

## PHOTOGRAPHY

From a young age I have been interested in drawing and painting which has developed, as I got older into photography. I believe my enthusiasm for photography is due to the fact that photography has no barriers in understanding and can be viewed, perceived and understood by everyone. Being lucky enough to be well travelled has been a real eye opener that photography offers a visual experience of diverse cultures and environments. Due to taking a year out to go travelling, I will be able to keep in touch via email. Also my portfolio can be seen on Flickr.

Studying Art at GCSE gave me a solid base and understanding and prompted me to take photography at A level which I successfully achieved grade A in. This has resulted in good preparation for what the degree course would entail. It has also made me research many other artists and inspired to be creative. Highly ambitious with a strong desire to succeed in all aspects of life, I believe I could both rise to and excel in the challenges that this profession presents. My desire to pursue a career in this line of work has increased with my recent voluntary work for my Welsh Bacallaureate in Tenby Museum. Here I learnt a great deal, such as how to preserve old photographs and the gallery inspired me to research other artists.

Keen to succeed from an early age, I have applied knowledge and aptitude equally in the academic, sporting, and social aspects of my life. In Junior school I was a member of a successful netball team, I also represented my school in cross-country. Outside of school I attended ballet lessons for many years, this helped me to improve my social skills and become confident in front of an audience for the concerts in which I was performing. Sitting my A-Levels at Greenhill School, I had the honour of being a prefect. This has helped me become organised and creative especially when helping arrange charity days. During my time at Greenhill School I was chosen to take part in an enterprise competition where as part of a team of eight we travelled to Bristol and in this competition we had to be creative, designing and producing products. I also helped out at my local guides; I enjoyed playing a part in the community and found it satisfying. On top of this I have enrolled in PLANED 'Pembrokeshire Local Action Network for Enterprise & Development', it is a community led local development partnership, to encourage the widest possible participation of local people where I took my health and safety exam and was taught how to cook. This experience has developed my team building skills.

I am taking a gap year in order to broaden my horizons, I hope to learn valuable life lessons and improve my knowledge of different cultures. I look forward to taking up a position at your establishment and furthering my personal development and extending my knowledge of the many aspects of photography available for study, and believe that university is the place to enhance these opportunities.