

ALEX DAVIES
CURRICULAM VITAE



Personal Details

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Education / Qualifications

1995 – 2000 Summer Fields School, Oxford
2000 – 2005 Oundle School, Peterborough (Laundimer House)
2005+ Trevelyan College, Durham University (Economics BA)

GCSE: Maths (A*), Design Technology (A*), History (A*), Dual Science (A*, A*)
English (A), French (B), Electronics (A), Geography (A)
AS: Chemistry (A), History (B),
A2: Maths (A), Economics (A) and ICT (B).

Achievements at Oundle

- Head of my House and a School Prefect
- Managing Director of the only school student-run radio station in the UK involving over 300 pupils.
- Technical editor of a local charity newspaper, *The Oundle Chronicle*.
- Head of the Adventure Training section in the CCF and a senior NCO (Staff Sergeant).
- Chairman of the Sixth Form Club Committee.
- Capt. of Athletics & Cross Country; Victor Ludorum & Most Improved Athlete; Won Cross Country twice
- During my final term I single handedly organised a 24 hour charity relay run that raised £3500 and involved over 300 pupils.

During my time at Oundle, I wrote software that organises the sports options for the whole school, calculates and publishes the cross country results, collects data on the popularity of the community action options, runs the popular fantasy football league and many other small systems which as still in use after I have left.

I was awarded many prizes including the David Dew memorial prize for devotion to CCF duty, the Headmasters prize for outstanding service to the school and the Massey prize for service to the local community.

Activities at Durham (as at 01/06)

So far, I have been involved with the following societies: LINKS (First Aid); DUSAGG (Scout Guide Group); DUAXC (Cross Country); DUMC (Mountaineering); DUHC (Hill walking); NUOTC (Officer Training Corps).

I have stage managed a small play and am the stage manager for the very large, whole-college, annual musical.

Interests

First Aid I hold the HSE First Aid at Work certificate (valid until 11/08).

Diving I am a BSAC sports diver (SCUBA diving).

Walking I enjoy hill walking, particularly in Scotland and Wales.
I have completed my "Mountain Leader (summer)" training course and hope to take the assessment course within a year.

Kayaking I hold the BCU 2* qualification and enjoy kayaking. I aim to complete 3* and Level 2 coach within the next 18 months.

Climbing I am a keen, if not particularly talented, climber and aim to take my single pitch award qualification within the next year.

Skiing I ski as often as I can, once or twice a year, and have passed the French ESF Fleche test. I hold the military Advanced Ski Proficiency award.

ICT Experience

I have considerable experience in the fields of website development, systems administration (especially linux) and database administration.

I have been invited to join the exclusive MySQL Guilds as a writer and expert. The MySQL guilds are aimed to "give some extra public credit to exceptional MySQL Community members". MySQL is the world's most popular open source database.

I am currently writing a book due to be published in Q2 2006 by Pearson Educational Publishing on MySQL clustering.

Work to date

I have been working on a freelance basis since 2002 for many clients. I now run my own company with a turnover of over £15,000 per year managing web servers for clients. I have a wide range of experience in IT, including a week-long trip to the USA to project-manage a \$100,000 deployment of equipment that I selected, ordered, installed and maintain.

I have significant experience with the following technologies: MySQL (inc. Cluster); Apache; Linux (esp. RedHat/CentOS); PHP; Visual Basic & Visual Basic for Applications.

Quotes

"Alex has made an outstanding contribution to Oundle. His technical skills and physical fitness are legendary. More important are his qualities of character. He has been one of the great personalities of his year" - *Ralph Townsend, Headmaster at Oundle (now Headmaster of Winchester)*

"You have been a great asset to the CCF and an excellent role model to other up and coming cadets and NCOs" - *WO1 (RSM) J M O'Kelly, late R. Irish and RSM of Oundle CCF*

"There cannot be many young men of Alex's calibre out there, let alone in Oundle. He is recognised throughout the school as someone of accomplishment and of great generosity of spirit; one who will give up his time in the service of others without a moment's hesitation"... "As head of house he has been gentle, sensitive and very active in dealing with pastoral issues"... "I could not have hoped for a finer, more trustworthy and amiable companion to help me run the house" - *Bruce McDowell, Housemaster*

"I met Alex for the first time briefly... I was immediately struck by his maturity and sense of humour. He is a genuinely great guy with a terrific future ahead of him" - *Capt. Sam Cates, Old Oundelian*

"His senior officer in the CCF describes him as one of the best NCOs he has ever known" ... "he has displayed genuine initiative where most simply carry out orders"... "he has the ability not only to organise but also to motivate"... "there is no doubt that Alex will leave an indelible mark on the school for the contribution he has made, he is an exceptional young man, highly focused with what appears to be boundless energy" - *Michael Stephen, Tutor at Oundle*

Referees

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