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**Career Objective**

My goal at present is to gain experience working in a law firm whilst studying to complete my Masters in Common Law degree at University College Dublin. I am interested in gaining experience within roles which I may not have prior experience, and further developing my skills in positions that I have been appointed to in the past. I am also currently studying for my Senior Cert Diploma in Piano having already successfully completed all eight grades.

**Education**

I have recently completed my undergraduate degree in Single Honours History Degree at U.C.D. My GPA was consistently a high 2:1 throughout my undergraduate degree and I intend to maintain the high standard throughout my Masters degree. I completed my primary education at Balla Mixed National School in County Mayo in 2009. I sat my Leaving Cert in 2014 and my Junior Cert in 2012 at Balla Secondary School in County Mayo and received the following results:

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| **Leaving Certificate** | | **Junior Certificate** | |
| **Subject** | **Grade** | **Subject** | **Grade** |
| English | A2 | History | A |
| History | B1 | Maths | A |
| Music | B1 | C.S.P.E | A |
| Geography | B1 | Irish | B |
| Maths | B2 | Religion | B |
| French | B3 | Music | B |
| Irish | B3 | Geography | C |
|  |  | Home Economics | C |
|  |  | Science | C |
|  |  | French | D |

**Work Experience**

When I was in Fifth Year in Secondary School I completed my work experience at the Castlebar Library. This involved dealing with the public’s queries and assisting the staff.

**Employment**

* **Piano Teacher – Melody.ie (September 2016 – present)**

I have been fortunate enough to gain employment working as an occasional Piano Teacher for Melody.ie. This consists of teaching people of various ages and skills different types of music on the piano. It has given me several opportunities and skills which are set apart from my other roles. For example:

* The ability to devise tuition plans based around each individual pupil’s goals and aspirations
* Acquiring appropriate teaching resources and materials
* Motivating pupils and encouraging progress
* Providing feedback and reports
* **Checkout Operator – Kavanagh’s Supervalu Castlebar (July 2015 – present)**

I am currently employed by Kavanagh’s Supervalu in Castlebar, Co.Mayo as a checkout operator. I have acquired many useful skills during this role. The job includes:

* Helping customers with their queries and informing them of offers within the store.
* Scanning customer’s items and making sure they are satisfied with their experience in the store.
* Cleaning the checkout area and sending newspapers back to the companies at the end of every evening.
* Making sure that the store is well stocked with tobacco products and scratch cards behind the counter.
* Assisting in the quarterly stocktake within the store.
* Occasional shop floor work, such as stacking shelves and organising them.
* Maintaining a high standard for the Good Food Karma project within the store.

**Positions of Responsibility**

I worked as childminder in the home during school holidays taking care of my younger siblings, which involved cooking meals, tidying up and making sure the day runs without incident. During my secondary school years, I also had the responsibility of acting on behalf of the students in my year as a school council representative which I enjoyed immensely. I have been chosen to be on a number of committees and teams over the years, I have represented school in quiz competitions, have been on the green school committee and also been secretary for the local Foroige Club.

**Achievements**

I have been playing piano since I was 5 years of age, and have passed all my exams with honours. I have also taught myself to play the ukulele and the guitar. I have played piano for the then President of Ireland, Mary McAleese at a local event several years ago, it was an honour to be chosen. When I was 8 I got picked from 4000 entrants to audition for the Late Late Toy Show which was great fun and a day I will never forget!

**Hobbies and Interests**

I love to travel and am lucky to have visited some fascinating places, such as the Pyramids in Egypt and the Sahara Desert. As you can gather music is my passion both playing and listening to it, I love to go to concerts with my friends when the opportunities arise. I am an avid reader and love a good novel, some of my favourite books include The Catcher in the Rye, Infinite Jest, Ulysses, 1984 and The Stranger. I enjoy learning about history as a pastime, since completing my undergraduate degree; which ties in with my love of travel. I have a particular interest in 20th century Irish cultural history; I did my undergraduate dissertation on Francis Stuart’s nationalism and legacy.

**Thank you for taking the time to read my Curriculum Vitae**

**Katie Sweeney**