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ALISTAIR CHARLTON

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I am a confident, hardworking and dynamic Journalism and English Language graduate with excellent writing, communication and IT skills. I'm looking for a job as a staff writer/reporter or in layout and design.

EMPLOYMENT / WORK EXPERIENCE

2010 – 2011

Contributor, iPhoneAppCafe.com.

Write reviews of iPhone games and applications for www.iphoneappcafe.com on a voluntary, freelance basis.

March 2011

Staff Writer, The River newspaper, Kingston

Job involved finding, researching and writing stories for the newspaper, as well as taking photos, conducting interviews and laying out pages. Learnt to be a team player, working for the news editor.

February 2011

Chief Layout Editor, The River newspaper, Kingston

Responsible for the layout of The River, the award-winning student newspaper at Kingston University. I used Adobe InDesign and Photoshop to lay out pages. Acquired management and leadership skills while working long hours planning, designing and laying out the newspaper.

2010 – 2011

Student Helper, Kingston University

Worked alongside lecturers teaching 2nd year and MA Journalism students to use Adobe InDesign and Photoshop. I also ran additional lunchtime lectures, along with fellow helpers, for students who required extra tuition.

July 2010

Staff Writer, TechRadar.com, London

Worked as a staff writer, sourcing and writing news stories and features for the website. Attended press events, conducted interviews and uploaded to/edited the CMS.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Very experienced with Adobe InDesign

High understanding of social networking

User of Squarespace and Wordpress blogging platforms

Good digital photography skills

Working knowledge of Photoshop and Final Cut

Good understanding of SEO and online branding

User of Windows and Mac computers

INTERESTS

I was media officer and then vice president of my university karting team. For two years I competed at a national level and in three 24-hour races at Le Mans.

I am a keen amateur photographer and enjoy taking photos at motorsport events.

EDUCATION

2008 – 2011

Kingston University

Higher 2nd class degree with honors; BA in Journalism with English Language (majoring Journalism)

2006 – 2008

Huddersfield New College

A-level

English Language B, Business Studies B
Media Studies B

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

May 2011

Winner, Sports Club of The Year, Kingston University

Vice president of the karting society, who won recreational club of the year and overall club of the year 2010/11.

May 2011

Nomination, Undergraduate journalism student of the year, Kingston University

I was nominated for undergraduate journalism student of the year 2011.

May 2011

Nomination, Designer of the year, Kingston University

Nominated by the journalism staff for best layout designer of the year 2011 (using Adobe InDesign).