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Personal statement

A friendly and approachable person who has completed their GCSEs and received strong grades in English, Maths and Science as well as Media Studies and Drama. Currently in the second year of a two-year extended Level 3 BTEC course at college in Film, Video & Photography, I am on course to achieve a distinction grade.

Cheerful and creatively minded with a sensible working attitude and an enthusiasm to learn and develop new practical skills. Ultimate career goal is to work in the film/TV industry, ideally working both behind and in front of the camera so as to have the opportunity to put my passion for film to use as much as possible and be part of creating something that makes people as happy as my own favourite TV show, *Doctor Who*, makes me.

Key Skills

- People Person
- Confident
- Creative
- Enthusiastic
- Methodical

Education

Access Creative College

(2019 – 2021)

Access Creative College
68 Heath Mill Lane
Digbeth
Birmingham
West Midlands
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D*DD (Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction) in an Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production

Queensbridge School

(2014 - 2019)

Queensbridge School
Queensbridge Road
Moseley
Birmingham
West Midlands
B13 8QB

Seven 9-1 GCSEs and one BTEC

- English Language: 5
- English Literature: 6
- Maths: 6
- Science (combined): 6
- R.E.: 4
- History: 5
- Media Studies: 6
- Performing Arts (Acting): Level 2 Distinction

Work Experience

Whilst I don't have any previous employment, I have been involved in many campaigns for the Birmingham Children's Hospital as a result of being a regular patient there when I was younger due to a rare condition. These campaigns have given me the opportunity to partake in multiple public speaking events including [thanking over six thousand delegates of St. James's Place Wealth Management Foundation](#) in January of 2019 at the O2 Arena in London for their generous contribution to one of the hospital's campaigns.

I have also been interviewed for local news various times over the years all of which have significantly boosted my confidence and made me comfortable speaking in front of people I may not personally know.

My few professional experiences in front of a camera also include being on two episodes of kids comedy game show, [The Dog Ate My Homework](#), which aired on the UK kids channel CBBC in January 2015 and March 2016 respectively.

Both these experiences dramatically improved my public speaking skills and made me much more comfortable interacting with people I don't know, a skill which is highly relevant in hospitality and public services wherein interacting with new people is a regular occurrence.

In addition to this I also spent the week shadowing members of [Spark Media](#), a corporate video production company based in Birmingham as part of my high school work experience week back in 2017. In this time I learnt lots about the video production process, a career that interests me a lot and one I would like to pursue in the future.

As part of my college course, I've also worked on my own projects with friends, the most notable of which is a short film which I co-wrote and directed called [People Watching](#) which won 'Best Short Film' at our end of college year awards and a documentary, [Secare](#), exploring the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on cinemas in the UK. These projects have taught me valuable transferable skills such as teamwork, problem solving, planning and thinking on my feet. For example, when someone we planned to interview for our documentary let us down last minute, I managed to find a replacement who we contacted and subsequently filmed with within two days.

Most recently, I delved into an area of film production I was slightly less familiar with when I was Script Supervisor on a surrealist comedy short film called [Reduced to Clear](#) (releasing later this year) co-written/directed/produced by a friend of mine. I learnt a lot about just how important this role is and it was really gratifying spotting continuity errors before we started shooting the next shot so they could be rectified in order to provide a natural, professional final film.

Hobbies & Interests

I have a passion for TV/film and aim to pursue a career in that sector of the media industry in the future. I also take a keen interest in the latest news in the world of it and am active in putting my opinion of it out there as well as being enthusiastic about all kinds of stories being told and all voices being heard within such a powerful medium as film.

As well as this, I also enjoy acting and attend drama clubs and have taken part in various school plays and amateur productions. I hope to pursue acting in a more professional sense in the future.

Additionally, I also love baking and cooking. I regularly cook for family and friends and am always being asked to make various birthday cakes and food for special events. Most

recently, I have also got into making cocktails. I love the theatricality and creativity that comes with it and it has provided some great entertainment especially over lockdown.

References

References are available on request.