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PERSONAL DETAILS

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CAREER OBJECTIVES AND PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a graduate of Durham University, where I completed both an MA in English Literature (awarded with Merit) as well as a BA, acquiring a 2.1 with honours. My studies have cemented my ambition is to pursue a career in broadcasting and the media, with specific focus on radio broadcast and journalism. I have developed a broad range of transferable skills, centred on my ability to communicate effectively and eloquently in both a verbal and a written sense. I pride myself on my ability to make people comfortable in my presence and thus draw the best out of both individuals and groups.

KEY CAREER EXPERIENCE

Live Events & Social Media Editor, deltatre

September 2016 – Present

Alongside my role at AllAboutGroup, I freelance at deltatre's Media House in Wimbledon, in their capacity providing match commentary and social media services for UEFA, the European Football Association. I work on match nights providing live commentary on Champions League and Europa League games, and am part of the social media team – working on the official UEFA Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts in order to maximise followers and extend the reach of the organisation. In my time at the company I have quickly developed a reputation as one of their most knowledgeable and dependable writers, and am often entrusted with the featured game on any given night.

Editor, All About Group

July 2015 – Present

I am currently the Editor of AllAboutLaw.com and AllAboutCareers.com, two websites dedicated to bring careers-based news, advice and features to the Graduate, Undergraduate and School Leaver communities, with a focus on providing quality content in order to inform students of the choices available to them. The two websites attract over 200,000 independent users a month between them, and I write, commission or edit all content for both websites. Current affairs feature heavily in the news content of the site, and researching and producing exciting, relevant material is a key part of the role. In addition, AllAboutLaw, our sister site, produces a regular 20-page commercial insight newspaper, *The Principle*, of which I am an Editor and Features Writer.

Presenter, Purple Radio

October 2013 – July 2015

For two years I hosted a weekly radio show called 'The House That Jack Built', which received rave reviews and was the University's number one music show for 2014/15. I am comfortable presenting behind the microphone, using broadcast software and selecting music for an audience, and gained confidence on the airwaves, honing my radio-based skill set. Upon uploading the first season of my 2014/15 show to Mixcloud, I featured in the Worldwide Student Radio weekly top 10 for five consecutive weeks.

Music Editor, Palatinate, Durham's Student Newspaper

September 2013 – July 2014

I held the role of Music Editor of Palatinate, Durham's Official Student Newspaper for my third year at Durham where I produced a double page spread every fortnight. This covered the latest music news both inside and outside of the University and meant leading a team of contributors, interviewing bands and producing album and concert reviews, and keeping the music section of the website up to date.

Adminstrator, Park Medical Centre, Hammersmith

July 2013 - January 2015

I provided cover over the busy holiday periods at the Medical Centre, completing various tasks which ranged from building information banks to organising appointments. I also created a social media presence for the surgery, providing another forum on which to contact patients. By 2014, I was deputising for the surgery's assistant manager when absent. Despite little experience in the medical field, I consistently delivered the required standards, and in doing so developed my ability to work through unfamiliar situations logically with the tools at my disposal.

NeighbourNet Ltd.

July-September 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

For four consecutive periods I worked at NeighbourNet, an independent charity that provides a free community support service to Londoners.

ChiswickW4.com, the largest hyper-local site in the world. Over the course of my time here I was promoted from contributor to being given full editorial control of a number of the websites when their respective editors were away. I was also given responsibility for the social media aspects of certain websites, creating profiles in order to bring news faster to the local community. Not only did I gain an insight into the world of journalism, but I gained transferable skills in terms of technology, responsibility and teamwork. To add to this, I was also involved in the advertising parts of the business in latter years, helping to promote the website to local businesses and increasing our sponsorship, by building up a network of useful contacts and establishing collaborative schemes.

EDUCATION

At the University of Durham I completed a BA in English Literature to a 2.1 standard, before going on to obtain a MA with Merit in English Literature (with Creative Writing). Prior to starting university, I attended Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School in London. Here I completed my GCSE's and A-Levels, and was a Senior Prefect and Editor of the School Newspaper for my final two years. I was also a member of the school's famed Schola Cantorum, renowned for their unswerving dedication and high-quality singing, as well as playing football for the School's First XI.

2011 A2-levels: English Literature (A*), History (A), Maths (A)
2010 AS-levels: Chemistry (A)
2009 GCSE's: 8 A* (Maths, Statistics, English Literature, History, Core Science, Advanced Science, Latin, IT)
3 A (Music, English Language, Religious Studies)

OTHER ROLES HELD

Editor and Presenter, 'Fulhamish' Podcast

September 2016 – Present

I am a regular on the recently conceptualised 'Fulhamish' podcast, hosted weekly by Sammy James, where a panel discusses everything related to Fulham FC in an innovative and novel way. Since conception, the podcast has quickly become highly regarded in the Fulham community, gaining over 4000 downloads across our first five episodes. I also have hosted the show on several occasions and also edit the associated website, managing a team of writers.

Deputy Editor of Tram 22 Music

July 2015 – Present

I am the Deputy Editor of Tram 22, which is an online music channel operating across multiple integrated platforms, and is listed on Hype Machine alongside the world's most influential music blogs. I write reviews and features about new music and related events, and assist the Editor in making sure the site remains up to date and well written.

Features Writer at Bespoke Magazine

November 2015 – Present

Currently a contributing writer at Bespoke Magazine, where I produce both music and sport articles for the website, which is aimed at a young adult audience.

Writer for Public Pressure Magazine

September 2015 – Present

Freelance contributing writer at Public Pressure magazine, a cultural publication centred around the art of storytelling within articles. One of my articles remains the site's most shared piece and was hailed by the artist it regarded as being one of the most insightful pieces written about his work last year.

Head of Music of Van Mildert Ball Committee

October 2014 – July 2015

I took on this role in my fourth year at University, which involved complete artistic and logistic control of all the music which took place at College's two largest events - the Michaelmas and Summer Balls. I had to establish contacts with a variety of artists within the industry, arranging live music and DJ's to entertain an audience of over 600 students with varying tastes, and managing a budget of over £15,000.

IT skills: I am technically competent with a variety of computer programs, ranging from the basic Word and Excel to more complicated systems such as Adobe InDesign, Dreamweaver and Fireworks. I also am familiar with Adobe Audition, Sprout Social, Google Analytics and a variety of different content management systems.

Interests: I play football regularly for Civil Service FC, and captained various teams on the field during my three years at University. I'm a keen actor, and have directed and played key roles in a variety of plays and musicals, as well as playing a variety of instruments and DJing. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, darts, skiing and travelling.

References available upon request.