

# MATTHEW EDWARDS

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## Personal Statement:

I am an enthusiastic undergraduate who has been passionate about designing computer games from a young age. I grew up with computers from a young age and this, coupled with my creativity and imagination, has made me determined to become a games designer. As well as playing games, I am also one of the 10 leading members of an online gaming syndicate, The 58<sup>th</sup> Marine Corp - [www.the58th.com](http://www.the58th.com), which has over 500 registered members and is involved in games of all genres.

I first tried to follow my games design ambition when I was only 11; I took a basic and advanced Visual Basic programming course, later developing my programming skills for PHP websites, but realised that it was the design aspect which most appealed to me. While in school I wrote a series of game mechanics for simple Role-playing story books and the enjoyment gained from doing this reinforced my desire to become a games designer. I also have taken part in all the beta tests I could find and discovered 3D modelling with 3DS MAX, which helped me visualise my designs and has given me a well rounded understanding of the tools used for making games.

Since starting university I have begun actively trying to create a design portfolio; writing my ideas into a design document, critically reviewing games from a design viewpoint, creating game levels and most recently taking part in Acclaim's Top Secret game development project.

## Education

2005-2008	University of Exeter	BA Archaeology Learned: Teamwork, Independent work, Research, Scientific analysis, Informed argument and discussion  Module in Website Design: improve general design skills and website work.
1997-2004	Derby Grammar School	A-Levels: Geography A, History C, Physics C 9 GCSEs A* - B Including English and Mathematics

## Work Experience

2006 - Now	Freelance Web Developer XHTML, CSS, MYSQL, PHP, JavaScript – working as part of a design team to client's specifications – attention to detail, meeting deadlines, communicating with team
2006	Stokenham Archaeological Excavation Student volunteer on 1 month excavation – Supervised other volunteers, teamwork, commitment & determination, communication, flexibility
2005	Elizabeth Michael Temporary job agency – worked as: Data entry assistant, Space auditor, Print assistant – attention to detail, organisation, people skills, flexibility

## **Skills**

- IT Skills:** Experienced in Windows XP & Office, Professional XHTML, CSS, MySQL, PHP & JavaScript knowledge, Experience with Wiki, Forum, CMS software. Intermediate 3DS MAX modelling and texturing.
- Teamwork:** Frequent teamwork experience on archaeological excavations and leading teams of community volunteers. Media Officer on University Kung-fu Society committee and IT Director for Young Enterprise Company. Regularly working on team projects as part of degree course.
- Communication:** Experience giving presentations and writing discursive arguments as part of my course have given me strong communication skills. This has also been improved by giving guided tours during excavations and communicating my ideas to people; during team exercises, as part of the Acclaim Top Secret project and for my duties leading my gaming syndicate.
- Leadership:** Experience leading teams both directing academic work and also in outdoor pursuits. Led a 19 person team for part of a month long expedition to Ecuador and also was responsible for navigating and supervising multiple Duke of Edinburgh Award teams; first as a participant and later supervising and teaching younger teams. I was also responsible for supervising a team of local volunteers during summer archaeological excavations.

## **Achievements**

- School Prefect: Elected by staff to take on extra responsibilities  
Duke of Edinburgh Award: Achieved my Bronze, Silver and Gold level  
Young Enterprise: Director of IT for our company  
Kung-fu Society Committee: Elected to be Media Officer  
RYA Level 2 Sailing course completed

## **Interests**

- Travel:** A month long expedition to Ecuador with World Challenge involving trekking through the Amazon rainforest and the Andes, climbing a 4000m Andean mountain and community work with local people. Planning more community work teaching English in the Far East.
- Sport:** Enjoy long distance running, I have completed a 10k race and a half-marathon, and playing cricket for fun.

## **Referees**