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MA Diplomacy and Foreign Policy at City, University of London

BA (Hons) Journalism with Study Abroad at City, University of London, with study abroad year at Hong Kong Baptist University

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## **Summary**

Passionate and dedicated London based journalist with experience in print, online and radio platforms. Previously written articles on theatre, sport, music, film, television, and news. Seeking further experience from a media organisation.

## **Selected Work Experience**

May 2019- July 2020: Overnight News Reporter at [express.co.uk](http://express.co.uk)

In the summer before my final year as a student, I began full-time work on the overnight news team for the Daily Express website. I moved to part-time when term started before returning full-time in May 2020. Responsibilities include pitching and writing articles, finding photos and doing SEO for article URLs and METAs. I have had editorial experience in this position.

May 2018- April 2019: Media Manager at CONIFA Asia

For just a under a year, I was the media manager for the Asian section of CONIFA, an organisation, for unrecognised nations, regions and people groups. I covered the 2018 world football cup and my duties included managing the organisation Twitter account as well as contributing to meetings to discuss marketing, PR and the future direction of the brand.

July 2017- May 2018: Social Media Intern at Talksport International

Over the course of the weekend, I would provide live updates of Premier League football matches for the Talksport Live Twitter account. I also created radio packages for international partners outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

June 2017- April 2018: Opinion Editor for The National Student

I was responsible for recruiting new writers, commissioning opinion pieces which would appeal to the target audience and managing the writers in my group to write them whilst editing those that are submitted into the system. As well as this, I continued to contribute to other sections of the website.

January 2015- January 2016: Fairness Commissioner for London Borough of Redbridge

Because of my voluntary work in school and the local community, I was chosen to represent young people on Redbridge's Fairness Commission, set up to address inequalities and help plan cuts. I asked questions in meetings to help gain evidence and understanding from a variety of speakers and helped contribute recommendations to the final report.

## **Journalism Skills**

- Able to use a variety of software and equipment through university training such as cameras as well as radio software Burli as and editing tools such as Adobe Audacity and Adobe Premier Pro.

- Strong command of SEO and SMO through editor roles and university training.

- Able to pitch my own ideas and work to deadlines.
- Calm but assertive interview technique.

### **Education**

MA Diplomacy and Foreign Policy student at City, University of London.

BA (Hons) Journalism with Study Abroad graduate from City, University of London. Completed a study abroad year at Hong Kong Baptist University in the 2018-19 academic year. Achieved an upper second-class degree with honours.

3 A Levels in English Literature, History and Religious Studies from Beal High School.

### **Hobbies/Interests**

In my spare time, I play football, karate and boxing. I also enjoy reading and socializing. I am very passionate about music. I can play bass guitar, having been self-taught since May 2011.

I enjoy film and television. I enjoy comedy, crime and science fiction as well as international cinema across a wide range of genres.

### **References**

Available on request.