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## ◦ LINKS ◦

[LinkedIn](#)  
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## ◦ SKILLS ◦

Writing and Editing  
Research  
Journalism  
Blogging  
Interviewing  
Proofreading  
Press Releases  
Customer Experience  
Public Speaking  
Communication  
Teamwork  
Adobe InDesign

## 👤 PROFILE

I am a second-year university student working towards a BA in English and Related Literature. Writer for The Independent and current News Editor at Nouse. Previous fundraiser and volunteer with British Heart Foundation. Knowledgeable in areas of writing, editing, interviewing, research and communication.

## 📁 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### English Literature Representative at the University of York

September 2023 — present

This role requires:

- Working with the University to promote and represent my subject and department
- Proficiency in public and persuasive speaking
- Encouraging prospective students and their parents to consider English Literature when applying to York
- Answering questions about the course and university life as a whole

### Fundraiser for British Heart Foundation

September 2021 — July 2022

Volunteering with BHF has given me skills in the customer service realm, such as:

- Working a till
- Dealing with (sometimes difficult) customer requests and cooperating within a team
- Stockroom tasks
  - Tagging and listing items and categorising donations

As a fundraiser, I was also tasked with asking the general public for donations from outside the store. This involved:

- Confidence in public and persuasive speaking
- Proficiency in promoting charity
- A deep understanding of the cause

### Trainee Decorator at Kelly King Painting & Decorating Services

May 2021 — September 2022

This job required me to deputise effectively to my employer by preparing rooms and furnishings for renovations, as well as undertaking necessary roles myself. Roles included:

- Cleaning down surfaces
- Stripping wallpaper
- Painting walls and ceilings
- Detailed paintwork (e.g. working around light switches)



## EDUCATION

### BA in English and Related Literature, University of York

September 2022 — June 2025

- Current second-year undergraduate
- Achieved a high 2:1 at the end of first year

**GCSES and A-Levels, Kesteven and Sleaford High School** September 2014 — June 2021

- GCSEs in Maths, English, Sciences, History, RE, Art, Drama and German
  - Grade 8s in History and RE, 7s in English, 6s in Sciences
- A-Levels in English Literature, Psychology and History
  - Grades A, A, B

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### **Writer for The Independent**

February 2024 — Present

I have recently become a contributory writer for The Independent. This requires me to:

- Write high quality articles across a range of topics
- Self-motivate and self-edit
- Manage deadlines effectively
- Communicate with a large team

### **News Editor at Nouse**

September 2023 — Present

I am the current News Editor at the University of York's main student newspaper, Nouse. The role requires me to:

- Write and edit news articles to a very high standard
- Conduct interviews
- Manage deadlines effectively
- Communicate with a large team

### **Personal Blogger**

September 2023 — Present

I run a personal blog, 'All I Think About Now', where I showcase my writing in the form of thoughts, feelings and opinions on various topics. Skills I have honed whilst doing so include:

- Subject-specific research
- Book reviewing
- Excellent time management
- Online editing

### **Coxswain at the University of York Boat Club**

September 2023 — Present

Coxing has offered a wealth of surprising yet beneficial skills, especially in building confidence. Qualities that I have gained include:

- Excellent communication with a small team
- Organisational skills (planning routes)
- Speaking confidently to (often) large groups
- Leadership

## REFERENCES

References available upon request

## COURSES

### **Breaking News Workshop, News Associates**

Last spring I attended a course at News Associate's Twickenham offices. I learned the fundamental structure of a news story, how to appropriately respond to breaking news, and how to effectively write up my own breaking news report.

April 2023