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EDUCATION

- 2013 – 2017 **University of Aberdeen, BSc (Hons) Geography**, expected 2.1
My degree includes courses in Environmental Management, Sustainable Development, Transport Planning and GIS. I also took part in fieldwork examining rivers in the South of England and glacial formations in Iceland. I recently submitted my dissertation, a comparative study of proposed hydro developments in various Scottish locations, including Aberdeen.
- 2006 – 2012 **Aberdeen Grammar School**
Advanced Highers: Geography (B), Biology (C)
Highers: Geography (A), Maths (B), Chemistry (B), Music (B),
 English (C), German (C)
I also achieved 8 Standard Grades, all at credit level.
I was awarded the Johnston prize for best Geography project in my final year.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2015 – present **Bar Staff, Friar Tuck's, Aberdeen**
I serve drinks and food and provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere for customers. In my manager's absence, I am also responsible for supervising other staff members and drawing up rotas. Working in this busy bar has greatly improved my team working and time management skills.
- June – Aug 2016 **Placement Student, Bright Green Placements, Aberdeen**
I was placed with a small company in Aberdeen and researched ways in which they could become more energy efficient. I conducted a survey of all 80 employees and evaluated the results. Based on this information, I then researched the most appropriate and cost-effective methods for reducing energy consumption in their offices. I presented my results to the directors of the company and wrote a report with 20 recommendations, most of which were implemented over the course of last year.
- Dec 2013 – May 2015 **Retail Assistant, Tesco, Aberdeen**
I worked both on the checkout and on the sales floor, replenishing stock and assisting customers. I often had to work under pressure and sometimes had to deal with difficult customers.
- Oct 2012 – July 2013 **Conservation Volunteer, Conservation Task Force, Brazil**
I was involved in a rainforest conservation project during my gap year. My responsibilities were extremely varied ranging from organising fundraising initiatives such as sponsored hikes to writing publicity materials and web content. I was also involved in the educational campaign where I visited schools to talk to children about the importance of rain forests.
- Aug 2010 – Sept 2011 **Sales Assistant, Marks & Spencer, Aberdeen**
I worked in the menswear department and soon became one of the top selling employees. This position allowed me to develop my customer service and communication skills while saving money for my year abroad.

RELEVANT SKILLS

IT Skills	I have used Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint as part of my coursework. I also use the internet for research and am familiar with several email packages. As part of my degree, I was introduced to ArcGIS.
Communication	Through my work in retail environments and in Friar Tuck's I learned how to communicate with a wide variety of people. During my gap year and my placement with the Business Environment Partnership I also had the chance to prepare reports and publicity materials which were distributed widely. This, along with completing my dissertation, has greatly improved my written communication skills.
Teamwork	My teamwork skills have been essential when working behind a busy bar and in retail. I also have experience of team working from preparing and giving group presentations at University. As a diver, I also know that working well with others can be important in keeping everyone safe.
Organisation	Juggling part-time work with my studies and outside interests has helped me develop in this area, particularly since taking on a committee position for my club. I also had to be extremely organised during my placement last summer when I had to hand in reports to my manager on time.

INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Diving	I have been a member of the University Sub Aqua Club since first year and have taken part in a number of trips, mainly around Scotland. I have also been elected secretary for the last two years.
Geography Society	I very much enjoy taking part in the activities organised by the Society. Last year I was also involved with the fundraising for the annual ball and with building a float for the University Charities' Campaign.
Music	I have been playing the cello for 7 years and have achieved grade 5. I played both in the school orchestra and Symphony Orchestra at the University.
Travel	I enjoy travelling and have visited several countries in South America during my gap year, including Argentina, Bolivia and Peru. I particularly enjoyed Chile where I managed to hear a performance of the Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional Juvenil, the National Youth Orchestra. I have also travelled in Europe.

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