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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Augustine Jewels
What does the organisation do?	They are a jewellery company specialised in bespoke services.
Where were you located?	London
What did you do?	Online marketing, selling in the shop and at events, liaising with workshops, managing production on Excel.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Management skills (Excel) and marketing.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	It is a very small company. It is worth applying speculatively.
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Further vacation experience; Helpful contacts; References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge Alumni Tours
What does the organisation do?	Tours around central Cambridge
Where were you located?	Cambridge, I lived in my college
What did you do?	Gave tours
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Speculative application
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Brilliant interpersonal skills, really improved my public speaking
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	Like a week;0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Finalist
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I found that because I was busy in August due to producing a show at the Edinburgh Fringe it really impacted my earning potential, which was quite necessary, but luckily, in order to go on the British School at Athens, another amazing opportunity that was

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Cambridge University - Churchill College, Housekeeping Department
What does the organisation do?	The department is in charge of housekeeping and maintenance in the college.
Where were you located?	I was located in Cambridge, UK.
What did you do?	I worked as a casual member of the housekeeping staff.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	indeed.com
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I learned to be more organized and systematic, since there was often too much work to do in a short amount of time to do anything in the wrong order. I had to adapt to working in pairs or teams, as well as negotiate, since my working hours weren't guaranteed, so I often had to ask for more hours to make enough money.
What were your average weekly earnings?	£250 - £399
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	Financial support / sponsorship during your studies
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	The job was great primarily because of the pay - it was better than most (if not all) similar jobs of this type, since it included additional holiday pay on top of the normal hourly rate. The college also provided 2 meals a day, 1 of which occurred during

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Creams Cafe and Deliveroo
What does the organisation do?	Creams cafe is a dessert chain known for its gelato and deliveroo is a food delivery service.
Where were you located?	Ilford and South Woodford
What did you do?	For creams I was a kitchen porter so took food to the tables, washed plates and cutlery and dealt with any problems that the customers had. For deliveroo, I delivered a variety of different foods to customers
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Online searching inc. organisation websites
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Good composure under pressure when there shop was busy. Improved efficiency in order to make more per hour for deliveroo
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	



Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Denis Wilson of Glenavy
What does the organisation do?	Sell a range of machinery and tools: lawnmowers, saws, spanners, etc., as well as workwear (reflective jackets, boots), and repairing lawnmowers.
Where were you located?	Lisburn, Northern Ireland.
What did you do?	I worked mainly in the office, transferring data into spreadsheets for a new website, as well as filing and answering phone calls. I also helped to organise the clothes department and helped to pack items for delivery.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Experience of working a full time 9-5 job (for me, 8:30-5:30) - showed me how tough it is to work full time at a rather mindless job (in front of a computer!). I don't really want to work with computers all the time and it taught me that I like to have people contact, variation and stimulation in a job. I also feel more confident answering phone calls now and I learnt about saws and chainsaws and trimmers.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Intermediate (2nd of 4 year course)
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Mod & Med Langs Tripos Penultimate

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Footprints Tours
What does the organisation do?	Walking tours, both with summer school organisations and members of the public.
Where were you located?	Cambridge
What did you do?	Walking tours of Cambridge and Stratford Upon Avon, working both with summer school organisations and members of the public.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Careers Service advertisement
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Public speaking skills and intimate knowledge of Cambridge and Stratford Upon Avon.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	None of the above
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	Penultimate
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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English Tripos Finalist

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Mange2
What does the organisation do?	The organisation runs a deli and also puts on events such as weddings, parties and funerals.
Where were you located?	Alresford
What did you do?	My work covered a lot of areas predominantly working as a dishwasher in the kitchens or working at events as well as working in the warehouse preparing for events, working behind the till of the deli or doing deliveries around the countryside.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	To be honest the biggest thing I got was money which I need for term time at Cambridge, I've also made friends with a lot of great people that live round me and always have a job as I get on with my bosses.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	A job offer; Further vacation experience
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	I just needed the standard p45 form which I got from online.

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Russell's Fish and Chips
What does the organisation do?	It's a fish and chips restaurant with table service.
Where were you located?	Broadway, England
What did you do?	I was waiting tables, doing kitchen prep, setting up and clearing away, and on the till and bar.
For how long did you do it?	9 - 12 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Social Media - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter etc
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	I gained a lot of new skills: barwork, customer service, training in serving food and drinks, making coffee etc.
What were your average weekly earnings?	< £249
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	No
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	



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Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	Workaway
What does the organisation do?	Provide volunteering experiences around the world. You pay for travel, then live and eat with your hosts for free, while volunteering.
Where were you located?	Odem, The Golan Heights, Israel.
What did you do?	I was working in a hostel - making pancakes for breakfasts, cleaning toilets, gardening, painting, making beds, checking in guests, taking payments, re-stocking the hostel shop and charity shop, cooking with/for the other volunteers and talking with the guests about things to do in Israel.
For how long did you do it?	4 - 8 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Word of mouth/networking - friends, family
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Meeting people from all over the world, everyday. Fantastic sense of perspective. Working in close proximity with between 3-6 other volunteers. We had two days off a week, so planning trips for yourself each week became essential. Hitchhiking meant you met a great variety of people living in Israel, from all different religions, backgrounds etc. Overwhelming sense of the myriad ways you can live your life.
What were your average weekly earnings?	Unpaid
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	Yes
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	I went alone to Israel, booking my flights two weeks before going. I think it is really important to have a go at doing something away from home on your own and, especially for first years, where it may be harder to get an internship/placement

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Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Name of organisation	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
What does the organisation do?	International youth organisation (of which Girlguiding UK is a member)I volunteered at Our Chalet, Adelboden, an activity centre in the Swiss mountains which hosts events for guides and guests from around the world, with activities like hiking, crafts and Swiss culture education
Where were you located?	Adelboden, Switzerland
What did you do?	Guest services - cooking, cleaning and setting rooms, planning meals, gardening
For how long did you do it?	1 - 3 weeks
In which vacation?	Summer
How did you first find out about this opportunity?	Volunteered during my gap year
What did you personally gain from the experience (insights, skills etc.)?	Ability to manage a kitchen as I was the most experienced during a period without a kitchen manager. I met and worked with people from different cultures (Scandinavia, Germany, Tunisia) and got to enjoy a few weeks in Switzerland with free board and food
What were your average weekly earnings?	Expenses only
How long in advance did you start to arrange this experience?	0-3 months
Do you think this opportunity might be available to other Cambridge students?	If they are members of WAGGGS/guides/scouts
As a result of this experience were you offered anything?	References
If you needed a work permit or special visa, how did you obtain one?	n/a

Vacation Work Feedback (provided December 2018)

Which year of your University course were you in when you arranged it?	First
Which year did you have this experience?	2018
Do you have any other comments regarding your experience?	

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