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## Summary

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A resourceful, sociable, and hard working recent graduate with a degree in Maths and Computer Science from the University of Bristol, and four grade A A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Economics. I am currently working in a supermarket and tutoring GCSE students twice a week.

I believe my skills would be well suited to this role, having gained experience working with Python and SQL through courses and university modules, alongside exposure to other languages and applications such as Java, and LaTeX while at university. Since finishing university I have continued to develop my computer science skills through further learning of Python based data science alongside Java and initial Android app development. I am now looking for an opportunity to utilise and develop these skills within a progressive technology based, data driven role.

## Skills

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### Languages and Applications

Intermediate - Java, Microsoft Office

Basic - SQL, Python, LaTeX, Android Studio

Currently I am further developing my Python, SQL and Java skills through online courses.

### Numerical Skills

I have always enjoyed science and mathematics and these have formed a substantial proportion of my higher education. At Kenilworth School I achieved grade A A-Levels in both Mathematics and Further Mathematics. At the University of Bristol I particularly enjoyed, Combinatorics and Linear Algebra. My numerical skills will support a data driven role.

### Communication

I am currently doing two part time roles, both of which require very direct communication with various groups of people. At Waitrose supermarket I work in a customer facing role, I also tutor a group of students for mathematics and science GCSEs. At my local Boys Club I organised and led activities for younger boys and this helped me to establish good communication skills.

### Self Management and Leadership

I have continued working to develop my computer science skills, while maintaining my two part time jobs. Throughout my time at University I was required to manage multiple deadlines this led me to develop both time and activity management skills. While volunteering, I led and supervised various activities giving me the opportunity to develop and utilise my leadership skills.

### Teamwork

I completed a number of team based assignments throughout my education and work to date. For example, for a team based assignment involving the implementation of image processing and computer vision algorithms completed during my final year of university I achieved a 2:1 grade. At school during a business exercise arranged by CIPFA my team was the winner and I was awarded a further prize for making the best overall contribution to that team.

## Work experience

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Dec 2016 - Present	<p>Supermarket Assistant</p> <p><i>Waitrose</i></p> <p>I am currently working at Waitrose supermarket in Kenilworth. This role has allowed me to develop my teamwork and communication skills via delivery of excellent customer service, while taking on various other responsibilities such as handling cash and card transactions.</p>
Nov 2016 - Present	<p>Tutor</p> <p><i>Talent Tuition</i></p> <p>This has helped develop my communication skills, explaining potentially complex concepts and problems in an understandable and concise way.</p>

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## Other Work Experience

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While at school I completed a week of work experience at City Electrical Factors, where I was involved in creating and updating spreadsheets within Excel, along with various other data entry and data management responsibilities.

I volunteered for a number of years at Kenilworth Boys Club, where I was responsible for leading activities and general supervision.

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## Education

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September 2013 - July 2016	<p>Maths and Computer Science (3rd Class)</p> <p><i>University of Bristol</i></p> <p>Final Year Project - Protecting the Bitcoin Infrastructure from Exploitation via a Botnet Command and Control Mechanism - 63% - (2:1)</p>
September 2011 - July 2013	<p>A-Levels</p> <p><i>Castle Sixth Form, Kenilworth</i></p> <p>Further Maths - A    Economics - A</p> <p>Maths - A              German (AS) - A</p> <p>Physics - A</p>
September 2008 - July 2011	<p>GCSEs</p> <p><i>Kenilworth School and Sports College</i></p> <p>Maths - A*              French - A</p> <p>English Language - A    Latin - A</p> <p>English Literature - A    History - A</p> <p>Physics - A*              Geography - A*</p> <p>Geography - A*            German A*</p> <p>Chemistry - A*            Biology A*</p>

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## References

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I am happy to provide referees on request