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### Profile

I am eager to secure an industrial placement in the research and development of polymers and organic synthesis. I am hardworking, conscientious and reliable and thrive on achieving goals and being inventive. I enjoy working as part of a team or on my own and interact with people in general. I can also be trusted to work with minimal supervision.

### Education

#### University of Strathclyde (2012-Present)

I am entering third year to study MChem Chemistry with Drug Discovery. Classes this year cover, Physical Chemistry, Organic, Spectroscopy, Structures and Inorganic Chemistry, as well as with labs in Physical and Applied Chemistry, Organic and Inorganic Chemistry and Drug Discovery, this included, TLC Optimisation, Refluxing, work-ups, IR, NMR and UV/Vis Spectroscopy

Second year classes were focused on the Physical, Inorganic, Organic and Spectroscopic side of Chemistry. I attended classes in Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical science and drug development. An overall pass with merit was achieved. Practical laboratories resulted in me achieving a mark of 88% in Practical Organic and Inorganic and 97% in Practical Physical and Applied Chemistry and Chemical Analysis. I also achieved a certificate of excellence for laboratory skills, which involved being accurate, precise and working to experimental deadlines.

In first year I covered a wide range of classes in Principles and Practices of Chemistry. An average of 76% was achieved over both semesters. In my Molecular Properties class I achieved 85%. I also carried out laboratory work individually and in pairs managing to achieve a mark of 94% that resulted in me attaining a certificate of excellence for laboratory skills.

I have also achieved an HNC in Computer Science in 2013.

#### Stonelaw High School (2006-2012)

I achieved 5 Highers, Chemistry A, Computing C, English B, Mathematics A and physics B, with six standard grades one's a two and a three.

In fifth year I was a Prefect for my School House. In sixth year I was House Captain both being elected by teachers and my peers. Being House Captain gave me the responsibility of having to organise my house whenever we had duties to undertake. I was involved in multiple Citizenship Awards such as Buddying, Peacemaking and Classroom Mentoring. My buddying involved me helping a first year pupil settle into school. I assured him I was

available if he needed to talk or needed advice on difficulties he may have faced when settling in. I have volunteered on Open Days to offer to show students around the campus, and the answer any questions they may have on choosing Strathclyde as their University of choice to study at.

### Work Experience

#### October 2009

- One week of work experience, for South Lanarkshire Council, as an Assistant Environmental Health Officer
- I attained a Food Hygiene and Safety Certificate while on work experience.

#### September 2013 - May 2014

- Cashier at TJ Hughes Department store.
- My duties involved serving customers and displaying merchandise.

#### May 2014 - Present

- I started in Boots the Chemist as I felt this was more suitable for my university course.
- As a Customer Assistant, but over the last year have had a variety of different roles in the store, such as Operations, dealing with stock/delivery.
- I was retrained as a Photography Consultant, This involves processing disposable films, making canvases and helping customers work the photo kiosks. I have learned valuable time management skills, as the photography lab can go from being quiet to lots of things being due out in a short period of time.
- Being part of a team helps motivate each other to achieve targets and standards set by the company. I have shown to be responsible, as I have been put in charge of the fragrance and beauty sales plan, and have been trusted with the safe key and opening the store.

### Interests

I have a passion for football supporting my team and playing at least once a week. I have also been part of other sports clubs within the University, such as Volleyball and Hockey that gives me the drive to be competitive, while working in a team.

I passed my driving test in March 2013 and still maintain a clean driving license.

I am a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry for the previous three years. I have over 250 hours of laboratory experience.

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