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Second year BSc Geography student, seeking work experience in hydrology, with the aim of becoming a hydrologist in the future.

**EDUCATION**

2018 – present BSc (Hons) Geography, Newcastle University

Relevant modules include: Geographical skills, Biogeography, Political Geography, River Catchment Dynamics, Physical Fieldwork Methods, Environmental Issues.

* Worked as part of a group of six to undertake fieldwork on the Ouseburn river, collaborating with other teams with different datasets, allowing our group to present our findings to a wider audience. Using these findings and our data to produce a 1500-word water quality report.
* Developed a broad knowledge and understanding of issues, by writing essays and reports on political situations around the world, including the spread of nationalism across Europe, Shell Energy operating in the Ogoni Delta in Nigeria, as well as the management of the Colorado River across South west USA.
* Formulated hydrographs for different catchments using Matlab, demonstrating how different catchments respond to the same rainfall events.
* Undertaken field work in Cumbria, adding context and depth to the data by extensively researching, leading to writing a 2000-word report advising the local authority on the appropriateness of soft and hard engineering techniques to prevent flooding in rural communities.
* In weekly computer classes, used QGIS to map coastlines using GPS data and historic maps to map the coastline, using these skills to create two detailed maps showing the changing coastline at Druridge Bay.

2011 – 2018 Walton High School, Stafford

A Levels: Geography (A) Psychology (B) and Biology (C)

12 GCSES: A\*- B including Maths, English and Sciences

**EMPLOYMENT**

Oct 2016 – present Gardener, Garden Angels, Stafford

* Carried out garden maintenance, for a business that serves 140 gardens across south Staffordshire. Working as part of a workforce of 27 gardeners, most often in a pair or a group of three.
* Confidently communicated with customers face to face, to understand their expectations and advise them on the maintenance of their garden throughout the seasons.
* Attended monthly training sessions, to expand my horticultural knowledge and refresh practical skills.
* Practiced strict health and safety procedures when working, using the correct equipment appropriately and according to task.

Sep 2011 – June 2018 Teaching assistant, Harriet Kincaid School of Dance, Stafford

* Taught the lower ballet classes of the dance school, children between the ages of 3 – 8, often in small groups, alongside other teachers.
* Frequently communicated with parents on their child’s progress.
* Advised dancers who were participating in upcoming dance shows and exams on their technique and performance.
* Worked in the dance shop fitting dancers with dance uniform and shoes, writing out bills and ensuring that all outstanding money was paid.

Feb 2015 – Aug 2017 Paper round deliverer, Staffordshire express and star bank – Stafford

* Delivered 130 express and star papers in my local area, weekly.
* Prioritised tasks and managed time effectively as worked throughout my GCSE exam period.

Mar 2014 – Feb 2016 Waitress, Truly vintage tea hut – Stafford

* Worked in a tea hut often on my own or in a small group, taking orders, serving tables, as well as making drinks and preparing food.
* Ran the establishment with along with other workers when the owner was away, ensuring that all payments were recorded, and the owner was aware when stocks of specific items were limited.

**VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE**

Sept 2019 – Present Peer Mentor, Newcastle University

Supported a group of first year geography students as a Student Peer Mentor. Helped students to make the transition into university life smoother by providing support with academic work, leading campus tours and organising social events.

Sept 2013 – July 2017 Rainbows, Girl Guiding UK

Volunteered at a local rainbow group, attended weekly meetings and days out, planned and organised activities aiming to improve various skills. I personally looked after a girl throughout her time in Rainbows

Oct 2015 – Oct 2016 Junior Representative, Walton Chasers Orienteering club

Ran the warmup at junior Tuesday training sessions, gave feedback to the other committee members at committee meetings that the other junior members had expressed to me. Delivered a 5-minute presentation to an audience of 75 at the AGM on the progress and achievements of the junior members that year.

**ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

* Full UK driving license
* General IT – proficient in Microsoft Office, including Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint and Word.
* Sector specific – proficient in QGIS, ArcGIS and Matlab

**INTERESTS**

At university, I’m a member of the Canoe club, as well as being Vice President of the Geography society. At home I am a member of the local Orienteering club this sparked my interest in maps and along with enjoying geography at high school led me to pursue the subject in higher education. I also enjoy travelling, my favourite destination is visiting my extended family in New Zealand.

**REFERENCES**

Academic – Dr Charlotte Lee, Teaching Fellow, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7RU. 0191 208 5344, charlotte.lee@newcastle.ac.uk

Professional – Harriet Green, Dance Principal, Harriet Kincaid School of Dance, Wildwood Community Centre, Stafford, ST17 4RD, 07866 474023, harrietkincaid@hotmail.co.uk