, UAE

**Co-Organiser**

(May 2019 – September 2019)

- Conceptualised the theme and layout of the entire event and led a team of 40 volunteers.
- Invited prominent speakers/influencers from across the UAE and mentored internal speakers.

- Coordinated sponsorship and financial matters related to the event.

**SKILLS**

**Programming:** Python, C++, Java, JavaScript (Vanilla and ReactJS), MySQL, HTML, CSS

**Computer:** Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe After Effects, Adobe XD.

**Languages:** English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Tamil (native), Arabic (Elementary Fluency).

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