

# Joshua Smith – Journalist

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## Profile

- **8 months** of experience as a **print and online journalist**, as the Feature Editor and News Reporter for The River/The River Online.
  - Gained **first-hand experience** at a leading professional media company, video editing for **Goalhanger Podcasts**.
  - **First-Class Journalism Degree** at bachelor's level with expert knowledge of media laws and ethics.
  - A **news, features, and sports writer**, 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 a protest against the Iranian government, a profile on Kingston University's oldest graduate – a story later covered by the BBC - and an exploration of 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.
  - **Winner** of Kingston University's **News Reporter of the Year Award**.
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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 – April 2024**

**Features Editor, *The River/The River Online*:**

- Shaped the features section 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.
- Reorganised the subbing process as a member of The River's subbing team, enhancing efficiency and effectiveness.

**Reporter, *The River/The River Online*:**

- Generated ideas for articles through in-depth research, identifying compelling and relevant sources.
- Conducted interviews and located sources, delivering informative, multi-sourced articles under tight deadlines.
- Demonstrated a strong ability to balance accuracy, entertainment, and informativeness in articles.

**VIDEO EDITOR/SUBEDITOR INTERNSHIP, *Goalhanger Podcasts*, June 2024 – August 2024**

- Responsible for subediting, ensuring accuracy of captions and subtitles for all social media videos.
  - Involved in video editing, creating short videos from recorded podcasts for social media.
  - The clips are featured on the official social media pages of popular podcasts like "The Rest is Politics", "The Rest is Politics US", and "The Rest is Football".
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## Education

- **First-Class Hons - Journalism BA (Hons)**, Kingston University London, September 2020 – June 2024
  - **Journalism Major (BA)**, Curtin University, Perth, July 2022 – June 2023 - Yearlong study abroad
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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, emphasising 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*

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