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Summary

Confident, enthusiastic, eager BA Journalism and Creative Writing graduate proactively pursuing paid contract editing and writing positions. Completing my degree, extra-curricular writing, and a broad range of part-time work has developed my content writing, editing and verbal communication skills. I am currently working as a freelance video game journalist for Venture 4th Media and hope to grow my portfolio within the news industry. I am able to write engaging, persuasive copy for a diverse range of topics, as well as evaluate and edit content for desired audiences. Now seeking an opportunity within a company that publishes up-to-the-minute news on subjects ranging from entertainment to politics where I can apply my transferable skills, contribute to an editorial team, and continue my personal career growth.

Skills

- Highly Motivated
- Strong Work Ethic
- Quick Learner
- Collaborative
- Confident Communicator
- Time Management & Organisation
- Customer Service
- Copywriting
- Proofreading
- SEO Optimisation
- Newswriting
- Editing
- Research & Analysis
- Image Editing
- Multi-Tasking
- Meticulous
- MS Office
- Audacity
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- WordPress
- Interview planning
- Audacity

Education

University of Hertfordshire BA Journalism & Creative Writing (4-year course with One Year Study Abroad) 2023

Modules Year One:

- Becoming a Writer
- Introduction to Media Practices
- Introduction to Media Communications
- Introduction to Journalism
- Journalism, Law & Ethics
- Global Media & Society
- Genre Fiction: Building Worlds
- Writing for the screen
- Identity & Contemporary Writing

Year Two:

- Radio Journalism
- Graduate Skills
- The Fourth Genre: Writing (Your)Life
- Writing for the Stage
- Language & Imagination: The Art of the Poem
- Journalism Skills: features
- Poetry, Prose & Publishing
- Journalism Skills News
- How Journalism Changed the World: from Watergate to social media & Fake News

Year Three: University of Nicosia, Cyprus)

- Creative Writing
- Newswriting
- Writing for Film and TV
- Journalism
- Children's Literature
- The Victorian Novel
- Sound Production for Film
- Editing & Compositing in Digital Media

Year Four:

- Tell It Slant: Writing & Reality
- Online Journalism
- Journalism Skills Portfolio

Creative Writing Project Prose
International Politics & Reporting Global News
Writing for Popular Fiction Markets

Awarded Upper Second Class Degree

The Appleton Sixth Form A-Levels:

2019

English Literature(C) English Language (C) Philosophy (D) Extended Project Qualification (B)

St Thomas More High School GCSEs:

2016

x12 A* - C including English & Math's

Experience

Venture 4th Media – Freelance Journalist

July 2023 to present

- Writing creatively to appeal to whichever audience an article pertains to
- Working under a deadline
- Undertaking notes from an editor in order to perfect my work for publishing
- Learning the editing process through feedback, looking at tools like MarketMuse and how they can help with keyword use.

Wetherspoons – Bar Staff (Part-Time)

July 2023 to present

- Making pints and cocktails
- Serving customers under high-pressure
- Interacting with intoxicated customers in a professional manner

Premier - Customer Assistant (Part-Time)

Oct 2022 to June 2023

- Served customers
- Managed cash and card payments
- Unloaded deliveries and stacked shelves

University of Hertfordshire – Study Abroad Ambassador

Nov 2022 to Feb 2023

- Aided students looking to study abroad
- Reached out to potential applicants unsure about certain aspects
- Walked students through the different processes of travelling to different countries

Co-op Food - Customer Assistant (Part-Time)

June 2022 to Sep 2022

- Delivered excellent customer service
- Unloaded deliveries in a pressurised environment
- Was able to adapt to any job needed with a radio in my ear updating me

Central Bar - Bar Staff (Part-time)

Oct 2021 to June 2022

- Served customers
- Managed cash & card payments
- Replenished bar stock
- Delivered excellent customer service

Papa John's - Delivery Driver (Part-time)

Oct 2020 to Dec 2020

- Delivering orders to local residents, providing excellent customer service

Pizza Hut - Food Delivery Driver (Part-time) Jul 2020 to Sep 2020

- Delivering food orders, adhering to safety procedures & government guidelines during the pandemic

Pristine Cleaners - Customer Service Assistant July 2019 to Sept 2019 & June 2021 to Oct 2021

- Processed cash & card payments
- Engaged with customers in a warm, friendly manner
- Engaged with customers, building a positive rapport
- Delivered excellent customer service
- Scheduled & prioritised customer orders

Swallow Aquatics - Cashier & Assistant (Part-time) Sep 2017 to Sep 2019

- Engaged with customers
- Processed cash & card payments
- Provided advice relating to animal care

McDonald's - Customer Assistant and cook (Part-time) Jul 2016 to Sep 2017

- Fulfilled customer orders in a fast-paced, pressurised environment
- Delivered excellent customer service

Accomplishments

- Managed to secure my first freelance journalism work before graduating from university
- WordPress blog 'Nerd Culture' focusing on entertainment in our modern society to enhance research & article writing skills
- Authored articles for the school newspaper on a variety of issues
- Competed in Jack Petchey Speak Out challenge
- Completed a year studying abroad in Cyprus

Interests

Writing short stories and involving myself in the world of journalism are big interests for me; creating worlds and then writing characters into them is one of my favourite methods of escapism and has stuck with me since I was young.

Becoming an editor or journalist is, to me, the natural progression for my love of writing, as well as what I aim to do following my degree. The idea that I can build a career purely from things that I write and edit is my goal in life, and current events, be that in world events, politics, or entertainment is the most attractive venue for me. In the modern media landscape, scandal and hostility are plentiful in mainstream current events, and this has always caught my eye.

Gaming, both online and single-player, is who I am. It has been a part of me since first playing my dad's PlayStation 1 as a child. Now an adult, I immerse myself in that world even more; console, PC, VR, any form of gaming there is, I take part in it.

I am also a massive fan of anime and manga; I love reading and watching the stories that the mangakas of today have to tell, and I could definitely see myself writing about anime and manga in a journalistic medium.

I regularly attend the gym for my fitness and mental well-being. I am a sociable individual; I like meeting new people and spending time with family and friends. I enjoy reading a broad range of books and collecting nerdy memorabilia, as well as playing the acoustic guitar.