

Dentistry Personal Statement

From a very early age dentistry has always had a strong impact on me, both in terms of being mentally challenging and also as a 'hand-on ' profession. This has now become even more so due to my older sister currently working as a general dental practitioner having graduated from Cardiff University

I have always enjoyed helping and caring for others and also have for the last six years been caring for our elderly 85 year old neighbor

This opportunity has helped me to realize the great satisfaction that could be achieved whilst working within the caring profession

Due to my very keen interest in dentistry I specifically chose to study Biology and Chemistry at advanced level. I also decided early on that I would carry out my GCSC work experience within a local Dental practice for a period of two weeks. This dental surgery was a NHS single-handed practice and helped me to understand various aspects of working within a busy surgery. During my GCSC year I had successfully completed Peer Mentoring course, which helped to deal with stressed individuals by empathy and understanding their problems and aspirations Following on from this, after my AS exams I once again spent two weeks gaining experience this time within a larger co-operate practice in Chepstow. During that period I undertook various functions including working within the reception area, booking appointments, using their newly computerized systems and observing various dentists at work. I found that this provided me with a further insight into day-to-day dental management

My hobbies and interests include listening to music and playing sport

I play Badminton, Basketball, Table tennis, and Football and have also recently taken up Tennis. Playing both individual games and team sports has helped me to work well on my own, developed a positive mental attitude and also to work well as part of a team

Looking to the future, I would appreciate the opportunity to fulfill my ambition of working within the dentistry profession. I feel I have a strong desire, good communication skills and the commitment to undertake the study of dentistry.