***Paul Gahan***

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**Key Skills profile**

I am a highly motivated graduate from Maynooth University. I am an enthusiastic, hard-working individual looking for a traineeship at Byrne Wallace. I am keen to apply my academic skills, work experience and qualifications to a practical working environment. The skills which I have developed include my strong interpersonal and communication skills as demonstrated in my previous customer service role. I possess the ability to lead and work as part of a team. I am a self-motivated individual and pride myself on having an excellent work ethic. These are all transferable skills that I can use as a trainee at Byrne Wallace. I am also a quick learner and enjoy both training and acquiring new skills.

**Education**

**Maynooth University 2011 - 2015**

Double Honours International Bachelor degree in both Law and Chinese.

**(Bachelor of Law 2.1 and Chinese 1.1)**

I have studied a broad range of subjects in the areas of Contract Law, Law of the European Union, Criminal Law, Evidence, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Land Law, Equity and Jurisprudence. Studying Law has developed my facility for argument, reasoning, clear thinking and for the analysis of complicated ideas. I have a high level of mandarin Chinese which I continuously strive to improve. My level of Chinese was further enhanced by partaking in a study abroad year in China. I spent one year studying at Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

**CBS Naas 2005 - 2011**

Leaving Certificate 7 honours

465 points

**Work Experience**

**Paul’s Fun Chinese, Naas, Co Kildare September 2014 - April 2015**

* Set up my own Mandarin Chinese teaching company in Kildare after returning home from a study abroad year in China.
* Taught a class of three Irish children.
* Provided an after school grinds service to secondary school students.

**New Wave South Pacific English School, Beijing September 2013 - September 2014**

* Taught English classes to a group of 10 children.
* In return for teaching I received extra Chinese language classes when my own lectures finished each day.
* Organised structured classes and activities for the children.

**M7 Business Park Café, Naas, Co Kildare.**  **June 2008 - August 2013**

* Consistently provided a high standard of customer service while working under pressure.
* Responsible for managing the day to day running of the café and trusted to lock up the business.
* Led a team of four to five staff members successfully.

**Other work experience**

* Kelleher and O’Doherty solicitors **2009 - one month**
* Sitric jewlers **2010 - two months**

**Interests and Achievements**

* I have a keen interest in sport. I am an active member of Naas GAA senior football teams. I was a member of Beihang University’s international school soccer team in Beijing.
* I received an award for “outstanding results” in Chinese studies from Maynooth University upon graduation in 2015. This award was sponsored by the Chinese embassy in Ireland.
* I was captain of Naas AFC and Kingstown AFC.
* Full clean driving licence for 4 years.
* I was an all Ireland Schools science finalist 2011, held in Trinity College Dublin.
* I enjoy travelling, I was in Siberia last year and also travelled around China.

**References**

\*Referees available upon request.