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# Profile

4 years ago I founded my own language school, Little English, which I manage alongside my role as editor of leading local publication *The Gibraltar Magazine* and business quarterly *Gibraltar Business*, produced on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

I am fluent in both English and Spanish with a basic understanding of Japanese. I currently hold a BA (Hons) English degree, Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE), and Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA), as well as 9 years teaching experience and 4 years in management.

I'm reliable, determined, work extremely well under pressure and to strict deadlines, and commit myself fully to each and every project I take on.

I look forward to working with you!

# **Experience & Skills**

# FEBRUARY 2016 - PRESENT

# **Gibraltar Business** – *Editor-in-Chief*

- Produce the quarterly publication on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Work closely with local CEOs, Directors, Ministers.
- Copywriting/content writing for the website and social media platforms.
- Attending local events and conferences and producing write-ups for the media.
- Contacting and working with local companies for advertising & sales purposes.
- Managing advertising clients, contributors and the distribution team to ensure deadlines are met.

# FEBRUARY 2016 - PRESENT

# Little English Language School, Gibraltar - Principal/Director of Studies

- Hiring, training, and developing my teaching staff.
- Maintaining our website and social media pages.
- Scheduling timetable & school calendar.
- Ensuring targets are met, for both students and staff.
- Giving presentations within companies to advertise our corporate courses.
- Accounts, payroll, sales & marketing.
- General school maintenance (e.g. monitoring classroom/staffroom appearance, functionality of computers/printer/WiFi and so on).

#### NOVEMBER 2017 - PRESENT

## The Gibraltar Magazine, Gibraltar - Editor

- Curating/producing topical articles, interviewing local figures and celebrities.
- Copywriting/content writing for the website and social media platforms.
- Attending local events and conferences and producing write-ups for the media.
- Contacting and working with local companies for advertising & sales purposes.
- Managing advertising clients, contributors and the distribution team to ensure deadlines are met.

#### JUNE 2015 - AUGUST 2015

## United Trans-World School group (UTS), Tokyo, Japan - EFL Teacher

This job position was created specifically for me by a renowned company in Japan involved in international educational travel. I created and delivered a course tailored to Japanese students soon to attend secondary school/university in the UK. There was a strong focus on culture differences, pronunciation, and colloquialism.

#### JULY 2014 - MARCH 2015 (as well as earlier from MARCH 2012-AUGUST 2012)

## **College of International Education (CIE), Oxford** – *ESL & Secondary School Teacher*

 Plan and structure courses in: Business & Academic English, CAE, FCE, IELTS, PET, KET, General English from Beginner to Proficient as well as A level ICT & Biology and GCSE Science and English to ESL students.

#### JUNE 2013 - MAY 2014

## Christchurch College of English (CCEL), Auckland, New Zealand - ESL Teacher

- Teach General/Business English & prepare, set, and mark the 6-weekly exam.
- Creating/delivering the Independent Learning Programme (ILP) 3 times a week, focusing on skill-building with no lesson materials.
- Host a Professional Development Seminar on classroom technology to my colleagues.

#### APRIL 2013 - JUNE 2013

### NTEC Concordia, Auckland, New Zealand - ESL Teacher

I was employed as a casual relief teacher but was given more responsibility covering 2 teachers on maternity/paternity leave. As well as teaching English, I marked papers during the exam period and helped out with the assemblies. I was then offered a more permanent role at CCEL.

#### NOVEMBER 2012 - MARCH 2013

#### Navitas English, Sydney, Australia - Academic English Teacher

- Delivering Academic English lessons to foreign students about to be enrolled at Macquarie University.
- Teaching fundamental skills in essay composition, extracting information from a text, and formulating university-standard exam answers.

#### DECEMBER 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

### ELSIS English Language School, Sydney, Australia - Cover Teacher

MARCH 2012 - AUGUST 2012

# College of International Education (CIE), Oxford, England - ESL Teacher

This was my first ESL position where I immediately gained experience in the sector. I quickly adapted and was asked to stay on to teach their Summer School programme on Oxford University grounds.

APRIL 2012 - SEPTEMBER 2012

#### **Self Employed** – *Personal Tutor*

During my spare time I ran a tuition service (english-first.webs.com) within Oxford and via Skype, offering skill development, proofreading, coursework help, and exam practice.

#### MARCH 2012 - AUGUST 2012

## The Henley College, Oxford, England - Student Teacher

I carried out my PGCE placement here, teaching AS, A2, and GCSE level English language & literature. I also offered extension lessons to GCSE students outside of school time so that they would be challenged and able to perform to the best of their abilities in their exams.

#### APRIL 2011 - JUNE 2011

### **Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England** – *Learning Support Assistant (LSA)*

Helping a dyslexic student to compile portfolios, write essays and structure university assignments.

# Websites





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