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## Relevant Experience

- Work Experience at The Daily Telegraph, Home News and Politics Desks:** **February 2024**
- Worked closely with the defence, politics, education, religion, and general news editors and assisted them by any means necessary, for example, by phoning 53 churches in Newcastle to find the priest who converted Abdul Ezedi.
  - Reported on a debate about mindfulness in Westminster Hall, declining numbers of international students studying in the UK and the impact of potholes on a tire-repair company.
- Work Experience at The Daily Mirror, News Desk:** **March 2024**
- Freelance Comment Writer:** **December 2023 – Present**
- Wrote a first-person piece on banning disposable vapes for the Independent's 'Voices' section.
- Work Experience at Norwich Evening News:** **August 2022**
- Wrote two front pages articles in one week, learning the nuances and audience of the city despite having only visited Norwich once before my placement.
  - Filmed daily news videos and footage for a TikTok which received over 120,000 views within 20 hours of posting.
  - Received one-to-one tuition from the editor-in-chief and deputy editor on storytelling and accessibility in articles, as well as on designing the newspaper's layout each day.
  - Shadowed reporters and photographers – I showed a willingness to undertake unorthodox reporting methods to secure stories, including running into a burning field to take close-up photos and interview witnesses.
- Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Student Political Blog 'Amplify':** **June 2022 – April 2023**
- Scouted by Professor Mark Philp to create a blog for student opinion pieces on politics on a neutral platform.
  - Networked to find potential writers and edited their articles to ensure they were concise, coherent and captivating to a student audience.
  - Launched and managed a website and social media accounts - receiving over 100 Instagram followers in 24 hours.
- Deputy Lifestyle Editor of The Boar (University of Warwick Student Newspaper):** **October 2022 – May 2023**
- Pitched and edited informal articles addressing student problems, fashion and contemporary popular culture.
  - Designed lay-ups for print editions utilising Adobe InDesign and Photoshop.
  - Regularly acted as a contributing writer for news, finance, lifestyle, sport, music and TV sections of the paper.
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## Education

- City, University of London – MA in Newspaper Journalism:** **September 2023 – June 2024**
- Reporter and sub-editor for the Hackney Post – wrote six original news stories confined to the 0.78km<sup>2</sup> Ward Hackney Central; booked notable interviews with a CBBC presenter and an award-winning photographer.
  - Taught to use Adobe InDesign, InCopy PremierePro and WordPress, as well as training in media law, FOI requests, OSINT, Court Reporting, and ethical codes of practice by seasoned industry professionals.
  - Conducted and reported high-level interviews with actors, executives and politicians.
  - Learning shorthand – I will be able to write at a speed of 100 words per minute by April.
  - Recruited and produced an alumni 'Question Time' event working with Barney Jones.
- University of Warwick:** **September 2020 – July 2023**
- First Class History BA (Hons) Graduate. Overall Grade: 76.5
- Kingston Grammar School, Kingston:** **September 2013 – July 2020**
- A-Levels: History (A\*), Philosophy and Ethics Pre-U (D2), Biology (A). GCSEs: 10 A\*s
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## Leadership and Collaboration:

- University of Warwick History Society:**
- Vice-President:** **June 2021 – April 2022**
- Co-ordinated, oversaw and supported 11 distinct departments.
  - Handled internal and external crises in the society at very short notice, which demanded immediate resolutions and high levels of sensitivity.
- Charities and Welfare Officer:** **April 2022 – April 2023**
- Regularly listened to student concerns and raised over £300 for charity across activity-based fundraising events.
- Head Boy, Kingston Grammar School:** **March 2019 – July 2020**
- Introduced gender-neutral uniform rules; regularly gave speeches to audiences of up to 1,000 people.
- President of the Gibbon Debating Society, Kingston Grammar School:** **April 2019 – July 2020**
- Award-winning Head of Marketing in Young Enterprises company: 'One Fine Pallet':** **September 2018 – July 2019**
- Manager and Captain of Kingston Grammar School 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Football Team:** **September 2019 – March 2020**
- Mystery Shopper, Serve Legal:** **October 2021 – February 2023**
- Volunteer, Museum of Richmond and Wimbledon Windmill Museum:** **July 2018– February 2020**