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Relevant Experience

Assistant Producer at ITV News (Freelance):

April 2024 – Present

- Assisting news editors and reporters across home, foreign, planning, London and overnight desks.
- On-desk duties: Bidding for and pre-interviewing experts and case studies; briefing, coordinating, and liaising between editors, reporters, producers and camera crews; staying across news and footage updates from agencies; researching pitches; overseeing news production; logging picture; transcribing scripts; occasionally acting up as the news editor in their absence; answering news desk phones; making diversity logs.
- Off-desk duties: Producing stories in the field; assisting camera crews; conducting expert, case study and vox pop interviews with various high-profile figures ranging from Chancellor Rachel Reeves to ex-footballer John Barnes.

Casual News Reporter at The Sun Online

April 2025 – Present

- Regularly pitching and writing original, exclusive stories; writing news stories according to editorial briefs.
- Perform pieces to camera for the website; pitch and write stories according to contemporary online trends
- Using WordPress to maximise SEO by incorporating pictures, headlines, kickers, subdecks, teasers, recirculation article links, explainer boxes, and adding embedded and thumbnail videos across all digital platforms.

Assistant Producer at Times Radio

April 2025 – Present

- Output: Writing researched scripts for presenters on news, politics, arts and culture programmes.
- Input: Finding, booking, and greeting guests best suited to speak on contemporary news stories.

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 - assisting them by any means necessary, for example, by phoning 53 churches in Newcastle to find the priest who converted Abdul Ezedi.
- Reported a mindfulness debate in Westminster, declining numbers of international students studying in the UK.

Work Experience at The Daily Mirror, News Desk:

March 2024

- Pitched and wrote two stories on disability and the Gaza conflict; entertained guests including, Sir Keir Starmer.

Other Professional Freelance Work:

December 2023 – Present

- Wrote for the Independent's 'Voices' section, and worked for PA to cover local election results on 2 May 2024

Work Experience at Norwich Evening News:

August 2022

- Wrote two front-page stories in one week, despite having only visited Norwich once before my placement.
- Ran into a burning field for photos and interviews.
- Filmed daily news videos and footage for a TikTok which received over 120,000 views within 20 hours of posting.

Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Student Political Blog 'Amplify':

June 2022 – April 2023

- Established a website, social media accounts and a network of regular writers for the student publication.

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.

Education

City, University of London – MA in Newspaper Journalism:

September 2023 – June 2024

- Shorthand: Qualified at 80 words per minute – despite a significant disability (macroductyly) in my writing hand.
- News editor, reporter and sub-editor for the Hackney Post – wrote six original news stories within the 0.78km² 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.

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

Leadership and Collaboration:

University of Warwick History Society:

Vice-President:

June 2021 – April 2022

- Coordinated 11 distinct departments; handled internal crises such as drink spiking with care and confidentiality.

Charities and Welfare Officer:

April 2022 – April 2023

- Regularly listened to student concerns and raised over £300 for charities across various 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.

Manager and Captain of Kingston Grammar School 3rd XI Football Team:

September 2019 – March 2020

Mystery Shopper, Serve Legal:

October 2021 – February 2023