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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- Oct '14 – Sep '15     **Imperial College London**  
MSc Science Media Production (with Merit)  
Core Modules: *Film Form; Science and its Social Context; Signs, Sounds and Meaning in Radio; Documentary; Narrative.*
- Sep '10 – June '13     **Cardiff University**  
B.Sc. Genetics,  
Graduated with Second Class Honours (First Division) Degree.  
*Final Year Project: Investigated the effects of Cadmium toxicity on Nematodes.*
- Sep '03 – Aug '10     **Dame Allan's Schools**  
A-Level results:     **BBB** (AQA Religious Studies, AQA Biology, AQA Chemistry)  
GCSE results:        **2 A\*'s** (AQA Chemistry, Edexcel Religious Studies)  
                              **4 A's** (AQA Biology, IGCSE Mathematics, AQA Physics, AQA Spanish)  
                              **3 B's** (AQA English Literature, AQA English Language, AQA Art)

## SKILLS

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- **Language Skills:** English (Fluent), Malayalam (Fluent), Spanish (Moderate Speaker)
- Valid UK driving license
- Working knowledge of **Microsoft Word** and **Excel**
- Working knowledge of **Pro Tools** for audio editing and **Final Cut Pro** for video editing
- Efficient at using equipment such as a **Z5/Z7** camera and sound recording equipment.
- Informed on Interview Techniques for documentary and factual content.
- Good Communication and Team Work, developed from retail work and group work activities at universities
- Time Management and Reliability – I have never missed a deadline and can always be relied on to provide my full participation for any project.
- Experienced in the different stages of producing a documentary from Pre-Production (Research, Brainstorming ideas and Preparation) to the Shooting and Editing process.
- Capable of working in a range of different environments from production to live television or scripted documentary.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- May '15                     **Darlow Smithson**  
*Intern*
- Worked as part of the Development team working on ideas as well as researching facts to check feasibility of potential shows
  - Worked as part of the Production team as a fact checker for the editors on a show about freak weather
  - Worked as receptionist answering phone calls and ensuring staff members were kept up to date on meetings.

- Aug '14                    **“Recording Walthamstow”**  
*Short film by Guy King (Director) and Paula Smith (Photographer). Assistant.*  
 Filmed in Walthamstow, contributors had their portraits taken while being interviewed for the documentary to show a representation of the community.
- *Sourcing contributors as well as welcoming and prepping the contributors*
  - *Assisting the director while filming e.g. operating the boom microphone*
  - *Assisting the photographer e.g. adjusting the lighting and printing the portraits*
  - *At the end of the filming period, the studio was turned into an art gallery by our team for contributors to view their portraits.*
- Jul '14 – Aug '14       **Turtle Conservation**  
*Volunteer, (Costa Rica)*
- *Patrolling the beach at night in search for turtles who have arrived to lay their eggs and to ward off potential poachers. The eggs would then have to be collected and taken to the Turtle hatchery to develop in a protected environment.*
  - *Guarding the turtle hatchery to prevent intruders such as poachers or wild animals from stealing the eggs.*
- Jun '14 – Jul '14       **Jatun Sacha**  
*Volunteer (San Cristobal, the Galapagos Islands, and Ecuador)*
- *Helping to maintain the station, including building fences, stairs basic facilities used by the staff as well as assisting with kitchen duties such as preparing food and cleaning the canteen*
  - *Removing weeds from cultivated crops of coffee and other local produce to prevent the spread of foreign plant species.*
- Aug '13 - May '14       **St Oswald's Hospice Charity Shop**  
*Volunteer (Little Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne)*
- *Greeting customers and aiding them with their purchase*
  - *Arranging the window display to create an attractive environment for customers.*
  - *Working on the till to arrange purchases, returns and exchanges for the customers.*
  - *Arranging and preparing stock to be taken out and displayed for purchase.*
- Nov '13 – Feb '14       **Waitrose**  
*Sales Assistant (Eldon Square Shopping Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne)*

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTERESTS

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I have performed two forms of **Indian Classical Dance** since the age of five all over the country as well as joining many dance societies whilst at university.

**Singing** is very important to me and has always helped me dealing with stress from the time when I began studying it in school. I also studied **piano** and **violin** for several years.

Having the opportunity to **Travel** to Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands was a dream come true as it enabled me to learn about new cultures and be prepared for any type of situation.

I participated in the **Duke of Edinburgh Silver award**, embarking on the expedition and undertaking volunteer work every weekend. In my spare time I enjoy baking or reading fantasy or science fiction novels.

As part of **Imperial College**, the module assignments has allowed me to create a 7 minute radio piece on children with ADHD; a 15 minute documentary on life in stables and my final project, a 30 minute documentary providing an insight into the lives of cat breeders and people who present their cats in shows.

References available on request