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- Aspiring Multimedia Journalist with skills in news and sports writing, researching, interviewing and features.
- Editor in Chief of The Bournemouth Rock Newspaper as well as experience in radio and online publications.
- Sound understanding of multimedia platforms, including an exceptional knowledge of social media and a solid apprehension of SEO.
- Working towards a Multimedia Journalism Degree and the NCTJ Gold Standard Diploma.

Qualifications

September 2015 to June 2018 – BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism at Bournemouth University (in progress)

September 2013 to June 2015 – Brighton, Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College

- A Level: English Language: A
Spanish: A
Psychology: B

- NCTJ Certificate in Foundation Journalism

September 2008 to June 2013 – Oakmeeds Community College

- GCSE: 10 A*- A including an A* in English Language, Spanish and 5 others

Experience

Sporting Life – Racing Reporter – April 2017

- Completed a two week work experience placement. Main roles consisted of writing race reports, horse-by-horse guides, features, race previews and sub editing articles. In the second week I was trusted to run parts of the website on my own, which was described as 'unprecedented' by the deputy editor. This provided me with invaluable experience of working in a racing newsroom alongside some of the best writers in the industry.

The Bournemouth Echo Newspaper – News Reporter – April/May 2017

- Had a number of articles published in both the newspaper and on the website. Main roles consisted of writing news articles, interviewing, conducting voxpops, sub editing and photography. This allowed me to put the core values of local news writing into practice and also provided me with a taste of the practical side of print journalism, such as photography and editing.

Editor in Chief of The Bournemouth Rock – September 2016 – Present

- Main roles consist of organising all departments (including sport, features, news, opinion and online), sub editing all articles, designing and structuring each edition, finding and deciding the front page story, continuing to write articles and all other editorial practices.
- I have sat in the press box for a number of AFC Bournemouth home matches to live tweet updates of the game for the Bournemouth Rock twitter page and produce match reports for the website. I also regularly attend AFC Bournemouth Press Conferences, and produce news bulletins for Nerve Radio. This gives me an opportunity to mingle with other sports journalists in a professional environment and develop my skills in sports reporting.

USA Votes 2016 – Deputy Online Editor – November 2016

- Deputy Editor of Bournemouth University's online coverage of the US Presidential Election. Main roles included writing news articles, sub editing, calling results and organising content.

Nerve Magazine – September 2015 – June 2016

- Regularly contributed to Bournemouth University's student magazine, Nerve, which provided me with experience writing for a different form of periodical. Additionally, it has taught me the importance of adapting style and tone in accordance with the publication and audience you are writing for.

Nerve Radio – September 2015 – June 2016

- Presented a weekly sports radio show for Bournemouth University's award-winning radio station, Nerve Radio. This has helped me develop my multimedia skills and establish what constitutes an effective broadcast.

The Argus Newspaper – December 2014

- Produced two sports articles which were published in the Christmas Eve edition of the Brighton based newspaper, including an interview with trainer Gary Moore.

Tesco – Customer Assistant – December 2013 – September 2015

- Worked at a large Tesco store in Burgess Hill, occupying roles in many different departments (Stock Control, Checkouts, Bakery, Produce and Grocery departments) as well as interacting with customers and gaining invaluable social skills.

Cisswood Racing Stables – July 2012

- Completed work experience at Gary Moore's Racing stables in Lower Beeding, learning a wealth of information about Racing during the process.