

I am a highly motivated and hardworking individual who has long held a deep fascination with understanding the world around me. This passion has taken many forms, but has found a home in journalism, a career pathway that I have spent the last five years committing to learning and practicing through my education and work experience. My professional background working in a dynamic and fast-paced environment has made me a fast learner and given me an ambition to strive for excellence at everything I do. I love to engage with politics on every level, whether it be local, national, or international, and retain a deep respect and discernment on how simple policies or events can have a much wider effect on people's lives all over the world. Through my university course I have also gained a love of sharing the knowledge that I acquire; helping to inform people of what is going on in their communities and around the world is an incredibly rewarding experience. Journalism is not just limited to informing others of events, as being able to shine a light on a neglected issue, giving a voice to the unheard, or holding the powerful to account is a deeply meaningful act of public service. I believe that my confidence, work ethic, flexibility, and desire to go to any length for a job well done makes me a desirable candidate.

Educational and employment history

BA Media Production and Journalism- 2021-2025

For the last three years I have been attending UWE Bristol undertaking an undergraduate degree in Media production and Journalism, eventually specialising and taking the journalism pathway of the degree. While enrolled in the three-year course I furthered and honed many of my media skills, including: Journalistic writing, broadcast video, social media, podcast, and radio content production, understanding of media law and ethics, and working to tight deadlines. One of the most formative parts of the course was our "media newsdays", where we would be assigned roles within a mock newsroom that would range from editorial to video reporting, radio presenting to writing content for online. As a team we would run these days independently under direction of the university staff, and take turns in all varied roles, which I excelled in. My degree is due to finish in May 2025, and my predicted grade at time of writing is a first-class honours.

ITV West Country- August 2024

My first media internship was at the ITV West Country newsroom on a week-long insight placement, where I was able to experience the ebb and flow of a real working multimedia newsroom. Over the full week I was able to shadow various members of the team and learn more about the real working lives of journalists, as well as contribute with tasks such as transcription, directing short pre-recorded segments for broadcast, writing for online publication, and pitching stories to the editorial team. While on this placement I was able to see firsthand the application of concepts that prior to this had only been academic to me, such as snap decisions made on the basis of media law, editorial decisions made on format restrictions, and priority based resource management, all of which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Bristol 24/7- September 2024

My next placement was a week at the local online news outlet Bristol24/7, where from the get-go I was able to not only write up copy for publication from press releases, but also independently research, pitch, interview, and write my own stories that featured on the website, the homepage, and on their social media accounts. I was able to greatly improve upon my skills as a newswriter and gained a much more in depth understanding of how an online news operation works.

Global- November 2024

My most recent experience in journalism was another full week at Global, and more specifically their Heart South-West newsroom. Here I was able to help write various stories for broadcast across six counties, as

well as help the local LBC reporter on location for a national breaking story, and to practice my presenting style for radio bulletins. I also learnt even more about the operations of a regional newsroom, was able to alter my writing style to the required format, and began to understand the economy of language.

UAL Level 3 Media production- 2020-2022

After a brief hiatus from education went to study media production at City of Bristol college, where I learned the practical and academic skills necessary for not only creating a wide range of different formats of media such as videos, podcasts, photography and live shows, but gained many transferable skills such as proficiency with video editing, in-depth research skills, written and verbal communication, and compliance with the contemporary COVID legislation. My final grade at the end of the two years was a distinction, equivalent to Three A*'s at A-level.

At the same time I also enrolled in the BFI young filmmakers academy, where I was assigned the role of director and helped to create a short narrative film over the course of nine days. I led both the creative and administrative side of production, with my role in communicating between different teams in the group proving to be essential for the success of the project.

JD Wetherspoons - John Russel Fox, V-Shed, Associate, Team Leader, Shift Leader, Shift manager

January 2019-June 2019, October 2019-Present

My Primary employment for the last six years has been at JD Wetherspoons, where I have worked across a multitude of different pubs in different roles and worked my way up to a position in senior management, all while enrolled at college and university. As of writing, my current position is shift manager, where I have a wide range of responsibilities that range from running shifts, managing personnel, writing rotas, regulating the needs of the business, cash control, dealing with security instances, running training sessions, and ensuring compliance with safety, food, and employment law. In my role I was able to help a large and diverse team achieve excellence for the business where we achieved the highest standards at audit, made record profit multiple years in a row, and most importantly made the pub team a happy and healthy place to work, where personal and professional growth was a priority. My time working at Wetherspoons has been nothing but eye-opening; I have learnt a huge amount, from the worst of customer interactions to the best of the many rewarding experiences. Working long and unsociable hours in a busy and dynamic setting that routinely challenged me from one day to the next has been a uniquely formative experience that has made me the hard and adaptive worker that I am today.

GCSE's- Achieved at Clayesmore School- 2017

- English Literature- 7
- English Language- 6
- Mathematics- 5
- Double Award Science -BB
- Geography- B
- History- B
- Religious Studies- B
- LAMDA Speech and Drama Grade 7- Pass

Examples of work:

Bristol 24/7 author page: <https://www.bristol247.com/author/max-story/>

YouTube showcase of work: <https://www.youtube.com/@maxstory2340>

References upon request