

# Sam Burton

Managing Editor • Radio Presenter • Podcast Co-Host • Journalism Student •

**Diligent, hard-working, and resilient first-year Journalism student from Sheffield.** Alongside my studies, I am a Managing Editor for an international youth-led publication called The Teen Magazine. I oversee all the magazine's interviews, work on content strategy, and support a team of 50+ young writers - helping them to reach their potential and improve their skillsets.

I also have some experience in broadcasting – presenting a weekly show on the University of Sheffield's Forge Radio, and co-hosting a political news podcast (PolSocPod).

Until recently, I had a monthly column for my local magazine which focused on issues relating to young people and community.

I am always looking for new challenges and opportunities to learn and develop. As I hope my CV demonstrates, I am never deterred by hard work.

## Experience

## Managing Editor of Interviews – The Teen Magazine

Writer (NOVEMBER 2020 -), Editor (JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2023), Managing Editor (MAY 2023 -)

#### Skills: Leadership; Management; Organisation; Communication; Copy editing; Online Journalism

- Overseeing all interview-based content and strategizing ways to expand our global readership
- Creating and developing links with PR representative and companies
- Supporting the work of a talented team of young writers
- Conducting and writing interviews for a range of interesting stories

### Columnist

#### JUNE 2022 – OCTOBER 2023

#### Skills: Magazine Journalism; Writing; Creativity; Pitching; Working with the local community

- Writing a monthly column for a magazine that is distributed to 15,000 homes and businesses
- Focused primarily on subjects that represented young people in the area
- I also reported on wider events through visits to the Queen Elizabeth II's Lying-in-State and to our twin town in Germany
- In January 2023, I interviewed the local MP for an article about the most pressing issues for young people in the region

## Presenter – Forge Radio

OCTOBER 2023 -

#### Skills: Broadcasting; Presenting; Interviewing; Music; Production

- Hosting a self-produced, weekly chat show on University of Sheffield's Forge Radio
- Coordinating guests and running order
- Interviewing guests in a way that helps them to bring the best out of themselves
- Promoting the show on social media
- Working with industry-standard radio equipment and Myriad software

### Co-Host – PolSocPod

#### OCTOBER 2023 -

#### Skills: Broadcasting; Presenting; Researching; News; Politics; Podcasting

- Accurately and impartially discussing the week's national and international political news
- Researching key information and presenting it in a concise and understandable manner
- Creating a high-quality production using industry-standard equipment
- Working on creating chemistry between the presenting lineup
- Starting work on 'The Interview' series, featuring one-to-one conversations with politicians

## Work Experience - Office of Lee Rowley MP

#### 27 JUNE 2022 – 1 JULY 2022

#### Skills: Politics; Communication; Working with local people; Organisation; Admin

- Spoke with constituents on the phone about their concerns
- Authorised to make calls to government departments to enquire about issues
- Joined Mr. Rowley on public engagements in the local community
- Observed journalism and politics in action during the week preceding Boris Johnson's resignation as Prime Minister

### Delegate – Model United Nations of Goldberg

#### OCTOBER 2022

#### Skills: Public speaking; International Politics; Communication; Leadership

- A five-day simulation of the United Nations in Germany, in which I 'represented' Brazil on the Security Council
- Engaged in 'diplomatic discussions' with other young people from eight European countries
- Intensive research and preparation to produce working and position papers on complex issues, such as access to humanitarian aid in Northwest Syria and the conflict in Yemen
- Delivered statements and speeches to the committee, often at short notice
- Obtained knowledge about the inner workings (and difficulties) of international relations

## Editor-in-Chief and Founder – Student Magazine (Secondary School Publication)

APRIL 2020 – APRIL 2021

#### Skills: Graphic design; Innovation; Leadership; Management; Copy editing; Coordination; Magazine Journalism

• Pitched a digital school magazine to the school's SLT at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic

- Assembled and led an editorial team via virtual meetings
- Pitched, wrote, and edited a variety of main features, interviews, reviews, and opinion pieces
- Designed and proofread each edition, and facilitated their release to the school community
- It was described as a "superb publication" and "an informative, stimulating, and entertaining read" by the school's headteacher

### Waiter

#### JUNE 2022 – AUGUST 2022

#### Skills: Communication; Working with the local community; Hospitality

- My role involved greeting customers on entry, taking orders, making drinks, serving food and cake, and handling payments.
- The café also doubles as a shop for many of the business' locally made honey-based products. I engaged with and advised customers on the best products to suit their preferences and needs, in accordance with information I had obtained from the café's owner and experienced beekeeper.
- This front-of-house role helped me to develop the necessary skills to provide the level of quality customer experience that I would expect to receive from the other side of the counter.

## Other Experience

- Recipient of Silver Duke of Edinburgh Certificate of Achievement
- Deputy Head Student at secondary school 2022-23
- As the leader of a committee on my school's student council for three years, I delivered numerous presentations to assemblies, staff briefings, and senior management meetings. I was presented with a Student of the Year Award for this work

## Grades

- At GCSE level, I received 4x Grade 9s, 4x Grade 8s, and 1x Grade 7
- At AS level, I received 2x A grades and 1x B grade
- At A-Level, I received 2x A grades and 1x C grade
- In my university studies, I have so far received the equivalent to a first on 4 out of 4 of my assessments, and have also received Gold Standard for NCTJ Newspaper/Magazine Regulation.

## **Contact Information**

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