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Personal statement:

I am a PGA Trainee currently undertaking my third and final year. I have a big passion for golf as many do, but over the last few years I've grown a passion for the industry also. I see this industry I've grown fond of as something I whole heartedly believe I can make a big impact in.

Work Experience:

- American Golf Chigwell

Role: Sales Advisor

I worked here in a part time role for approximately a year from June 2020-June 2021 during my studies at sixth form. I gained valuable experience in dealing with the general public as customers for the first time, whilst learning the business within golf also. As a 17 year old, the two main skills I took away from my time in this role were meeting customer needs and the art of sales.

- Romford Golf Club

Role: Assistant Professional

I have worked at Romford Golf Club from June 2021 until present day (approx 4.5 years). During this time, I have learned the trade of a PGA Professional and understood what working in a pro shop at a golf club is all about. Due to having a small team, I have undertaken a lot of responsibility including certain operations of the golf club such as: green fees, buggies, tee time bookings and the day to day operation of the driving range. As a result, I have learned how to work as an individual, but as part of a team also - the team of which that has operated as the best performing department of the golf club each year since I have started.

I have been offering offering private coaching for the last year and have been coaching the junior and ladies classes for the last three years. At Romford Golf Club, our junior section has been a huge success with our junior team winning the Scratch Youth Shield four years in a row. Five of these juniors who have now gone onto play college golf in America - one of which; Henry Styles earlier this year won the English Amateur Championship at Royal Liverpool.

Due to this success, Romford Golf Club has seen a huge increase in membership applications and a huge increase in numbers attending the junior classes and summer camps. This success has therefore not only benefited the pro shop and the future of the cadet section, but has benefited the golf club as a whole - with a growing reputation and increases in profit due to more memberships and money being spent in the clubhouse. Thanks to this, I have gained (more than most) an understanding of just how important junior development can be for the present and future of a golf club.

Qualifications:

- ASQ Level 1 Award in Coaching Golf (Activities Coach)

PGA

- 2 A-Levels both in Business (C Grade) and Psychology (D Grade)

Drapers Academy Sixth Form 2019-2021

- 9 GCSE's (4-9 Grade), including an A* in Business and a 7 in English Literature

Drapers Academy 2014-2019