

Curriculum Vitae

David Simkins

Personal Statement

I am a focussed and diligent student, always ready to rise to fresh challenges. I worked hard for my A Levels and was very proud when my results came back with the grades I had been aiming for. I have also developed additional skills beyond my studies, particularly within Creative Arts. Through various commitments, including becoming Head Boy of my secondary school and sixth form, I have become a competent leader, team player and public speaker. I enjoy addressing and presenting to large audiences.

Personal Details

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Qualifications

Mathematics	A Level	Complete in summer 2019
Music	A Level	Complete in summer 2019
French	A Level	Complete in summer 2019
German	A Level	Complete in summer 2019
Piano	ABRSM Grade 8	Merit
English Language	GCSE	9
English Literature	GCSE	8
Mathematics	GCSE	9
Biology	GCSE	A*
Chemistry	GCSE	A*
Physics	GCSE	A*
PSRE	GCSE	A*
French	GCSE	A*
German	GCSE	A*
Music	GCSE	A*
Statistics	GCSE	A*
Further Mathematics	AQA Level 2 Certificate	A*

I am currently studying the following course at the University of Bristol:

Music with Innovation MA Complete in summer 2023

Achievements

- Head Boy at Gillingham School
- Head Teacher's Commendation for High Achievement
- Organising and performing in my own concert October 2018
- Grade 8 Piano Merit

- Directing, composing and conducting the music for a school production
- Winning Composition for Bournemouth Arts by the Sea Festival 2016

Throughout my school life, I have achieved many school awards for consistently working to a high level in all subjects. In 2018, my previous roles in representing my year group and my school culminated in becoming Head Boy. I am honoured to have represented my school in the wider community, including presentations, surveying and organising large events, including the school's Christmas Fair in December 2018. I have also had active roles in the school library, including working behind the till every week, chairing the library committee, the charity committee and also the history committee, presenting and researching the school's history. As an ambassador for the Creative Arts department, I have been given the opportunity to work with local primary schools.

Outside school, I have achieved my Grade 8 Piano to Merit standard and my Grade 5 Theory to a level of distinction.

Education

2012 to 2019 **Gillingham Secondary School & Sixth Form College**
Hardings Lane, Gillingham
Dorset, SP8 4QP

From 2019 **University of Bristol**
Beacon House, Queens Road
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Employment

From July 2019 **Octopus Personnel** **Temporary Worker**
Shift work on a temporary basis to deliver good customer service at local events.

- Catering Assistant & Hospitality Staff at local events
- Food Production Operative at The Flavourworks, Wincanton

Interests

I love reading fiction, but also reading around my subjects.

I am really into computer science, and working with computers generally. To showcase all my experience, I have set up and programmed my own website: <http://www.davidsimkins.co.uk/>

Music is my greatest interest. I enjoy playing in student ensembles, playing piano, violin, timpani and singing bass, including being part of the Dorset Youth Chamber Orchestra on violin and percussion in 2019. I joined my secondary school groups on their music tour to Tuscany in 2018 and played Keyboard 1 in the pit band for the school production of 'Legally Blonde: The Musical'. I also participated in the performance of a local opera, playing a violin obligato and singing with the choir.

I also play solo items and accompany others in school concerts. As a result of this experience, I accompanied a young family friend in his Grade 1 Cornet exam and prepared him for the aural tests.

In my local parish church, St Gregory's Marnhull, I have several roles. As well as being a lay deacon, reader, acolyte and crucifer, I have sung in the church choir since 2007, and more recently have page-turned for the organist. On Ascension Day 2014, I co-presented a concert of sacred music and readings, including *L'Ascension* by Olivier Messiaen. My twin sister and I arranged and performed a short concert for the congregation and village at large in autumn 2018, playing pieces from our Grade 8 repertoire, plus duets and each singing individual items. We were thrilled to raise over £550 for choir funds. Our vicar and organist were overwhelmed: usually musical events raise much more modest amounts!

I love performing and listening to music but my main joy is composing.

Composition & Film

Please see my separate Filmography and Composer Resume document for more details.

Referees

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