

Castor Chan

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PROFILE

Dedicated and detail-oriented second-year Media and Classics student at Newcastle University with proficient language and communications skills with the ability to be a team player. Interested in editorial or presenting opportunities, particularly in relation to sports media. Looking for a 9-12 month-long media-based placement (or two in combination) between university years.

EDUCATION

Newcastle University **Newcastle Upon Tyne**
Bachelor of Arts *September 2021 - ongoing (expected: 2023, with sandwich year: 2024)*

- Media & Communications (major), Classics (minor)
- 1st year: Pass (7 modules taken, marks within range of 67 - 53)
- 2nd year projected: 2:1

Yew Chung International School **Hong Kong**
International Baccalaureate Diploma (32) & IGCSE (4 As, 3 Bs, 1 C) *June 2020*

- IB: Chinese, English, Geography at Higher Level; Art, Environmental and Social Sciences, Mathematics at Standard Level
- IGCSE: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, English, Geography, Global Perspectives, Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Sodexo, St James' Park **Newcastle Upon Tyne**
Front of House *October 2021 - ongoing*

- Front of house staff during match days at St James' Park, providing hospitality and participating in setup/cleanup
- Recent job taken and employed for the rest of season
- Involved with customer interaction, practising professionalism and multitasking in a fast-paced environment, constant learning on the go requiring adaptability and awareness

Vienna Boys Choir Music Academy Foundation **Hong Kong**
Volunteer *2017-2019*

- Worked various music events like HK Vienna Music Festival and Summer Music Academy with VBCMAF
- Responsible for reception/ticketing and merchandise tables, backstage and setup work, and behind the scenes ticketing and editing of written material (writing, proofreading etc)
- Gained experience with hospitality and customer interaction and organisation and communications skills

Pirate Bay Cheung Chau **Hong Kong**
Festival Staff *October 2019*

- Helped out at the restaurant and their food stall for a festival weekend (Shi Fu Miz in Hong Kong) taking orders, serving food, completing transactions and setup before and after event (moving equipment, food prep etc)
- Gained confidence working in a fast-paced environment around food and communications skills with both workers and customers

Design Information Centre

Intern

Hong Kong

June 2018

- Completed a week-long interior design placement at DIC
- Received some training in sketching technique, material selection and basic AutoCAD functions
- Worked together in a team to create a final design outcome and present a mock pitch for a client
- Practised completing tasks in a limited timeframe, receiving and practising instruction, and making independent choices after guidance

MEDIA EXTRACURRICULARS

The Courier

Sports sub-editor and writer

Newcastle Upon Tyne

February 2021 (writer) - September 2021 (sub-editor) - ongoing

- The Courier is the student-run newspaper at Newcastle University producing a weekly print issue
- Trained in Photoshop, InDesign and WordPress to produce print layouts throughout the year, responsible for coming up with article pitches for the week and writing/editing Sports articles
- Working collaboratively with other sub-editors under a Head of Sport and offering guidance and feedback to writers submitting articles
- Started in the second semester of first year, had articles published in both print editions that semester
- 'LGBTQ+ in F1' article gained traction on Twitter, reaching Racing Pride and leading to a short-term writing opportunity

Newcastle Student Radio

Co-host

Newcastle Upon Tyne

September 2021 - ongoing

- One of three hosts for the Wednesday Drivetime slot, one of NSR's daily flagship shows, and cohost for one independently led show
- Also helped do live coverage of Fight Night (boxing shows between Newcastle and Northumbria University) as both pundit and camera operator
- Honed confidence behind the mic and skills in using broadcast software and mixing deck
- Responsible for planning episodes and running live broadcasts while on air, practising multitasking and ability to generate unique content weekly to keep audiences entertained

Racing Pride

Spotlight Writer

Hong Kong

March to May 2021

- Invited to interview an upcoming karter and write up the feature piece for Racing Pride
- Received editing feedback and gained valuable experience in arranging and conducting an interview

Castor's Corner

Website owner and writer

Hong Kong and Newcastle Upon Tyne

November 2020 - ongoing

- Self-run motorsports blog publishing features and interviews
- Had the privilege of interviewing aspiring drivers and content creators and sharing their stories
- Gained confidence with publishing own work and reaching out to people

SKILLS

- Proficient in Google Docs/Slides, Microsoft Word/Powerpoint, WordPress and Wix; currently training in Photoshop and InDesign
- Ability in using social media sites such as Instagram, Twitter, Facebook
- Fluent to native level in both written/spoken English, can communicate in Cantonese and limited Mandarin, good understanding of written traditional Chinese