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PERSONAL SUMMARY

Published multiplatform journalist with bylines in the Derbyshire Times, Worcester Observer and Bromsgrove Standard. Possesses a strong foundation in broadcast journalism with a particular interest in TV broadcasting. News editor at The Leeds Tab and Lifestyle editor of the Leeds Beckett Student Newspaper. Graduating from university in July 2026 and expected to achieve a first-class honours.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Worcester Observer/Bromsgrove Standard/Redditch Standard, Redditch, 2026

Work experience

- Wrote multiple stories which were published in each of the newspapers and websites
- Refined my news writing, interviewing and editing skills

Hits Radio, Leeds, 2025

Work experience

- Shadowed senior journalists and produced various radio local news stories
- Interviewed doctors at the BMA strike, which went on the radio

Derbyshire Times, Derbyshire, 2025

Work experience

- Collaborated closely with senior journalists to gain first-hand experience of working at a local newspaper
- Wrote multiple news stories which were published on the website and in the newspaper

The Tab, Leeds, 2024-present

News Editor

- Assists writers with editing their articles, developing story ideas and running weekly meetings
- Constantly looking for potential news stories to share with the writers

Erewash Sound, Derbyshire, 2022

Work experience

- Gained experience at a community radio station
- Refined my radio skills such as news reading and audio editing

EDUCATION

Leeds Beckett University, Leeds, 2023-2026

BA (Hons) Journalism (BJTC Accredited)

Classification: Achieved a 2:1 in second year, and a first class in third year first semester

The Ecclesbourne School, Derbyshire, 2016-2023

A-Level subjects studied: Government and Politics, Sociology, History. Ten GCSEs

RELEVANT COURSE WORK

Digital, radio, TV and magazine Newsdays

- Produced and broadcasted a variety of original news stories simulating newsrooms
- Worked in teams, undertaking the roles of reporter, presenter and editor

Other forms of journalism production

- Experienced in producing journalism across different platforms including social media, podcasts, online and features
- Reported on a broad range of topics such as local and national news, politics, court and council reporting, business, sport; feature and review writing

Media Law

- Possesses a strong understanding on the legislation that impacts journalists

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Leeds Beckett University, 2024-present

Journalism Student Ambassador

- Assisting lecturers with hosting open and applicant days
- Answering questions from prospective students and providing tours of the TV and radio studios

University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS, 2024-2025

Healthcare Assistant

- Delivered a high-level of care in an acute hospital setting
- Solidified my teamwork skills, gained experience in shift work and communication with a diverse group of service users and staff

VOLUNTARY EXPERIENCE

Revitalise, Essex, 2023

Volunteer Carer

- Volunteered at a respite centre for adults with disabilities delivering high-quality care

The Ecclesbourne School, Derby, 2022

Volunteer cook

- Taught at a cooking club for students with learning disabilities

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Experienced table tennis player, won the Table Tennis England national cadet league
- Completed Gold and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards, displaying perseverance

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Proficient in video and audio editing in Premiere Pro, iNews, Audacity and Burli
- Currently writing at 60 words per minute in Teeline Shorthand
- Proficient in Excel, Adobe Photoshop and InDesign
- Played guitar for 12 years
- Full UK driving license
- Intermediate German and Mandarin speaker