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EDUCATION

University College London (UCL)

Sep 2021 - Jul 2025

- M.Eng. Computer Science
- Final-Year Project: 'Performance Analysis of Stock Market Commentary Using General vs. Fine-Tuned LLMs'
- Relevant modules: Engineering Mathematics in Finance, Stochastic Calculus, Data Mining and Analysis, Algorithms, Compilers, Computability and Complexity Theory

Herschel Grammar School

Sep 2014 - Jul 2021

- A-levels: Mathematics (A*), Computer Science (A*), History (A), EPQ (A)
- GCSEs: Achieved all 9s 7s with Mathematics (8) and English Language (8)

WORK AND INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Citi | Technology Summer Analyst |

June 2024 – Aug 2024

- Contributed to the enhancement of Citi's Smart Order Router platform, improving trade execution accuracy and ensuring more reliable trade reporting across various financial markets, leading to more efficient client services.
- Gained exposure to algorithmic trading workflows by working on system-level improvements for trade execution and reporting, ensuring greater efficiency in trade matching and data accuracy.
- Led efforts to improve test coverage and system reliability for a high-performance trading platform by designing and executing new unit and end-to-end tests, reducing the risk of production issues.
- Resolved trade reporting discrepancies by implementing fixes and developing comprehensive testing frameworks, ensuring
 accurate trade execution dates and enhancing overall trading reliability.
- Optimised automated testing processes for a real-time trading system by eliminating inefficiencies, improving testing accuracy, and reducing potential risks in a high-pressure, fast-paced environment.
- Developed a holistic understanding of trade execution processes through hands-on contributions to technology-driven solutions, supporting the firm's overall strategy in delivering efficient and accurate market services.

BAE Systems | *Software Engineering Intern* |

June 2023 – Sep 2023

- Worked extensively with C# to develop and refine algorithms for one of the company's leading radar products.
- Expanded the software's capabilities by introducing new functionalities, thereby broadening the radar's application scope and performance.
- Continually liaised with software testing teams to ensure the deployed fixes met BAE Systems' quality and operational standards.

The STEM Academy | Founder & Director |

Feb 2023 – Present

- Spearheaded the assembly of an impressive tutor network, attracting top talents in STEM fields to deliver high-calibre, interactive, and engaging sessions whilst fostering an enriching learning environment for students.
- Managed financials, operations, and logistics, ensuring The STEM Academy's sustainability and scalability.

Google | *Technology Summer Insights* |

July 2022

- Gained an insight into the operations of world-leading technology institutions and the importance of inclusive work environments.
 Lloyd's Bank | Virtual Work Experience |

 June 2022
- Acquired an understanding of the future of commercial banking and the technology-heavy approach willing to be adopted.
- Led a winning Hackathon team of six members tasked with creating a banking application promoting accessibility and inclusivity.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS & EXTRA-CURRICULARS

Computer Science Society

- Founded the Computer Science Society at my secondary school and grew the society by organising forums to discuss emerging research whilst also prompting the sharing of knowledge between members.
- The program now boasts over 70 students who benefit or have benefitted by receiving offers from top universities.

Taekwondo

Obtained gold medals in regional tournaments and competed in trials for the Junior European Championships.

Football

- Captain of my School team from the ages of 13 18 and Vice-Captain of my Sunday League team 14-16.
- Coached after-school football clubs at schools in the local community.

PROGRAMMING PROJECTS

- **Portfolio Optimiser:** Applying Modern Portfolio Theory to calculate optimal portfolio weights and plot the efficient frontier.
- Stock Predictor: A program designed to forecast the value of any stock and plot its results.
- Option Pricing Model: Calculating theoretical option prices with Black-Scholes & Binomial models.