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Personal Profile

A highly devoted, award-winning student journalist who has worked for some of the UK's most revered student and national publications, now looking to establish a long-term career within the journalism industry. Possesses a natural flair for writing and creating unique content ideas that are both informative and thought-provoking, with their specialisms spanning across global politics, data journalism, long-form investigations and features. Can handle complex and sensitive topics with confidence thanks to a strong understanding of media law, and has managed Freedom of Information requests and breaking news stories with ease. Strongly capable of adapting to pressured newsroom environments and take their own initiative when required, with a proven track-record of meeting tight deadlines and maintaining high standards of accuracy amidst demanding circumstances. A collaborative team player who has led and inspired numerous student reporters and editorial teams using their articulate interpersonal skills.

Experience

The Spectator | London, England

Data Research Intern and Freelancer | 06/2023 - Present

- Working alongside The Spectator's respected data team during a one-week internship. Entry to the internship scheme was secured by answering "a sword-from-the-stone" research question, analysing the relationship between deprivation and crime rates across English regions.
- Using Datawrapper, researching and producing a variety of charts for publication on The Spectator's online "data hub" and newsletters. Topics include global GDP comparisons, mortgage interest rates and NHS referral figures.
- Pitching new ideas to improve the data hub to The Spectator's data editor and editor-in-chief. As part of this, single-handedly creating a new "Education" page on the data hub, with over 10 charts related to UK school results and attainment inequalities.
- Maintaining the appearance and order of The Spectator's data hub at regular intervals using Webflow. Additionally updating charts using Datawrapper across 10 different sections on the data hub.
- Following the internship, continuing my duties as a data researcher in a freelance capacity. Involves collaborating with a team of freelance researchers to produce new data content for The Spectator editors, often working to tight deadlines.

The Guardian | London, England

Editorial Intern | 09/2022

- Working across five different sections at the newspaper over a three-week internship - World News, The Observer, Environment, Saturday Magazine and G2 Magazine.
- Achieving over 10 bylines for the newspaper with articles published both online and in print, covering topics such as the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, and influential scientific research papers.
- Pitching and contributing ideas in regular editorial meetings, as well as conducting research for future articles across multiple sections of the newspaper.
- Proactively networking with senior editors and mentors stationed at the newspaper, and learning more about the newsroom environment through regular mentoring sessions.

Palatinate - Durham's Official Student Newspaper | Durham, County Durham

News Editor | 01/2022 - 01/2023

- Writing over 90 articles for the newspaper on a breadth of topics influencing student life in Durham. Articles have included a long-form investigation on staff working conditions, data-led pieces on student demographics, and breaking news stories on several police incidents within the city.
- Leading and collaborating with a team of eight news reporters and six senior editors. Responsibilities included facilitating onboarding sessions and mentoring new hires, as well as establishing fortnightly team meetings to generate new ideas for the news section's content.
- Laying-up and sub-editing the print edition of the newspaper every fortnight using advanced Adobe InDesign and Photoshop skills. Editing and uploading news articles to the newspaper's website using Wordpress.
- Sourcing exclusive stories for the newspaper by interviewing confidential sources, handling Freedom of Information requests and large public datasets, chasing potential leads and tip-offs, and researching student social media posts.
- Being nominated in five award categories in the 2022 and 2023 Student Publication Association's National Awards - Best Interview (Highly Commended), Best Reporter, Best News Story, Best Comment Piece and Best Science Piece (Nominated).

Additional Experiences

- Conference Reporter for Journo Resources (04/2023).
- Strategic Communications Intern for Cicero/amo (07/2022 - 08/2022).

Skills

Data Analysis Skills (including Datawrapper and RStudio), Advanced Written and Oral Communication, Proficiency with Microsoft Office and Adobe InDesign, Exceptional Time-Management and Organisation, Keen Eye for Accuracy and Detail, Strong Leadership and Teamwork Skills, Knowledge and Application of Media Law

Education

Durham University | Durham, County Durham, UK

Combined Honours in Social Sciences (BA)

- Modules in International Relations, Geography and Anthropology
- Achieved a 1st-class honours grade in both the first year and second year of studies, and on track to graduate with a 1st-class honours degree in 2025.
- Undertook a study abroad year during the third year of studies at the University of Amsterdam.

London Academy of Excellence | Stratford, London

A-Levels | 06/2021

- Achieved three A* grades in Mathematics, Geography and Politics

Barking Abbey School | Barking, Essex

GCSEs | 06/2019

- Completed 13 GCSEs, with a grade point average (GPA) of 8.4.
- Achieved eight 9/A** grades including Mathematics and English Language, as well as three 8/A* grades, one 7/A grade and one 6/B grade.