

## JO STUDENT

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Enthusiastic and motivated Early Years graduate with previous School and Nursery experience. Offering excellent communication skills in English and Welsh and an ability to develop and promote a range of activities aimed at enhancing children's learning and exploration through play. Confident at dealing with people at all levels and currently seeking a position where my graduate level skills can be fully utilised.

### EDUCATION

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**ABC University**  
2012 -2015

**BSc (Hons) Early Years Development & Education (2:1)**

**Modules included:**

Early Childhood Education      Developmental Psychology  
Issues in Education              Biology of Development  
Writing & the Primary Curriculum  
Working with Children's Picture Books in Primary School

**Final year dissertation: Visual Vocabulary – *The use of Art & Design to develop children's descriptive vocabulary***

**Any School**  
2003-2011

**2 'A' Levels – Psychology (A) Sociology (B)**

**9 GCSEs (Grade A-C) - including English Language A and Mathematics B**

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**March 2014**

**Other Primary School**

**Volunteer Art Project Assistant**

- Responsible for supporting children aged 5 – 7yrs during an art and design cross-curricular project entitled *Tracks, Trails & Shadows*
- Worked alongside teachers and artists to develop activities to promote confidence, descriptive vocabulary and visual arts skills with children.
- Supported children in making their own three dimensional pieces of art and ensured they always worked in a safe environment both indoors and outdoors.

**Oct – Nov 2013**

**Any Primary School**

**Degree Work Experience Placement**

- Working with children at Key Stage 1 helping Teachers and SEN Assistants with the full range of foundation phase curriculum activities.
- Helped develop and deliver structured play activities for a range of subjects including Maths. Took part in delivering stories, puzzles and games including 'Detective Trails' and 'Dressing by Numbers'
- Gained an appreciation of the *Parents as Partners* project in creating better communication between home and school. Helped prepare publicity and information for a new *Letters and Sounds Resource Pack* for parents.

**Jan - June 2012**

**Tiny Tots Nursery**

**Assistant Nursery Nurse (part time job, short term contract)**

- Responsible for supporting babies and children from three months to five years of age working alongside nursery nursing staff.
- Ensured children were safe at all times and fully engaged in supervised play and learning activities
- Assisted in preparing food to specific requirements ensuring health and safety regulations were adhered to
- Discussed children's daily activities with parents or referred to senior staff as appropriate

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## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

**Sept 2012 - present**

**ABC Shop**

**Retail Assistant**

- Maintain high levels of customer care, while regularly reaching monthly sales targets.
- Always ensure shop floor is kept tidy and clear of obstructions in line with health and safety regulations.
- Successfully adapt to different work roles at short notice when required to cover staff for illness or unexpected circumstances.

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## **SKILLS PROFILE**

### **IT**

Experienced in the use of Word, Excel and have used Photoshop in creative IT learning activities with children during my work experience.

### **Communication**

Bi-lingual and currently learning sign language. Confident in speaking to groups as demonstrated by undertaking presentations during my degree and in working with adults and children on a variety of projects.

### **Organisation & Planning**

Excellent organisational skills developed throughout my degree and crucial when combining part time employment and work experience with full time study. Effective planning and co-ordination were key factors in successfully researching, analysing and presenting my final year 10,000 word dissertation

### **Teamwork**

Ability to work well in a team and support colleagues as demonstrated during my part time job in regularly exceeding group sales targets. Comfortable in liaising with staff at all levels during work placements including head teachers and school governors.

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## **INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- I recently raised £2,000 for RNIB by completing a Half Marathon
- Play the piano up to Grade 6
- 2010: Achieved Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and took a gap year to travel independently to Australia and New Zealand

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## **REFERENCES**

The names and addresses of two referees can be provided on request.