

# Alan Campbell

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## Education

### 2013 - 2017: BSc Honours Chemistry, University of Aberdeen (2:1)

Courses have included:

- Organometallic Chemistry and the Lanthanides and Actinides
- Organic Structure Determination and Medicinal Chemistry
- Catalysts; Green Chemistry; Molecular Thermodynamics
- Biomaterials and Polymers

Research Project: "Syntheses and Structures of Two New Organically-Templated Metal-Phosphate Frameworks"

### 2007 - 2013: Ballindalloch High, Inverness

Advanced Higher: Chemistry (B)

Highers: Mathematics (A), Physics (A), English (B) and German (B)

## Skills

### Research Skills

I have undertaken laboratory practice throughout my time at University and gained experience in using Infrared Spectrometers, UV-Vis Spectrometers and gas chromatography equipment. In addition I have analysed samples using powder X-ray diffraction apparatus, Scanning Electron Microscopes and X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy.

### I.T. Skills

I am familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, Windows Internet Explorer and Chemistry related computer software such as *Atoms* and *ChemDraw*.

### Teamwork

This was an integral part of laboratory practice, which often involved team projects. I also have experience of teamwork from working in retail and playing football for the University. These taught me the need for good organisation, effective listening to and acting upon the views of others and appropriate delegation to meet targets.

### Problem Solving

While working in John Lewis my problem solving mindset ensured that I provided continually high standards of customer service when responding to queries or sourcing products in store. My problem solving skills have also helped me in dealing with customer complaints in a calm and rational manner.

### Flexibility

This was vital while taking supervisory responsibility at Campbell's Fruit Farm not only for the effective harvesting of the fruit crops but also in ensuring the welfare of up to 80 foreign workers at the peak of the season. Originally employed as a harvester, my supervisory role developed over the three summers of employment allowing me to improve my listening skills, people management, appropriate objectivity and team development.

## Employment

**July 2016 – Present**

**John Lewis, Aberdeen**

**Customer Assistant**

During my employment at John Lewis I have gained a good insight into business practice under an employee share ownership scheme. This has included a very strong customer focus ensuring customer loyalty, the importance of good management and the positive effects of encouraging staff development. Working in a number of departments provided variety as well as enhancing my stock knowledge which is essential when responding to customer requirements.

**November 2015**

**Techfest, Aberdeen**

**Demonstrator**

I demonstrated to groups of up to twenty primary-aged children in the “Flashes and Bangs” series explaining chemical reactions and encouraging the children to get involved in science. I enjoyed enthusing children while learning about the importance of clear communication tailored to the audience.

**Summers 2013, 2014 and 2015**

**Campbell’s Fruit Ltd, Blairgowrie**

**Harvest Supervisor**

This was a great opportunity to learn about the supply chain process between producers and major retail chains ensuring effective harvesting practices, profit margins, prompt deliveries, staff welfare and supervision of up to 80 mainly Eastern European workers. I organised staff rotas and social events for the staff as well as transport for weekly shopping. I received training in Health & Safety in the workplace and workplace first aid.

## Volunteering

**2015 – Present**

**Befriend a Child**

**Volunteer**

I provide friendship and support to two boys who come from very difficult family backgrounds: I help with homework, outings to football matches, trips to the beach etc. I see each of the boys (who are 9 and 11) once a fortnight for two to three hours.

## Interests

**Sport:** I am a keen footballer representing school and university teams at regional level and in inter-university competitions. I also enjoy gym sessions, squash and running.

**Music:** I play guitar and saxophone both to grade 6 and am interested in Rhythm and Blues as a primary focus for composition and performance.

## Referees

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