

RALF THIMSEY

EDUCATION

Warwick University Business School

2003 - 2007

I have recently graduated from a 3 year degree in BSc Management Science with Operations. In my first year I achieved a 1st, after my second year I gained a 2.1 and I achieved a 2.1 overall with a 66% average. Modules in which I have taken a particular interest include Financial Risk Management, Sources of Funds and Financial Packages, Corporate and Wholesale Banking and International Financial Management. Upon graduation I hope to embark upon a career in the financial sector.

Walton Grammar School

1995 - 2002

A Level Results (2002): Maths (A), Geography (A), Technology (B)

AS Level Results (2001): Economics (B)

GCSE Results (2000): 4 A*'s (including Maths) and 5A's (including English and French)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stratford-upon-Avon District Council

2001 - 2005

- Planning Office Administrator (2003 - 2005): Responsibilities included managing projects, producing project planning schedules and co-ordinating teams within the department. I used IT extensively in this role.
- Planning Technician (2001 - 2003): The work involved collating, analysing and presenting data to departmental managers using government statistics and surveys.

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2000 - 2002

- Positions in a clerical/administrative capacity with a variety of organisations including travel agencies, colleges and local authorities.
- This taught me how to work in an office environment. I was also given training in the basics of Microsoft Office.

Gap Year Employment

1999 - 2000

- Summer playscheme assistant: Taught me how to work in a team and think laterally in order to keep the children entertained.
- Worked in Banta Fe Restaurant and Bar: Worked in busy cocktail bar, this taught me to deal with pressure when serving customers in a face to face manner. Also, I learnt great customer service skills which I have been able to use in all my future jobs.

ACHIEVEMENTS & EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Sport: Member of university hockey team. Keen non-competitive swimmer.
Music: Lead guitarist and singer with band formed at university.
Other: Reading, vintage cars, cinema.
Travel: Organised and self-funded five-month travel around India and Canada during latter half of gap year.

BUSINESS RELATED SKILLS AND TRAINING

- **Project Management Experience:** As an administrator within a planning office I had overall responsibility for ensuring that projects were completed on time. I planned project meetings, drew up project plans and liaised with all participating departments to ensure that everyone was aware of the schedules involved. My dissertation project required the collecting of information from a number of operating sections within a local authority, mapping existing processes, evaluating options and making a formal presentation based upon my recommendations.
- **Technical Knowledge:** I have built up extensive knowledge of a number of different IT operating systems through my work experience and I was responsible for suggesting innovations to the IT systems in use. I enjoy programming and have opted to concentrate on this specialism in my present course. My membership of the Computer Society ensures that I keep up to date with developments in this field.
- **Teamworking:** As a member of the team of planning technicians I introduced the practice of short weekly meetings with all the planners and technicians to help the flow of information within the teams so that we all understood each other's roles and could share any research tasks to avoid duplication. My work for BTCV involves weekends spent on conservation projects. Recently while working with a group of new volunteers in the Brecon Beacons I was able to use my experience of previous projects to ensure the group's safety and build a good team atmosphere where everyone felt they had something to contribute to the weekend. I have produced some guidelines in our handbook outlining the importance of teamwork in such ventures.

SKILLS PROFILE

- Highly motivated
- Hard working
- Well organised
- Thrive working in a team environment
- Good communicator
- Entrepreneurial and Innovative

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