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Reporter at Design Week online magazine and MA Journalism student, also working toward NCTJ Gold Standard Diploma at Kingston University. Core skills: interviewing, newswriting, feature writing, sub-editing, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Premiere Pro, media law, shorthand, video journalism, and social media.

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Experience

Reporter / Design Week Online Magazine

MAY 2022 – CURRENT

Responsible for sourcing and writing national and international news stories for a leading industry magazine. Attends conferences, events, and shows. Photo editing and sub-editing are also a big part of the job. Co-running the social media – Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook – and ensuring the site is accurate and well presented. Working in a small editorial team of three.

Features Editor and Reporter / The Kingston Courier

JANUARY 2022 – MAY 2022

Responsibilities included managing the features section of the site. Also generated new ideas for the section, signing off on stories, and guiding colleagues with their angle and writing style.

Carried out video interviews with high-profile individuals from the film industry such as Mike Newell (Director of *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*), Marina Sirtis (*Star Trek*), and Jason Wong (*The Gentleman* and ITV's *Strangers*).

Worked with the Courier team to produce our newspaper supplement, [impact](#). Co-designed front cover and designed multiple pages across the paper, using InDesign and photoshop. Sub-edited half of all pages.

Feature Writer / Darling Magazine

DECEMBER 2021 – MARCH 2022

Wrote three feature articles whilst on placement at the magazine. Interviewed retail consultant and broadcaster Mary Portas and wrote up two interview features. The 'Inspiring Women' article, which focused on her prominent career in the fashion and retail industry, featured on the front cover of the print Spring issue. The second centred around sustainable fashion.

Two versions of each of these features were written, one for in-print and one for online. Edited photos for the online site.

Social Media Editor and Reporter / The Kingston Courier

OCTOBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022

Managed social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). Designed Instagram post and story templates which improved the account visually and increased user traffic. Ensured the Kingston Courier was well promoted across the web. Checked profile analytics and used data to increase engagement with readers.

Feature/Comment Writer / We Are Writeous

MARCH 2021 – OCTOBER 2021

Worked as a [feature/comment writer](#) with a bi-weekly publishing spot at this online publication. Worked closely with assigned editor to create top quality articles for the lifestyle, culture, and health and wellbeing section on the site.

Junior Researcher / The Sunday Times

FEBRUARY 2021

Completed a series of interviews with final year undergraduates about their experience of the graduate job market. Responsibilities included sourcing over 25 students to take part in surveys and carrying out the interviews on an online video platform. Involved organising interviewees into groups of eight or more and guiding them through the online survey to collect data for The Sunday Times Top 100 Graduate Jobs list.

Student Journalist / The Lancaster Tab

JANUARY 2021 – JUNE 2021

Wrote feature articles for The Lancaster Tab, a student online news site. Included working to deadlines and keeping up with current affairs, sourcing original photos for articles and extensive editing of work.

Education

MA Journalism/NCTJ Diploma/ Kingston University

SEPTEMBER 2021 – CURRENT

Achieved **grades A-B** in media law, public affairs, editing skills, court reporting, plus 100wpm shorthand. Can also produce multimedia journalism.

BA Hons English Literature with Creative Writing / Lancaster University

SEPTEMBER 2018 – AUGUST 2021

Graduated with **upper 2:1**

A Level English Literature and Language/BTEC Music

Grade A/D*D*

Skills

- Deadline orientated
- Excellent organisation
- Thorough researcher
- Design
- Confident communicator
- Sub-Editing
- Media law
- Shorthand 100wpm

References available upon request

