

# Alex Journalist

Home: 8 News Avenue, London NW2 3AA Current: 6 Broadcast Lane, Sheffield S1 1AA  
Tel:07971610000 email: [a.journalist@gmail.com](mailto:a.journalist@gmail.com) twitter [@ajournalist](https://twitter.com/ajournalist)

I am a University of Sheffield journalism student graduating in July 2016 with a wide variety of writing experience. Working as a news editor for Forge Press has given me first-hand experience of proofing copy to tight deadlines.

## Skills

---

- Proficient in Adobe Indesign and Photoshop
- Layout design
- Excellent communication skills
- NCTJ shorthand 100wpm
- NCTJ qualifications: media law, court reporting, news writing
- Versatility in writing different copy style and lengths
- Interviewing, in person and by telephone
- Vox pops
- Social media: Twitter, Tweetdeck, Facebook, Instagram

## Experience

---

### News editor, Forge Press student newspapers, University of Sheffield

*February 2014 – May 2015*

- Helping produce a fortnightly 44-60 page newspaper, specifically producing the news sections
- Subediting, checking for style, formatting and legal errors
- Uploading to WordPress and maintaining the news section of the website, forgetoday.com
- Covering breaking news and producing quick and effective copy whilst doing so

### Sheffield Paper, internship

*January 2015 - present*

- After completing a week long work placement at the Sheffield Paper I was offered a one day a week unpaid internship
- Helped cover events such as the General Election Sheffield count
- Article published on page 3 following a local story at a Fun Day
- Interviewing the public on the streets of Sheffield
- Visiting Court to cover stories

### Magazine Placement

*April 2015*

- Completed a week long placement at the magazine's offices in London
- Arranged interviews for various celebrities including Katie Price
- Wrote an article about Sheffield fashion week

### Contributor to Student Magazine

*2013 - present*

- Regular contributor to Fuse
- Reviewed live gigs by artists such as Kylie Minogue and Janelle Monae

## Examples

---

- Report on the conviction and sentencing of Sheffield drugs ring: <http://link.com>
- Feature article on the influence of appearance in the world of politics: <http://link.com>
- Comment article on tax avoidance: <http://link.com>

## Freelance work

---

### Sheffield Star front page, May 2015

- Court report covering the sentencing of A Man, convicted of assaulting his widow

## Work

---

### Barista, Coffee Shop

*September 2010 - present*

- I have worked in two different coffee stores
- Working in a customer-focused setting has helped me develop my communication skills
- Dealing with complaints enables to me use my calm personality to make rational decisions on the spot, while maintaining my professionalism
- I thrive in working in quick-paced environments

## Education

---

### The University of Sheffield, BA Journalism Studies (NCTJ & PPA Accredited)

*September 2012 to present*

### Aston School

*2005-2012*

11 GCSEs including Maths and English

A-levels:

- English Language A
- Theatre Studies A
- History B

## Hobbies & Interests

---

I am involved in a local amateur dramatics society where I volunteer as a lighting and sound technician. I have been involved with this society for three years and very much enjoy being part of the team.

I enjoy taking photographs, and I write a blog about Sheffield <http://link.com>

## References

---

A Editor, Sheffield Paper 0114 2222222

A Tutor, The University of Sheffield, Journalism Studies 0114 2222500