

Daniel James Sansom

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Personal Summary

An honest, responsible and committed student journalist who displays an ability to write balanced, informative and interesting stories. A quick learner who can absorb new ideas, communicate clearly and effectively, and work well under pressure in a busy environment.

Write for a number of publications including the Bournemouth Rock. Also a radio presenter for Nerve Media. Currently studying and working towards a degree in BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism and an NCTJ Gold Standard Diploma at Bournemouth University.

Skills

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| ➤ Adobe Premiere Pro | ➤ Burli | ➤ Google Docs |
| ➤ Adobe Audition | ➤ Microsoft Office | ➤ Teeline Shorthand |
| ➤ Adobe InDesign | ➤ WordPress | ➤ Social Media |
| ➤ Adobe Illustrator | ➤ Klynt | ➤ SEO |

Key Achievements

➤ School and Education

- Achieving a Founders Day Prize and a Languages Award in French and German.
- Earning a Silver Certificate in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge and a Maths Award at Speech Day.
- Becoming Deputy Head Boy at Gillingham School in September 2013.
- Achieving the Gold Hart Award at Gillingham School.
- Becoming a mentor at Gillingham School, helping and advising younger students.
- Achieving 2 'A*' grades, 6 'A' grades and 2 'B' grades in my GCSE exams.
- Achieving 'A' grades in both Geography and Philosophy, as well as a 'B' grade in English and a 'B' grade in General Studies in my A-Level exams.
- Achieving a total score of 1740 in the College Board SAT Reasoning Test (Writing 630, Reading 530 and Math 580).
- Achieving a distinction in my results for my first year and second year at university, as well as achieving an 'A' grade and five 'B' grades in my NCTJ exams.
- Passing an NCTJ shorthand exam at 60 words per minute.
- Becoming a PAL Leader during my second year at university.

➤ Football

- Winning the Dorset County Cup with Sherborne Town.
- Being named Gillingham School's Senior Footballer of the Year.
- Representing North Dorset in the South West Counties Youth League.
- Being named Mere Town's Young Player of the Year.
- Representing and captaining both the Dorset County FA Under 16 and Under 18 sides.
- Being offered football scholarships at 16 different universities from 10 different states around the USA, including California, New York, West Virginia and Kansas.
- Completing the FA Level 1 Coaching Course in June 2015.

Career History

➤ Paper Boy, Little Buddha Newsagents

Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4PY
August 2009 – May 2012

I used to work early on Sunday mornings, delivering newspapers in the local area. I had to be honest, reliable and organised as well as being friendly to customers and the general public.

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➤ **Supermarket Assistant, Waitrose, John Lewis Partnership**

Chantry Fields, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4UA
November 2012 – Present

As a supermarket assistant my job is to deliver excellent customer service. This includes working well independently but more importantly as part of a team. Ensuring that stock is replenished and displayed to required standards is extremely important, as well as always adhering to hygiene and health and safety standards. As I am almost always in direct contact with the general public, my job includes advising and serving customers, as well as sometimes handling cash and card transactions.

Work Placements and Experience

➤ **Wyke Primary School**

July 2011 (2 weeks)

During these two weeks I worked as a teaching assistant in several classes and also helped to file reports and organise school events.

➤ **Bournemouth Daily Echo Newspaper**

August 2016 & January 2017 (2 weeks)

During these two weeks I wrote a number of articles for the paper and reported on some key incidents in the surrounding area. I shadowed a senior journalist there, reporting on cases at both Crown Court and Magistrates' Court, as well as covering some important issues in local government.

➤ **Sky Journalism Insight Day**

October 2016 (1 day)

The Sky Journalism Insight Day was extremely rewarding and helped me develop some key skills such as teamwork and time management. The day started with a talk from Sky Sports News presenter Mike Wedderburn about his career to date. The rest of the day involved taking part in four different interactive sessions which gave me an insight into how Sky make and broadcast news across their variety of platforms both internally and externally.

➤ **Sky News**

June 2017 (2 weeks)

I spent two weeks at Sky News working on a range of stories across different platforms. Working with the planning department and the social media team, I also carried out a number of tasks for Sky News Tonight which included compiling broadcast footage, arranging interviews and submitting FOI requests. In the final week of my placement I attended the scene of the devastating Grenfell Tower fire and shadowed reporter Dan Whitehead. I spent a very emotional day talking to local residents and also interviewed the general secretary of the FBU.

➤ **talkSPORT**

July 2017 (1 week)

At talkSPORT I worked on the Hawksbee and Jacobs show where I was responsible for booking guests and editing audio on Burl. During the week I secured several key interviews and edited the show's signature 'Clips of the Week' feature. I had to work quickly and efficiently to meet tight deadlines.

➤ **FourFourTwo**

July 2017 (1 week)

At FourFourTwo I was mainly responsible for researching stories for upcoming issues of the magazine and writing articles for the website. My writing had to be accurate and to an extremely high standard.

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Education & Qualifications

➤ **Gillingham School, Dorset**
September 2007 – July 2014

A-Levels:

- English Language & Literature – B
- General Studies – B
- Geography – A
- Philosophy & Ethics – A

10 GCSEs, A*-B, including Maths and English

➤ **Bournemouth University**
September 2015 – Present

BA (Hons) Multimedia Journalism
NCTJ Gold Standard Diploma

➤ **SAT Reasoning Test**
November 8th 2014

Total Score: 1740
(Writing 630, Reading 530, Math 580)

Interests

- Playing football for Shaftesbury Town, Bournemouth University and Sports Recruiting USA.
- As well as playing football, I thoroughly enjoy coaching it. Since August 2011 I have been voluntarily helping to run a football coaching course on Saturday mornings. In July 2016 I travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to coach football to children in the favela of Rocinha.
- Sports writer for the Bournemouth Rock and a presenter on Nerve Radio at Bournemouth University.
- Attending AFC Bournemouth press conferences and reporting on the thoughts of manager Eddie Howe.
- Visiting Bournemouth Magistrates' Court to take notes and report on legal proceedings there.
- Keeping fit by playing tennis, exercising regularly and going to the gym.
- Meeting up with friends and spending valuable time with my family.

References available on request.