

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Bohunt Secondary School '1999 to 2005'

History A

English Literature A

English Language A

Geography B

Spanish C

French B

Maths C

PSRE A*

Science C

Godalming College '2005 to 2007'

English Literature C

Spanish C

History C

General Studies C

University and extracurricular qualifications

Royal Holloway and Bedford College, University of London

Graduated with a BA (Hons) degree in Spanish and Hispanic Studies in July 2011.

University of Surrey, Guildford

I am currently undertaking a Master of the Arts Degree (MA) in Translation Studies with Intercultural Communication at the University of Surrey and I am due to graduate in July 2013.

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I have completed an intensive UK –TEFL Training course and gained an accredited NCFE certificate, allowing me to teach English as a foreign language in schools and institutes globally.

I have recently undertaken a computer certificate for the Microsoft Office package for Windows Vista, and am now qualified to train and utilize this program to develop better communication skills and to boost my capabilities for a career in communication studies.

I am a qualified advanced PADI Scuba diver, and will be undertaking my Rescue diver qualification in the Christmas holidays of 2012.

Past occupations and work experience

I have had a variety of jobs since leaving school in 2005. I have worked in the retail sector mostly, as I feel I have what is needed to be engaging and communicative with customers on a personal level. I have worked at Waitrose Plc in Petersfield for 9 months where my main responsibilities consisted of aiding customers with queries and keeping shelves and stock organized and well presented.

Whilst at college, I worked at House of Fraser for 8 months as a Sales Assistant, where communication skills were vital for the company to open as many store cards as possible. I have also worked as a Quality Control Inspector for A Medical Instrument Company in Liphook during the summer and winter breaks. As staff, we had to remain as vigilant as possible as it was our responsibility that all parts were checked and verified correctly and accurately. Furthermore, I was appointed to produce flow diagrams as part of a comprehensive model for ‘dip moulders’, working to produce medical instruments.

Throughout 2007 and 2008, I had worked at a variety of pubs and catering facilities, which include 6 months at a Fullers Eatery, ‘The Links’, in Liphook. Also I have worked as a KP and bar tender at ‘The Spread Eagle’ in West Liss’, Hampshire and as a waiter for functions held at ‘De Vere Branksome Venues’ In Haslemere, Hampshire.

During 2009 I had worked as a member of bar staff in a ‘Hobgoblin’ establishment in Staines near to my University Campus. Throughout 2010/11, I worked as a member of the bar team for a Zizzi restaurant in Farnham. I found this category of work rewarding as it could be challenging and could show someone’s true potential as a worker under pressurised conditions. I am currently working part time at Old Thorns Golf Club, based In Liphook as a means of financing my Masters course.

Hobbies, interests and extracurricular commitments

- I am very passionate about music, as I play and compose regularly. I have helped to organize many charity events in my area. I am currently recording and playing live performances with my band ‘The Cultural Other’ in many locations around the London, Woking, Guildford and Portsmouth areas. I play bass guitar, drums, rhythm and lead guitar and also greatly enjoy singing.

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- I offer guitar tuition to pupils of all ages and levels and am also undertaking a grade 8 bass qualification which I hope to obtain by autumn 2012.
- I enjoy organized walking trips and cycling, as whilst attending Godalming College, I was able to take part in the opportunity to summit Mountains in Morocco and North Africa, and trekked through the Atlas Mountains on a World Challenge Program. I summited mountains overlooking the Sahara desert, including the tallest peak known as the Djebel Aissa. I found the enterprise very rewarding as it has helped to make me a more determined person.
- During 2009 and 2010 I spent time abroad in Argentina and Cuba as part of a placement year in order to improve my linguistic capabilities. I enrolled in two reputable Universities in both Buenos Aires and Havana and undertook courses in music theory, culture and linguistic enhancement. My period of residence abroad was extremely gratifying as I had the opportunity to experience and immerse myself in two very distinct cultures and assimilate myself within the customs of both countries. Furthermore, my understanding and command of the Spanish language improved greatly through a complete immersion throughout the two terms.
- During my second year at Royal Holloway, I had published and contributed to the University paper, 'The Orbital', focusing on live music and album reviews. Currently, I am currently contributing music reviews regularly for the University of Surrey's student newspaper, 'The Stag'.
- During my Masters program, I was an Academic Representative on behalf of the Postgraduate Translation Department at the University of Surrey. I was responsible for the welfare of students enrolled in the current MA Program, and dealt with specific queries, problems and grievances that my fellow students had, so that they were able to focus entirely on their studies, with the assurance that their University experience would be as stress free and well-structured as possible.
- I have aspirations to fulfil a career in journalism and during the summer vacation after my second year at University I undertook a work experience placement as part of Jon Gaunt's online *Sun Talk* Radio program at News International, working exclusively with his production team at 'The Sun' Newspaper Headquarters. During September 2012, I undertook work experience at 'Kerrang' newspaper, assisting subeditor Ryan Cooper in order to gain experience in the domain of music journalism. With greatly advanced speaking and written ability I could venture into Interpreting as a representative for a Newspaper or Company, or pursue interests in editorial work.

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- During my gap year in 2007, I participated in a voluntary charity program in Spain, namely through the L'Abri Fellowship, in which I assisted with local reparations of a small community outside of Madrid for a 6month period. Furthermore, I have organised charity concerts for the charity and organisation 'Tearfund' in order to spread local and public awareness of their movements through the auspices of live music.

I am a hard working and enthusiastic person, who enjoys challenges and is always keen to learn new skills and build on greater experiences of life.

References are available on request