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PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a highly enthusiastic creative technologies student from Bangor University looking to secure a graduate opportunity to further my technical skills and challenge my creative ability. I have an eye for innovation which is demonstrated in my recent individual project. Creating a new application suitable for use by students has allowed me to develop my ability to design useful interfaces which prioritise the users' needs with reference to HCI principles. Having worked as a swimming teacher for several years, I have gained valuable communication skills that have allowed me to convey my knowledge and negotiate plans to best suit the client. This has been furthered in my recent games production project, working in a group to create a fundable game idea. I have been able to work collaboratively to implement the group's shared vision of a unique game that is suitable for our audience demographic. Most recently, I have been Head Coach for Bangor University Swimming Club which has allowed me to utilise my critical thinking skills to help reshape our annual plan to fit COVID-19 regulations. I am an honest, considerate, and dedicated individual who thrives in a working environment.

MARIA TAGGART

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

September 2020 – Ongoing

Head Coach • Bangor University Swimming Club • Bangor, Gwynedd

- Ensuring that weekly sessions are planned with the focus on providing optimal development for every swimmer.
- Adapting club activities to abide by lockdown rules like hosting weekly Zoom workout sessions.
- Having an input in decisions to ensure that the club's best interests are always kept at the forefront.

July 2019 – September 2019

Swimming Teacher • Crosby Leisure Centre • Crosby, Liverpool

- Planning and delivering both group and one-to-one lessons appropriate to the swimmers' age and ability.
- Providing accurate demonstrations and explanations of swimming technique.
- Working with swimmers to correct faults in their stroke and implement ways to improve it.

March 2019 – Ongoing

Swimming Teacher • Olympia Swimming • Bangor, Gwynedd

June 2018 – September 2018

Swimming Teacher • Total Swimming Academies • Crosby, Liverpool

2006 - Present

Volunteer • Riding for the Disabled Association • Crosby, Liverpool

EDUCATION

2018 – 2021 - Bangor University

BSc. Creative Technologies – 1:1 (Predicted)

Individual project: HCI - A smartphone-based application for sports societies and clubs

Notable modules: Game Production, Web Design, Business Process Reengineering, Computer Graphics, Games Design

2011 – 2018 - Sacred Heart Catholic College

4 A-Levels & equivalents

Extended Project Qualification - Games Design (A* achieved)

10 GCSEs

QUALIFICATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

Level 2 Swimming Teaching Qualification – Swim England

Instructors Award – Archery GB

INTERESTS

Swimming:

Pushing myself to not only improve my times but to refine my technique to ensure I am as efficient as possible in the water. Additionally, I enjoy practicing what I teach to ensure that I can properly communicate with and relate to fellow swimmers.

Filmmaking:

Having worked on several film projects, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of a crew with similar interests working towards a common goal. I have practised several disciplines including editing, camera operating, sound mixing, and graphic design.

Acting:

Since a young age I have been performing on both stage and camera. Creating captivating character and viewing situations from alternative perspectives has given me a greater understanding of different beliefs.

REFERENCES

Available on request