

Ben Simmons

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Education

- Grey College, Durham University, UK | October 2018 – July 2021
 - BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics (**PPE**)
- Sutton Grammar School, UK | September 2011 – June 2018
 - A-2 level: **A*** - History; **A** - Mathematics; **A** - Spanish; **A** - Economics
 - GCSE: Grade **A*** in 8 subjects (including English & Mathematics); grade **A** in 3 subjects

Previous Employment/Experience

- International House, Oxford | July-August 2019
 - Worked as an Activity Leader for 5 weeks at an IH language summer school on a **residential basis**
 - For up to **450 students**, organised and conducted 2 activities every afternoon and one each evening
 - Full responsibility of evening activities on select days of the week, comprising **managing a team of 20 staff members**
 - Led large groups on excursions to London and Bath, liaising with venue management and transport providers
 - Completed an emergency first-aid training course and had to deal independently in various high-pressured scenarios involving injuries to teenagers
- Emma's Hair, Tolworth | July 2018
 - Work experience as a hairdressing assistant allowing me to **create rapports with clients**
- New Day, London | July 2018
 - Two weeks of work experience at the financial services company
 - Helped to develop their unsecured personal loans services
 - Assisted with enhancing their websites, improving the customer journey and working on an **algorithm to reduce the cost of security checks** on potential customers in Excel
- Fulcrum Chambers, London | July 2018
 - Work experience as I looked at a case involving the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) and shadowed both barristers and solicitors
- Gredos Activity Centre, Madrid | May 2017
 - A week working at a bar and gas station in Madrid, Spain
 - Helped to run activities designed to improve the Spanish speaking and listening skills of young boys (aged 12-14) on the trip, teaching me **patience and an ability to be concise with instructions**
- Just Laptops Limited, Leatherhead | July 2015
 - A week of work experience involving routine tasks such as sweeping, packaging, cleaning and testing keyboards
- Capgemini Consulting, London | July 2015
 - A week of work experience at Capgemini Consulting where I shadowed consultants and undertook different business projects, also completing a day-long Excel course

Interests, Skills and Achievements

- Can **analyse data with Python** having learnt independently through Code Academy
- Awarded the 'Brisley Declamation Cup' in 2015 for **most accomplished public speaker** at Sutton Grammar School and enjoy debating as a member of Durham Union
- Competent at both speaking and writing Spanish: awarded the **Year 13 Spanish Prize** at Sutton Grammar School
- Top 10 finalist in **Royal Economic Society's 'Young Economist of the Year'** competition in 2017
- Highly commended in the **Corpus Prize Essay Competition** by Corpus Christi College, Cambridge for Economics
- Keen football player: represent Grey College, Durham University, in weekly fixtures
- **Keen chess player**: ran Sutton Grammar School's Chess Club and led the competitive team in 6th Form, while currently part of Durham University's Chess Society
- Member of **Durham University Finance Society**, regularly attending workshops and engaging with partner presentations