Will Noakes

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Personal statement

I am a hardworking and independent person, though I also thrive under a collaborative environment. As a recent graduate, I take great pride in my efficiency, curiosity and self-sufficiency – traits I have painstakingly acquired in my academic pursuits. However, what sets me apart is my creativity. As a lifelong writer, with an amateur background in video editing, digital art and theatre, I possess both a wide imagination and the technical aptitude for applying it across multiple disciplines.

Key Skills

- 80 words per minute typing speed
- Proficiency in image manipulation software (e.g. Photoshop Elements 10, GIMP 2)
- Competency with Microsoft Office Word, Excel and PowerPoint, alongside Google Docs, Sheets and Slides
- Excellent communication skills especially in a public speaking capacity
- Experience with social media (over 1 million views on TikTok)
- Interest in and experience with creative writing

Education

University of Exeter

(September 2020 - July 2023)

BA (Hons) English and Creative Writing - 1st Class

Watford Grammar School for Boys

(September 2013 - March 2020)

3 A-Levels with the following grades:

- A* in OCR English Language & Literature
- B in AQA Politics
- C in OCR Religious Studies

10 GCSEs, including a 9 in English Literature (AQA)

Employment History

WatchFiction and WatchGame Researcher, TheProGamerJay LTD.

(January 2022 – November 2022)

- During my time here, I researched and wrote for over a dozen YouTube videos, which have collectively amassed millions of views.
- This position involved thorough research, including consistent citations to go along with every factual claim made.
- It taught me the value of hierarchy and collaboration within a digital workspace, while also encouraging personal independence under strict deadlines.

Front of House, Wagamama, Watford

(August 2019 – October 2019)

- This position involved a lot of interactions with the public to provide a friendly, engaging service.
- It encouraged good teamwork with both the kitchen and fellow waitstaff.
- During my time here, I honed organisational and time management skills to keep on top of long hours and dinner rushes over the course of a busy summer.