

BEN CURLING

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EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

The University of Edinburgh

2018 - 2022

MA (Hons) Ancient & Medieval History, Upper Second Class (2:1)

- Dissertation: 'Highlighting the Positive Characterisation of the Magi in the Works of Apuleius'.
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Queen Anne High School

2012 – 2018

- **Scottish Highers:** Music (A), Music Technology (A), English (A), Media Studies (B), History (B).
- **Advanced Highers:** Music (A), History (C).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Professional Musician

2015 - present

- Self-releasing music on all major streaming platforms has been crucial to the development of my knowledge regarding the entertainment industry.
- Regularly organise events at venues across Scotland, working with promoters and fellow artists. Such experiences have provided me with excellent interpersonal skills and the capacity to work as part of a team to deliver meaningful projects.
- Current musical project has featured on 'BBC Music Introducing', as well as been given airtime on U.K. and U.S. radio stations.

Biscuit Café, Head Barista

Sept 2022 – present

- Delivering exceptional coffee and hot beverage service at a busy tourist location, making individualised coffee recommendations and informing interested customers on the source and processes of our product.
- Provide on-the-job training to new employees in barista departments.
- Entrusted to carry out accurate cash handling to assist the manager and business owner.
- Maintaining a hygienic and safe workspace including regular cleaning of coffee machines.

TKMAXX, Store Associate

Sept 2019 – May 2022

- Large focus on loss prevention in-store that required consistent observational and communication skills.
- Quickly adapted to new environments with COVID-19 safety procedures.

Hope Hairdressing, Receptionist and Salon Assistant

Jan 2017 – Sept 2018

- Modelled for several styling competitions - Finalist for *Wella Professionals Trend Vision Awards*, 2018.

- Managed deliveries and appointment schedules, becoming highly proficient with Microsoft Office.

KEY SKILLS

Research and analytical skills

- Studying History developed my ability to evaluate both primary and secondary source material, drawing connections between different concepts and ideas.
- Can apply these analytical skills to any given situation, making me an effective problem solver.
- Able to thoroughly investigate a given topic and formulate balanced arguments.
- My dissertation allowed me to direct my own study and contribute something new to existing historical scholarship, in conversation with various scholars along the way.

Communication and presentation skills

- Have the ability to communicate complex ideas both verbally and written, whilst discussing the topic with nuance.
- Self-confident individual when speaking to an audience due to live musical performances and assessed seminar presentations.

Organisation and time management

- Have the ability to work towards multiple deadlines.
- Employment alongside studying at university taught me how to balance responsibilities.
- Have developed organisational methods to manage notes that amount alongside various projects.

IT skills

- Fully proficient with Microsoft Office, and competent using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop from creating promotional artwork and working with 35mm film.
- Proficient with Pro Tools from studies and experience within recording studios.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Creative Portfolio

- <https://bencurling.journoportfolio.com/>

Student Newspaper

- Writer for the music section of the student newspaper, *The Student*, where I regularly contributed reviews and feature articles.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL REFEREES

Available on request.