# **Holly Sienna Smith**

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A mature, reliable, hard-working school student. **Key Strengths** 

- Communication Skills
- Confident, friendly approachable manner
- Organisational Skills
- Working within a Team

## Work experience:

## **Small scale Writing and Directing**

Exeter March to June 2025

I wrote a gothic inspired play which I auditioned Exeter University students for. We then rehearsed several days a week to perform two shows on 9th June. This was an amazing experience as it improved my confidence in my own work. It also enhanced my leadership and analytical skills, teaching me how to get the best out of different personalities.

## Acting in a short film

University of Exeter April 2025

I was given the opportunity to act as the main character in a film students short film.

#### Front of House Staff

Vanilla Pod Restaurant Marlow-Buckingham, Buckinghamshire September 2022 to Present

I am lucky enough to have the experience of working at a Michelin inspired restaurant which serves a tasting menu of 7 or 9 course as well as an á la carte menu. This has given me the experience of working with a diverse range of people. It has also improved my organisation skills and efficiency, serving a series of courses to different tables when the restaurant is at full capacity. It has also tested my knowledge and memory skills as I had to learn about the dishes on the rapidly changing menu; the origins and variety a variety of cheeses; vital, in depth, information about the wines that complement the food. This also helped my communication skills as I would have to confidently describe the food and wines to each table, in depth, as they were being served.

#### Support actor

Sally King Casting-Buckinghamshire September 2020 to Present
Periodically I get the opportunity to work as a support actor on a film set. This has
taught me to be patient as you have to repeat the scene thousands of times before
moving on. It has also meant that I am used to working long hours. Support acting is
an amazing experience and I love being a part of it.

#### Teaching dance

Jackie Palmers Stage School-Buckinghamshire September 2023 to July 2024 After school, I helped teach young children drama and dance. As a result, I have enhanced my leadership, organisation and communication skills by not just comforting and supporting the kids but also liaising with parents.

#### **Entertainment Christmas Elf**

Odds Farm Park-Buckinghamshire November 2023 to December 2023

I obtained experience performing as a an interactive elf with the aim of embodying the magic of Christmas. I also got experience working behind a till selling builder bear experiences and photos with Father Christmas. This gave me a crucial insight into how to work efficiently in an exceptional busy environment. It also allowed me to learn to effectively deal with customer complaints while continuing to maintain the joyful and magical exterior of an elf.

#### **Drama Club Leader**

Wycombe High School September 2022 to July 2023

I started and ran a lunch time club for years 7-9. We played games to enhance acting skills as well as analysing scripts. At the end of the academic year I directed a performance that they could all be a part of.

#### Education

Currently studying BA in Drama at the University of Exeter

2022 Wycombe High School; A 'levels:

English, History and Drama, grades ABB

2017- 22 Wycombe High School – 9 GCSE's grades 6-9

2010 -17 Juniper Hill School

**QUALIFICATIONS** Level 8 LAMDA speaking and performing (WT)

Grade 6 Ballet (WT) Grade 4 Modern Grade 4 Violin

Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Award Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Award

RYA dinghy sailing level 4

INTERESTS Competitive swimmer with Wycombe Swimming club

Drama and dance with Jackie Palmers Stage School

Violin.

**PERSONAL** British. Age 19 (29/09/2005)