

# Matt Cowley

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## Personal Statement

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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. Additionally, 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. Has a strong interest in IT and networking.

## Key Skills

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

## Education

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### Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe

*(September 2012 – June 2019)*

Achieved 9 in Maths with an A in Additional Maths, Computing, Physics & Geography at GCSE.  
Also gained an 8/6 in English Lit/Lang and a B in Biology, Chemistry, Art, French & RS at GCSE.

Currently taking Computing, Maths & Business Studies at A Level.

## References *Available on request*

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SLST, Royal Grammar School:  
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Luke Hashman, Former Station Controller,  
Blink FM, Wycombe Youth Action:  
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## Hobbies & Interests

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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. In my spare time, I also dedicate a lot of my life to creating free to use bots on the chat service Discord. These are mostly written in Python or Java and are used by millions of users.

## Experience - Theatre

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### 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.
- 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.
- Additionally, maintains all email used by the company, Google Drive access and the website.

### Senior Team Member

Stage Lighting and Sound Team, Royal Grammar School

*A team within the school that runs and provides the technical services 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.

### Work Experience

School Stage, Thomson House School

*An install specialist for lighting and sound equipment in schools. <http://www.schoolstage.co.uk/>  
(July 2017)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Assisting with the rigging and permanent installation of lighting fixtures.
- Wiring cabling for both lighting control/power as well as for the sound and data installation.
- Running cable throughout the venue in a tidily fashion for data and sound.
- Ensuring the work environment was both clean and tidy as well as safe at all times.

## Experience - Development

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### 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.

## Development Manager

Rythm, Discord Bot

*The most popular Discord music bot, used by over a million communities. <https://rythmbot.co/>  
(July 2017 – Present)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Responsible for the main homepage site in design, development and maintenance.
- Coordinating all developers on the team working on the core bot project and side projects including a web based dashboard.
- Managing the GitHub repositories for all Rythm related projects including tracking branches and monitoring any pull requests made by our developers.
- Development of utility bots to work alongside the core bot project including a large self-service help desk bot.

## Freelance / Own Projects

Websites, Graphics and Discord Bots

<https://mattcowley.co.uk/>  
(January 2012 – Present)

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Working for a large number of different clients creating projects to their specifications.
- Coordinating multiple projects and managing time allocation to them.
- Liaising with other developers on client projects to ensure key parts come together and work.
- Using multiple languages to ensure the dream of a project becomes reality without issues.
- Personal portfolio (select): <https://mattcowley.co.uk/>
- Company portfolio: <https://unreal-designs.co.uk/portfolio>

## Experience - Other

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### 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 – September 2017)*

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.

### Work Experience

IT Team, Highcrest Academy

*The team responsible for all IT equipment at the school. <http://www.highcrest.bucks.sch.uk/>  
(July/August 2017)*

Achievements and responsibilities:

- Installing new computers at multiple locations in the school.
- Assisting with the rollout of Windows 10 onto all computers in the school.
- Using MDT to install a pre-configured image of Windows 10.
- Aiding the updating of AD and Impero for the network.

## Theatre Credits List

Show	Credits	Location – Date
<b>Domby Dom</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Feb. 2013
<b>Palmera Show Team</b>	Guest Lighting Operator	TUI (Kos) – Aug. 2013
<b>Pronoun (NT Connections)</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Feb. 2014
<b>Winnie the Pooh</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre - May 2014
<b>Palmera Show Team</b>	Guest Lighting Operator	TUI (Kos) – Aug. 2014
<b>Aladdin Panto</b>	Stage Electrics	Young Theatre – Dec. 2014
<b>BlinkFM Live (2)</b>	Lighting Designer / Operator	BlinkFM – Mar. 2015
<b>Carousel</b>	Stage Electrics	SLST @ RGS – Mar. 2015
<b>Merchant of Venice</b>	Sound Operator	Young Theatre – Apr. 2015
<b>Hut 3 – Burnham Trophy</b>	Technical Liaison	Young Theatre (Internal Festival) – Jul. 2015
<b>Snow White Panto</b>	Stage Electrics	Young Theatre – Dec. 2015
<b>Eclipse</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Feb. 2016
<b>Home Free</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Feb. 2016
<b>Alice in Wonderland</b>	Assistant Stage Manager	SLST @ RGS – Mar. 2016
<b>Daisy Pulls It Off</b>	Production Manager / Deputy Stage Manager	Young Theatre – Apr. 2016
<b>Eclipse (Second Run)</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Apr. 2016
<b>Helen</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre – Apr. 2016
<b>Eclipse (NT Connections)</b>	Lighting Operator	Young Theatre @ Royal & Derngate – May 2016
<b>Maskerade</b>	Deputy Stage Manager	Young Theatre – Jul. 2016
<b>RGS's Got Talent</b>	Stage Manager	SLST @ RGS – Nov. 2016
<b>Dick Whittington Panto</b>	Stage Electrics	Young Theatre – Dec. 2016
<b>My Fair Lady</b>	Assistant Stage Manager	SLST @ RGS – Mar. 2017
<b>Cinderella Panto</b>	Lighting Designer / Assistant Stage Manager	Young Theatre – Dec. 2017
<b>Crucible</b>	Stage Manager	SLST @ RGS – Mar. 2018
<b>Macbeth</b>	Assistant Stage Manager	Young Theatre – Apr. 2018

### Awards

Award	Location – Date
<b>Best Technical Presentation – “Hut 3” Burnham Trophy</b>	Young Theatre – Jul. 2015
<b>Ridyard Technical Salver – 2016 Season</b>	Young Theatre – AGM 2016