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Profile

I am working towards becoming a qualified NCTJ and MA journalist, and already have experience in writing and editorial roles. My studies in editing skills, news writing, feature writing, multimedia journalism, media law, public affairs, shorthand, analytics and SEO have equipped me for any responsibility or challenge I take on. My work has been shortlisted for [Best Feature](#) at the SPA National Awards 2022, and I am looking forward to sharing more meaningful and informative stories throughout my career.

Experience

FREELANCE PROOFREADER | AUG 2020 – PRESENT

- I proofread articles and blog posts for big tech companies, alternating between UK and US spelling for different clients

HEALTH EDITOR, CHIEF SUBEDITOR AND REPORTER AT [THE KINGSTON COURIER](#) | OCT 2021 – APR 2022

- For the online local newspaper, I wrote news, culture, politics and comment, and source images on Unsplash and Rex
- As Health Editor, I approved writers' suggestions for health articles and offer potential prompts, and wrote myself
- As Chief Subeditor, I organised the subbing team for all online content and checked published material fit the style guide
- As a team, we put together a print supplement for The River newspaper, using InDesign to design, format and lay out pages

CONTRIBUTING WRITER AT [TIME & LEISURE MAGAZINE](#) | JAN 2022 – MAR 2022

- I began with a week's placement at the mag, writing and researching articles, subediting copy and creating social media posts, before moving on the write event and restaurant reviews for the website and conduct an interview with actor Sasha Frost

EDITOR AND WRITER AT [TRU](#) | AUG 2019 – FEB 2022

- I was the primary point of contact with writers and applicants, leading the communication and distribution of prompts
- I proofread online content, and subedited and laid in content for print magazines and broadsheet pamphlets using Canva
- I wrote and researched for informative articles on the environment, human rights, social issues and scientific advancements

FEATURES EDITOR AND WRITER AT [THE WESSEX SCENE](#) | OCT 2019 – JUNE 2021

- I organised content for the university newspaper using WordPress, and scheduled social media posts using Creator Studio
- I curated the features sections of specialised print magazines, including issuing prompts and subediting copy
- I wrote articles for features, lifestyle, opinion, politics and news, and conducted an interview with BBC Countryfile's Tom Heap

Education

MA IN JOURNALISM & NCTJ DIPLOMA | 2021 – PRESENT | KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

BA IN ENGLISH & HISTORY, FIRST CLASS HONOURS | 2018 – 21 | UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHAMPTON

A LEVELS IN ENGLISH, HISTORY, RE & PHILOSOPHY | 2016 – 18 | WALDEGRAVE SIXTH FORM, TWICKENHAM

Skills & Abilities

- Long- and short-form article writing
- Proficient in spelling and grammar, with proofreading and subediting experience
- Thorough and personable interviewer
- Social media, SEO and scheduling
- Basic InDesign, Premier Pro, Canva and WordPress
- Punctual and confident working to deadlines
- Comfortable with collaboration, delegation and organisation

References available upon request