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Profile

- 6 months of experience as a **print and online journalist**, including being the feature editor and news reporter of The River/The River Online.
 - **NCTJ-accredited journalism degree** at bachelor's level with expert knowledge of media laws and ethics.
 - A **news, features, and sportswriter**, with experience in interviewing, copywriting, and meticulous sub-editing.
 - Engaged with a diverse range of sources, including leading politicians like Sir Ed Davey, local councillors, scientists, volunteers, community figures, and ordinary citizens.
 - **Writing news stories** on issues like challenges faced by food banks, river pollution, biodiversity initiatives, artists contributing to Black History Month, and the effect the Ukraine War has on displaced people in England.
 - **Feature writing experience** with a piece on an Iranian government protest, a profile on grassroots female football players in Australia, and the local London darts scene, which became the most viewed article on The River Online.
 - Contributed **match reports** for Chelsea F.C. Women and England, participated in post-match press conferences with managers, such as Gareth Southgate and Emma Hayes, and interviewed players in the mixed zone.
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Skills

- 100 words-per-minute shorthand • Layout design using InDesign • Photo editing with Photoshop • Video editing with Premier Pro • Newswriting • Feature writing • Sports writing • Source finding • Interviewing • Researching
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Experience

FEATURES EDITOR/NEWS REPORTER, *The River/The River Online*, September 2023 – Current

Features Editor, The River/The River Online:

- Shaped the features section's by collaborating with writers to develop ideas, aligning topics with editorial strategy.
- Managed editorial schedules, for timely submission of copy by maintaining communication and support to writers.
- Ensured the quality of writing met The River's standards for accuracy and journalistic integrity.
- Personally reorganised the subbing process as a key member of The River's subbing team, enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.

Reporter, The River/The River Online:

- Generated ideas for news stories and feature articles through in-depth research, identifying compelling and relevant sources.
 - Conducted interviews and located sources, delivering informative, multi-sourced articles in a timely manner.
 - Demonstrated a strong ability to balance accuracy, entertainment, and informativeness in articles.
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Education

- **Journalism BA (Hons)**, Kingston University London, September 2020 – June 2024
 - **Journalism Major (BA)**, Curtin University, Perth, July 2022 – June 2023
- Yearlong study abroad with student exchange program
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Other Employment History

September 2023 – Present: Sales Assistant – *Mountain Warehouse, London*

- Provided top customer service and maintained shop floor appearance by tidying and replenishing stock.
- Opened and closed the store, showcasing responsibility, punctuality, and teamwork.

March 2023 – July 2023: Football Coach – *Grasshopper Soccer, Perth*

- Conducted sessions for children aged 3-6 and 7-12, emphasizing enjoyment and encouragement.
- Set up equipment and explained exercises, improving communication skills.
- Developed the ability to simplify complex ideas for better understanding.

April 2021 – July 2022: Sales Assistant – *Mountain Warehouse, London*

April 2018 – July 2020: Sales Assistant – *Burton's Menswear, Crewe*

- Examples of all my work can be found on my LinkedIn page which is linked above.
- All references are available upon request.