

Matthew Barlow

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About me

I am a first-class honours Computer Science student with a flair for developing technical solutions to computational problems. Whether it is creating a bespoke website or using key OO practices to ensure optimum application maintainability, I enjoy working as part of a team to really crack a client brief. Throughout the course of my degree and my career, I have developed a high level of technical capabilities including PHP, JavaScript, C#, Python, and standard web languages along with key software development processes such as creating full testing suites and ensuring software meets data security guidelines. My time studying, combined with my industry experience, has taught me the time-management, organisational and communication skills needed to add value in your company.

Full-stack Web Developer at The Collecting Group - February 2022 – Present

- Upgrading numerous pages to use NextJs
- Leading the development of the affiliates program
- Leading the newly introduced content management system and the microservice that integrates it with the codebase

Frontend Web Developer at Samera - February 2021 – February 2022

- Building and developing the brand new React-based website
- Maintaining and improving the legacy PHP-based company sites
- Optimising content delivery to improve site speed and reduce loading time
- Setting up and automating the company CRM system
- Optimising the company websites' SEO for page ranking

Web Developer at Tru Digital - September 2018 – February 2019

- Creating modern, responsive and entirely bespoke websites
- Keeping strong communication leads to clients to get feedback and update them on progress
- Utilizing WordPress to give the client control over the content of their website
- Managing domains and website hosting

Web Developer at Group CDG - Summer 2017

- Creating modern websites
- Contacting clients to keep them up to date with progress and gain feedback

Waiter at Legoland - Summer 2016

- Ensuring customer satisfaction
- Keeping a safe and clean environment for diners

Education and Qualifications

2016 – 2020	Computer Science at Aston University First Class Honours
2015 – 2016	Highdown School Sixth Form Centre A-Level Computing grade B A-Level Art grade B A-Level Maths grade C
2014 – 2015	Highdown School Sixth Form Centre 4 AS-levels Computer Science, Maths, Art and Physics
2009 – 2014	Highdown Secondary School 11 GCSEs Grades A – C

Additional achievements and personal projects

- Pictures and further details of personal projects recommended for viewing at matthewbarlow.co.uk
- Partial restoration a 1976 VW Bus requiring high attention to detail, focus and an eye for perfection
- Creation of a fully functional retro game for the Nintendo 64 teaching me the OpenGL pipeline and how to fully utilise official documentation
- Programming lead for a university computer game development module creating a replica of the game 'go' and winning most polished product achievement
- Social events manager for university computer science society involving representing the society at open days
- Helped at games club for children with autism

References available on request