

Matt Cowley

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Personal Statement

A budding theatre technician who loves working in what he does and looking to broaden his horizons within the industry. Has two awards for technical work at his local theatre. Works in two technical teams and has great experience in many shows. Also a fast learning web designer and developer who runs his own small business on the internet selling web designs and managing a design team, whilst maintaining his own backend system.

Key Skills

- Good understanding of technical terminology, both theatre and networking
- Great experience working in shows and backstage
- Calm under stressful situations
- Large understanding of web coding languages
- Powerful grasp of web and graphic design skills
- Strong team player in group situations

Education

Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

(September 2012 – Present (Leaving June 2019))

Currently taking 12 GCSEs including Maths, English, Art, I.T and 3 sciences.
Also taking Add Maths (FSMQ). Predicted grades A* - B.

References *Available on request*

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Luke Hashman, Former Station Controller,
Blink FM, Wycombe Youth Action:
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Hobbies & Interests

I am involved in a youth theatre group, where I work as the chief in-house electrician and a sound/lighting technician. I have been with them for two years now and have enjoyed every moment of it. The stress I find enjoyable as it gets adrenaline pumping and focuses concentration on the job. I have had roles from a simple Lighting Operator to the Deputy Stage Manager, calling the cues for a show. I also work with a small team designing websites and graphics for paying clients from around the world. I further also work in a local radio station designing their website and holding a key role within the team there. I also have a personal interest in photography.

Experience - Theatre

Chief In-House Electrician and Information Technology Officer

Young Theatre, Beaconsfield

*A youth theatre group run by young people for young people. <http://www.youngtheatre.org.uk/>
(February 2014 – Present)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Responsible for maintenance of all electrical equipment within the theatre company.
- Often main rigger of productions put on by the company and responsible for patching.
- Responsible for wiring and checking any practical effects used.
- Part of many shows put on by the company often in high-stress and responsible roles.

Senior Team Member

Stage Lighting and Sound Team, Royal Grammar School

*A team within the school that runs the tech for all school events.
(September 2014 – Present)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Day to day running of the team and school events such as concerts and assemblies.
- Maintenance of team equipment.
- Teaching younger members of the team technical knowledge and expanding their current understanding.
- Often setup and operation of sound and lighting for school concerts and other events.

Experience - Web

Head Website Designer and Team Leader

Unreal Designs

*A small online business creating website and graphic designs for clients. <https://unreal-designs.co.uk/>
(June 2012 – Present)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Maintaining the company site and backend systems.
- Designing most website design orders and assisting with graphic design orders.
- Organising payment of the team and ensuring all team work is completed to a high standard.
- Dealing with all emails to the company, such as quote requests, complaints and general enquiries.

Experience - Radio

Programme Controller and Website Designer

Blink FM, Wycombe Youth Action

*A local youth run radio that broadcasts online to all and via radio to areas of south bucks.
(July 2013 – Present)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Designing and running the station's website and live radio stream.
- Managing when shows are on air and checking all content is appropriate.
- Assisting with attaining correct licensing to be on air in the local area.
- Organising equipment & bands for our live concert events.

Theatre Show List

[01]	[Domby Dom - LOP]	[Young Theatre - February 2013]
[02]	[Palmera Show Team - Guest LOP]	[Live lighting w/ TUI - August 2013]
[03]	[Pronoun (NT Connections) - LOP]	[Young Theatre - February 2014]
[04]	[Winnie the Pooh - LOP]	[Young Theatre - May 2014]
[05]	[Palmera Show Team - Guest LOP]	[Live lighting w/ TUI - August 2014]
[06]	[Aladdin Panto - StageLX]	[Young Theatre - December 2014]
[07]	[BlinkFM Live (2) - LOP / LD]	[Live lighting w/ BlinkFM - March 2015]
[08]	[Carousel - StageLX]	[SLST @ RGS - March 2015]
[09]	[Merchant of Venice - SOP]	[Young Theatre - April 2015]
[10]	[Burnham Trophy - Technical Liaison]	[Young Theatre (Internal Festival) - July 2015]
[---]	[Award - Best Technical Presentation]	[YT - Hut 3 Burnham Trophy - July 2015]
[11]	[Snow White Panto - StageLX]	[Young Theatre - December 2015]
[12]	[Eclipse - LOP]	[Young Theatre - February 2016]
[13]	[Home Free - LOP]	[Young Theatre - February 2016]
[14]	[Alice in Wonderland - ASM]	[SLST @ RGS - March 2016]
[15]	[Daisy Pulls It Off - PM/DSM]	[Young Theatre - April 2016]
[16]	[Eclipse (Second Run) - LOP]	[Young Theatre - April 2016]
[17]	[Helen - LOP]	[Young Theatre - April 2016]
[18]	[Eclipse (NT Connections) - LOP]	[Young Theatre @ Royal & Derngate - May 2016]
[19]	[Maskerade - DSM]	[Young Theatre - July 2016]
[---]	[Award - Ridyard Technical Salver]	[YT - 2016 Season - AGM 2016]
[20]	[RGS's Got Talent]	[SLST @ RGS - November 2016]
[21]	[Dick Whittington Panto – Stage LX]	[Young Theatre - December 2016]

[Awards] [Total: 2]

[Shows] [Total: 21 (Feb '13 – Dec '16)]

[LOP] [Lighting Operator]

[LD] [Lighting Designer]

[SOP] [Sound Operator]

[StageLX] [Stage Electrician]

[PM] [Production Manager]

[SM] [Stage Manager]

[ASM] [Assistant Stage Manager]

[DSM] [Deputy Stage Manager]