

TOM CARTER  
MA News Journalism student, Cardiff University  
Freelance writer and journalist

**Education:**

**Wadham College, Oxford University, (2017-2020)**

- History BA; First Class, Caroline Kellet prize in History (joint award)

**Richard Tauntons College, Southampton (2015-2017)**

- A Levels in History (A\*), English Literature (A\*) and Classical Civilizations (A).

**Applemore College (2012 - 2015)**

- 13 GCSEs including English and Maths, grades A\*-C

**Experience:**

**Young Writer, Shout Out UK (2021- present)**

- Contributed regular articles for Shout Out UK, a multi award-winning centre for political and media literacy, with a specific focus on tech, online radicalization and far-right movements.
- Utilized a variety of research methods, including open-source investigative techniques and social media analysis in order to investigate far-right activity on social media platforms such as TikTok.

**Volunteer Journalist, HQB News (2020-2021)**

- Researched and wrote local stories from around the Bournemouth area for HQB News, an online news site specializing in local and human interest stories. Gained experience in conducting interviews and correctly quoting sources, as well as working with a house style.
- Consistently met weekly deadlines and worked with editorial staff to produce articles on a wide variety of topics. Optimized stories for social media through writing social media captions, and sourced photos and visual content for articles.

**Writer, Oxford Blue and Cherwell (2019-2020)**

- Produced articles on music and the music industry for the Cherwell and Oxford Blue student newspapers.
- Balanced researching, writing and editing articles to editorial deadlines with weekly essay deadlines, coursework and wider academic commitments.

**Work Experience at the Southern Daily Echo (2016)**

- Conducted online and documentary research on local institutions over the course of this week-long period of work experience, which I then distilled into an article that was published in the Daily Echo.
- In addition to performing important administrative tasks, I dealt with public enquiries, transcribed letters to the editor for publication, and conducted vox pops to collect public opinions on local stories.

**Community Activities and Skills**

- Whilst at University, I ran the Wadham College Film Society, and volunteered at East Oxford Primary School and the student campaign On Your Doorstep, which raised awareness about homelessness in Oxford.
- I enjoy music, playing both guitar and piano, the latter to grade 5 standard.
- I hold a clean drivers licence.
- I have travelled extensively, including a self-funded trip to Kenya in 2014 where I taught English and Maths at a local primary school. I also lived in Singapore from age 9-13.