

Toby Almond

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PERSONAL SUMMARY

First Class, BJTC-accredited journalism graduate with bylines in the Derbyshire Times, Worcester Observer and Bromsgrove Standard. Experienced multiplatform journalist with a focus on TV broadcasting. Passionate about political, business and local news, with editorial experience as News Editor at The Leeds Tab and Lifestyle Editor of the Leeds Beckett Student Newspaper.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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

Work experience

- Produced multiple stories for print and online editions covering local news
- Developed strong news gathering, interviewing and writing skills

Hits Radio, Leeds, 2025

Work experience

- Worked alongside senior journalists and produced stories for the hourly bulletins
- Interviewed doctors at the BMA strike in Leeds, which was broadcast on the radio

Derbyshire Times, Derbyshire, 2025

Work experience

- Pitched story ideas, developed my photography skills and wrote multiple stories for the print and online editions

The Tab, Leeds, 2024-present

News Editor

- Edit and commission news articles for publication, lead weekly meetings and develop original story ideas
- Monitor social media and news outlets for potential story ideas to share with the writers

Erewash Sound, Derbyshire, 2022

Work experience

- Refined my radio skills such as news reading and editing audio for broadcast

EDUCATION

Leeds Beckett University, Leeds, 2023-2026

BA (Hons) Journalism (BJTC Accredited)

Classification: First Class Honours

The Ecclesbourne School, Derbyshire, 2016-2023

A-Levels: Government and Politics, Sociology, History. Ten GCSEs

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 storyteller across different platforms including social media, podcasts and feature writing
- 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

VOLUNTEERING

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