

Personal Statement

Maxwell Hughes (19/12/98)

46 Chestnut Avenue, West Cross, Swansea

SA3 5NL

From a young age, sport has been central to my identity, shaping my confidence, discipline and leadership. My journey in sport started when I was just 4 years old, my father always had a passion for football and when I was old enough to start playing I signed up to play for my local grassroots club, where my father became one of the coaches and ever since then my life has revolved around sport and there is no other career path which I was ever going to go down. My passion for sport will give me the platform to enjoy a career where I feel like going to work is not a chore which is something that I have always wanted to feel.

When I started my studies in Gower College Swansea as a part of my course, we had to complete a certain number of numbers work experience where we were split into the local primary schools and had to prepare hour long PE sessions with each being an hour long. I thoroughly enjoyed doing that, it gave me the opportunity to be creative and incorporate some of my skills to ensure that the session was inclusive, not just competitive to the children which were more sporty than others and the overall feedback was positive which made me feel fulfilled and gave me the urge to continue on the path that I was on.

I am now studying Sports Management at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David as that was the next part of my journey to hopefully reach my goal of becoming a PE teacher. Alongside my studies I am also working part time in a local restaurant which I enjoy as we have a solid work force built upon teamwork which is something I have always thrived on. Outside of work and university I also play 6 a side football on a Monday night, I am hoping to get into a coaching role within a younger age grassroots club where I can help further my knowledge and experience within a coaching role to help me prepare for what the future may entail. One of the most rewarding aspects of coaching to me is being able to witness the progress of an individual or team and seeing that the hours you put into preparations paying off for everyone involved.

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue developing as a coach by gaining higher-level qualifications such as UEFA licenses. This is something which I have been wanting to get into for a couple of years but at the moment I do not want to do it and risk sacrificing my studies and getting into a heavy workload where priorities may be difficult to keep in order. Once I graduate, I have all intentions of pursuing with my ideas as a long-term aim for me is to play a role in developing structured football programmes that combine high performance with education, character building and community engagement.

Everything that I do, I remain driven by my discipline, any task that I have ever been given I give 100% of my effort into guaranteeing that the task reaches the standards I expect of myself, and others expect of me. I look forward to continuing this journey, constantly learning, adapting and striving to make a meaningful impact in the world of sports which has paved the way for me to be who I am today.

