

# Ross Thurgood

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## PROFILE

A motivated sixth-form student at Sweyne Park School with a strong track record of leadership, creativity, and community engagement. Alongside A-Levels in Mathematics and Physics and a BTEC in Creative iMedia, I have served as a school prefect, technical director of multiple school musical productions, and a Scout leader-in-training. I am experienced in graphic design and web development, and I bring a disciplined, team-oriented approach to everything I take on.

## EDUCATION

**A-Levels & BTEC** | Sweyne Park School Sixth Form, Rayleigh Sept 2024 – Present

- A-Level Mathematics (predicted: C)
- A-Level Physics (predicted: D)
- BTEC Level 3 Creative iMedia Practice (predicted: Triple Distinction\*)
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – Chemical Science (in progress)
- Note: A-Level predictions are early-year estimates and expected to improve.

**GCSEs – 8 subjects** | Sweyne Park School, Rayleigh June 2025

- Mathematics – 8 | Combined Science (Trilogy) – 7-7 | French – 6 | English Language – 6 (Spoken Language: Merit)
- English Literature – 5 | Drama – 5 | Geography – 4
- Cambridge National Creative iMedia – Merit at Level 2

## SKILLS

### Design & Digital Media

Adobe Photoshop (CS6), Dreamweaver, Flash, vector illustration, logo design, poster design, photo manipulation

### Web Development

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript — built and maintain personal portfolio site (rossthurgood.co.uk)

### Core Competencies

Leadership, teamwork, public speaking, problem solving, planning, adaptability

### Other

Piano (3 years formal lessons), basic first aid, campcraft & navigation (DofE expeditions)

## WORK EXPERIENCE & VOLUNTEERING

**Physics Subject Ambassador** | Sweyne Park School Sept 2025 – Present

- Represent the Physics department at internal and primary school outreach events.
- Assist younger year groups and primary pupils with science activities and demonstrations.

**Young Leader in Scouting** | 6th Rayleigh Cub Scouts Oct 2025 – Present

- Attend weekly Cub Scout meetings to plan and run activities for children aged 8–10.
- Support adult leaders and act as a positive role model for younger members.

**Science Week Volunteer** | Downhall Primary School, Rayleigh March 2026

- Delivered hands-on science experiments to over 90 children across a full school day.
- Explained scientific concepts in an engaging and age-appropriate way.

**Work Experience – Reception Class Teaching Assistant** | Downhall Primary School, Rayleigh Apr – May 2024

- Two-week full-time placement (08:00–16:00) supporting a class of 4–6 year olds.
- Led play-based learning activities, assisted reading sessions and outdoor play, and managed daily classroom routines alongside the class teacher.

**Primary School Sports Day Helper** | Down Hall Primary School June 2025

- Set up equipment, guided children between stations, and ensured events ran smoothly and safely.

**Community Volunteer** | Rayleigh Methodist Church July 2019 – Sept 2023

- Supported community events, charity drives, and youth programmes over four years.

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## POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

**Technical Director – 'Beauty and the Beast'** | Sweyne Park School Musical Production *Sept 2025 – Mar 2026*

- Led the full technical team (lighting, sound, microphones) across all rehearsals and performances.
- Managed other technical managers and coordinated with the cast and production staff.

**Technical Manager – 'Shrek Jr.'** | Sweyne Park School Musical Production *Oct 2024 – Mar 2025*

- Managed the technical team and produced documentation to oversee microphone usage and cueing.
- Executed every microphone change across all live performances without error.

**Lighting Manager – 'Matilda Jr.'** | Sweyne Park School Musical Production *Oct 2023 – Mar 2024*

- Managed the entire lighting team and programmed complex lighting sequences for the production.

**School Prefect** | Sweyne Park School *June 2024 – July 2025*

- Selected via formal interview process to represent the school at open evenings and transition events.
- Led Year 6–7 transition days, open evening tours, and science practical demonstrations for prospective students.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award – completed multi-day expedition, six months volunteering, six months physical activity, and six months skill development (2025)
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award – completed in full including expedition (2024)
- Kent International Jamboree (July–Aug 2025) – week-long Explorer camp; took responsibility for younger Scouts and gained practical skills including driving and cooking
- Essex International Jamboree (July–Aug 2024) – week-long Explorer camp with leadership and team-challenge responsibilities
- Scouting – active member since 2015, progressing from Beavers to Crouch Valley Explorers; consistent community service and outdoor leadership
- Sixth Form Open Evening (Nov 2025) – delivered A-Level science practicals for prospective students
- Open Evenings 2022, 2023, 2024 – represented the school at multiple annual open evenings in science and art
- Think Tank Club (2020–2023) – debated real-world problems, presented research, and provided constructive peer feedback
- Book Club (2020–2023) – led discussions, analysed themes, and developed critical thinking across diverse literature

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## PORTFOLIO

A selection of my design and development work — including logos, posters, and this website — is available at: [rossturgood.co.uk](https://rossturgood.co.uk)

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## REFERENCES

Available on request.