

JONATHAN LANGTON

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Personal Statement

I am an astute, ambitious, self-starter who uses his own initiative and determination to achieve success. I'm an independent, optimistic, proactive thinker with a multitude of transferable IT skills which I've built up alongside my school studies. I strive for professional and high standards. I decide what I want to achieve, then set out to do it well. I have a passion for all things IT.

Qualifications & Skills

A Levels: September 2017 – June 2019: Maths, Biology, Physics

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – “Are Companies Doing Enough to Prevent Data Breaches?” 5000 word essay (B)

iGCSE: September 2015 – June 2017: Dauntsey's School, West Lavington, Devizes, SN10 4HE

Passed 9 iGCSE's in Maths (A), Physics (A*), Biology (A), English Language (B/6), English Literature (B), Chemistry (B), History (B), Geography (B) and Design & Technology (A)

Oct 2019 – Codecademy courses including “Computer Science” (Python, complex data structures, algorithms etc..)

Oct 2018 - Codecademy 'Build Websites from Scratch' using **html, CSS and jQuery** 10 week online accelerated coding course

Fully confident video editor using **Sony Vegas Pro** and **Adobe After Effects CS6**

Fully confident in graphic design using **PhotoShop** and **Cinema 4D**

Work Experience/Employment

Sept 2020 – Present: Joined Accenture Degree Apprenticeship Programme (BSC Digital & Technology Solutions)

Working on cloud projects gaining experience towards becoming a network / cloud engineer.

Oct 2019 – Present: eCommerce & Digital Marketing Consultant – GB Total Equestrian & GB Hay and Straw [Full Time]

Brought in to manage the development of a new eCommerce website. Additionally, I planned, created and implemented new marketing strategies to develop the company using Facebook ads, email marketing, Google Analytics, SEMrush and physical marketing materials.

Oct 2019 – Present: Freelance Website Developer

- **NorCal Veterinary Services** – Developing a modern website to replace their outdated site. Managed the transfer of email system and domain to an alternative host provider.
- **KB Dog Training** – Developing a new website with an integrated booking system. Provided small business and marketing advice. Designed new marketing material to extend brand awareness.

August 2019: BT, Adastral Park, Ipswich – Research and Innovation (1 Week)

I completed a project on **biometrics using machine learning**. This required coding in **Python** of which I had very little prior knowledge. By day 3, I had written a fully functional program. On day 5, I presented my findings to the department.

July 2019: Herbert Smith Freehills – Canary Wharf (1 Week)

I joined a small team of senior IT experts who were writing back-end code for client companies. I learnt that agile software development is key in ensuring that large teams of people work together effectively.

July 2019: North Farm, Aldbourne – Farm worker, (2 Weeks Paid Work)

I was trusted to work in a dangerous environment doing physically demanding tasks, not only as part of a team but also on my own. I had to complete a **health and safety course** before I could start.

June 2017: Pure Planet, Bristol (1 Week)

At this renewable energy start-up company, I learnt about social media management, workspace environment, website support bots, business organisation and management meetings. It was a fascinating experience.

Personal Business Ventures

- **GCHQ Cyber Security Course (2017)** - I successfully attended a week-long cybersecurity course run by the Smallpiece trust in conjunction with GCHQ.
- **Vegetable Plant Business (2007 – present)** – From the age of 7, I have developed a successful self-owned business in plant sales. I now grow hundreds of plants from seed and sell them to an expanding and loyal customer base. I

deal with the whole end-to-end process by myself which encompasses income, expenditure, gross and net profit, databases, logistics, processes and marketing. This activity spans 3 months and yields a net profit of £600+ per year.

- **Developed and Launched 'ParadoxMC' Minecraft Server (2016-19)** - Starting from scratch, I **designed** the look, functionality and structure of the server. I **analysed**, used and configured the correct plugins. I dealt with suppliers, recruited staff members to maintain in-game player experience. I led the **development** teams and researched effective advertising and promotional schemes. I also **tested** the full package before release then continued to **support them after release**. A second release included an enhanced player experience. The project has taught me many transferrable skills, including team management and the knowledge of **DNS** and the use of **TLS** for encryption. I maintain a server forum 'ParadoxMC.org'.
- **E-Commerce Store (2019)** - I set up a 'test' Shopify e-commerce store. By following a course, I **researched and tested** advertising strategies using Google Analytics which harnessed social media including Facebook to promote the business. This helped me get an insight into the power and importance of social media marketing.
- **YouTube Editing (2015 - 2019)** – I have 3 years' experience in using **Sony Vegas Pro 15** and **Adobe After Effects CS6** which I use regularly use to edit game footage into montages. Everything I know about these programs has been self-taught. In February 2019, I **was headhunted to edit online videos for an organisation called 'Solar', that has 125,000 YouTube subscribers**. I had previously been editing for 'Traum' clan with **12,000 subscribers**.
- **Website Coding Projects (2018)**
I completed a **10-week accelerated Code Academy course** in my spare time using **HTML5** and **CSS3** programming language plus an insight into **jQuery**. I have **produced** many **websites from scratch**, examples of which are showcased on my own website, "JonathanLangton.com".
- **Graphic Design (2017/18)**
Using my self-taught knowledge of **Photoshop** and **Cinema 4D** (3D modelling software), I completed various graphic design projects.

Achievements

- **Completed Devizes to Westminster 125-mile Marathon Kayak Race, Easter 2018 and 2019**
This is the largest and most demanding challenge I've set myself, to date. It required grit, **determination**, stamina, **teamwork (2-person kayak)** and an extremely **resilient mindset**. It reinforced the importance of maintaining a **positive** focus no matter what the situation and to never to give up! It also demonstrated the need to encourage one another. I trained 3 to 4 times a week in all types of weather over two years to compete in the 2018 and 2019, U19, K2 kayak race with my colleague. Over the four-day kayak race, we had to camp and cook for ourselves. In 2018, the race was sadly stopped half way through due to severe weather conditions. We returned in 2019 and **achieved 4th place out of 76 crews**. We established a school record for the highest placed crew of all time (50 years). The school awarded each of us a **cup and full sporting colours**.
- **National Schools Kayaking Championships**, November 2017. I achieved 2nd place.
- **Survival Course, August 2018** – Successfully completed a 5-day Trueways 'Basic to Advanced' Survival course which was extremely demanding both physically and mentally. I was the youngest on the course and one of only 6 out of 12 to pass. The instructor's comment in my report reads: **"He was assertive and proactive throughout, his head did not drop once, his chest was never deflated. He outperformed men twice his age with a military background. It was one of the most impressive turn arounds I have seen."** Ammo, 8.18
- **Brecon's Challenge (2018)** – Teams consisted of 2 people one of which had to be a non-athlete. I coached, trained and inspired my friend, who wasn't an athlete, to compete in this challenging race with me. This comprised of a 11.5km hike with 800m incline, a 17.5km cycle ride and a 7km kayak. Throughout the event, I continually motivated and encouraged my friend as well as others. I had to push my partner along the more extreme parts of the course because he was feeling ill on the day.
- **Gymnastics** – I've enjoyed over 10 years of weekly gymnastics with the Swindon school of gymnastics club. Disciplines include floor, bar, rings, pommel and vault. I achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings in the internal club competitions.

Additional Skills and Responsibilities

- **Community Work (July 2019)** – I volunteered as a helper at a children's summer holiday event.
- **Qualified RYA Powerboat Driver** – I am a fully qualified Level 2 RYA Powerboat Licence holder.
- **Unicycle** – At the age of 14, I taught myself to ride a regular and 5-foot tall unicycle.