

# Leo Dale Highton

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## Profile

Passionate teacher with 5 years' experience in teaching ESL (English as a Second Language). Additionally, I have had leadership roles as an English camp tutor and leader for five summers in a row (2016 – 2020). Worked as a barista, waiter, barman and charity worker, therefore, used to engaging with the public and establishing long lasting working relationships with students, customers, and colleagues.

## Experience

### **TEACHER | BRITISH SCHOOLS, CASALECCHIO DI RENO | SEPTEMBER 2017 - PRESENT**

- Experienced at preparing students for English as a Second Language (ESL) exams of varying levels including: **A2 Basic (KET)**, **B1 Preliminary (PET)**, **B2 First (FCE)** and **C1 Advanced (CAE)**.
- Worked on improvement in key areas such as structural analysis, conversation, written and audio comprehension, grammar, and specific professional use of language in a variety of work environments.
- Interacted with students in a consistently friendly and engaging manner, for the purpose of creating a relaxed and stress-free atmosphere.

### **TUTOR/CAMP LEADER | LET'S GO ENGLISH, BERGAMO/COMO | JUNE 2016 – AUGUST 2018**

- Organized and carried out games such as sports, speaking competitions and team games, extra-camp activities like pool days, nature excursions, museum visits and days at the water park and fun lessons to facilitate English learning for kids aged between 6 and 14 years of age.
- Developed and set up singing competitions and theatre productions in English to demonstrate the students' progress over the course of the Summer Camps.
- Put together fun student-parent-tutor activities for the end of each camp to enable the families to interact socially with each other and camp staff.
- Designed artwork for each class and successfully encouraged students to express themselves through art, music, and other creative pursuits.

### **TUTOR | IMIBERG, BERGAMO | JUNE 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2020**

- Same job description as the previous tutoring position but done in collaboration with IMIBERG Comprehensive School (Bergamo, Italy), on school premises with collaboration from the staff and the Bergamo city council.

### **BARMAN/BARISTA | MERCATO SONATO | AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2022**

- Worked at the "Sun Donato" festival organized by the Mercato Sonato association, serving cocktails, food, and various other non-alcoholic beverages, including coffee, tea, and soft drinks.
- Participated in the setting up of the festival stalls, the seating areas, and the bar itself (that includes setting up beer taps, cleaning the bar at the end of every shift and helping to install the in-bar sound system).
- Helped promote the festival through social media and poster deliveries.

## Education

### LICEO SCIENTIFICO LEONARDO DA VINCI | SEPTEMBER 2008 – JUNE 2009

- Experimental Sciences with Latin and Geography
- Decided to change schools as the course did not allow me to pursue my interests.

### LICEO LINGUISTICO LAURA BASSI | SEPTEMBER 2009 – JUNE 2012

- Foreign Languages with English, French and German
- Following much serious consideration, I decided to prioritise assisting my parents with their business rather than continue my language studies. My intention is to return to study within the next year.

## Skills & Abilities

- Experienced at communication with the public
- Fluent in English and Italian
- Good working knowledge of French
- Proficient at using Microsoft Word and Office
- Ability to work in a team or independently
- Very experienced in classroom management
- Fun-loving and enthusiastic
- Calm under pressure

## Activities and Interests

Cooking, skateboarding, surfing, snowboarding, hiking, cocktail making, gardening, geopolitics, learning languages (currently Spanish), travelling, and interacting with different cultures.