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## Professional Profile

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Currently studying Film, Photography, and Media at the University of Leeds, I am eager to build my skills and knowledge in filmmaking. In my second year, I've gained valuable experience in various aspects of media production, including independently producing a podcast graded at a first, and working as a camera operator and cinematographer for a documentary. These projects have instilled in me the confidence to work creatively in a team, adhere to briefs, and competently handle professional equipment.

My previous work experience includes being a bar steward at the Alban Arena theatre, which familiarized me with fast-paced environments and honed my ability to improvise, adapt, and collaborate effectively. I also worked as a barista, developing crucial skills in communication, customer service, reliability, and decision-making. Additionally, my roles in the theatre, both on and off stage, required a high degree of communication and teamwork—skills essential in filmmaking. I am enthusiastic about filmmaking and motivated to excel in this field, and I am eager to contribute to and learn from this volunteer opportunity.

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## Core skills & achievements

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- Barista and Bar Trained, (1+ year experience)
- A Levels – A\*, A, B
- 9 GCSEs at levels 6-9
- Junior Winner of World Landscape Photography Competition 2022
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Grade 5 Violin Practical and Music Theory

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## Education

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### BA Film, Photography and Media - University of Leeds – 2023 - 2026

### A Levels – St Georges School, Harpenden – 2022

- Photography – **A\***
- Drama and Theatre Studies – **A**
- Geography – **B**

### GCSEs – St Georges School, Harpenden – 2020

- English Language, English Literature, Music, Drama - **8**
- Food Preparation and Nutrition, Science (Combined), Geography – **7**
- Religious Education, Maths – **6**

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## Work Experience

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### Front of House Team Member – Bar + Steward

- Alban Arena Theatre, St Albans
- November 2022 – Present

### Barista

- Charlie's Café, Wheathampstead
- May 2021 – September 2022

### Kitchen Porter

- St Georges School, Harpenden
- September – October 2022

### Retail – Shop Assistant

- Corner Stores, Kimpton
- January 2017 – October 2021

### Lighting Technician

- Hertfordshire Players, Hertford
- August 2022 (The Tempest), August 2018 (Alice at Minack)

### Sound Technician (Volunteer)

- Barn Theatre, Welwyn Garden City
- May – June 2019

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## Hobbies and interests

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### Church and Christian Union

Since coming to Leeds in September 2023 I have become an active member at both Mosaic Church and the Leeds University Christian Union. During my short time within these communities, I have served on welcome teams, hosted gatherings, and lead small groups and now lead one of the Christian Union's small groups for students in university accommodation. It is a great privilege to be part of such a loving community, and as a result I have acquired skills in leadership, community building and fellowship that would prove a great asset to any working environment.

### Drama and Theatre

As well as studying Drama at both GCSE and A Level, I have been an active member of the local non-professional theatre, working on productions as a sound and lighting technician across multiple shows. I have been involved with school productions as part of the technical team and represented my school at the Welwyn Youth Drama Festival, where I acted as an understudy. In these positions, I have learned to work successfully within a team, how to adapt and work well under pressure, and how to navigate a busy environment.

### Photography

I have followed photography as a hobby of mine for a number of years now, with aims to build a career from it in the future. In achieving A\* in my Photography A Level, I have demonstrated I am able to work to a brief within a timescale, and that I am able to think creatively and produce original results.

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## References available on request

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