

Editorial Team Descriptions

2017-2018

All candidates will need to be organised, committed, and able to meet deadlines and occasionally work under pressure. The best candidates will be enthusiastic team players, with an interest in writing, pitching ideas, and sharing news.

Section Editors must be:

- Encouraging, friendly and outgoing. Helping contributors brainstorm their article ideas is a crucial part of the job.
- Able to proof read and edit their respective sections to a high standard.
- Willing produce and source content for both the newspaper and the website.
- Prepared to meet with the Editor-in-chief regularly, and attend pitching nights and drop-in sessions when required.

Features Editors (x3)

Features editors will be required to come up with original and exciting ideas for the newspaper and for the website. Features pieces can cover an array of topics, so features editors must be bursting with ideas for content and able to work closely with contributors in order to create interesting and informative pieces. Features editors should be willing to experiment with different formats (such as listicles, long form, infographics). Ideal candidates will be enthusiastic, creative, and willing to help others search for the stories they wish to write.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch 3 feature articles for the paper.
2. Provide an example of a relevant article you have written (500 words maximum).
3. Provide an example of a newspaper feature article from the last 6 months, and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

News Editors (x4)

News editors must have their finger on the pulse, with an up to date knowledge of current affairs. Candidates must be friendly, enthusiastic, and dedicated to providing fair and unbiased coverage of events happening both within University and in the wider news.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch 3 news articles for the newspaper.
2. Provide an example of a relevant article you have written (500 words maximum).
3. Provide an example of a news article from the last 6 months and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

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Comment Editors (x3)

A comment editor most importantly must have the ability to form and fluently express an opinion. The best candidates will have an awareness of topical debate on campus and in the wider news, as well as the ability to direct discussion and ideas towards interesting content. This year we plan to continue 'The Great Debate' feature with added online content. Comment editors must be able to choose appropriate topics for this, as well as collate a variety of opinions, thoughts, and contributions from our various social media platforms.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch 3 comment articles for the paper.
2. Provide an example of a relevant article you have written (500 words maximum).
3. Provide an example of a newspaper comment article from the last 6 months and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

Satire Editors (x3)

Only serious, business minded candidates with a professional and sombre disposition need apply. Must be willing to fetch fresh coffee and provide back rubs when required.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch 3 satire articles for the paper.
2. Provide an example of a relevant article you have written (500 words maximum).
3. Provide an example of a piece of satire from the last 6 months and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

Societies Editors (x3)

Are you looking for a way to expand your university experience by reporting on the activities of some of the most engaged students on campus? The societies editors will be required to work closely with societies- highlighting developments and reporting on events and successes. The ability to maintain links with the eclectic mix of societies our union has to offer and produce creative, perceptive and stimulating content is vital.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch 3 societies articles for the paper.
2. Write about a memorable society experience (500 words maximum).
3. In no more than 200 words, suggest how you would better cover societies in the newspaper this year.

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Sport Editors (x3)

Sport editors will provide news coverage on all things university sport related. Ideal candidates will be extremely passionate about sport and have previous playing experience for university sports teams. Excellent writing skills are also essential to providing immersive coverage illustrating every goal, point, tackle and foul. A willingness to attend fixtures is required in order to come up with interesting and engaging content.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide a link to a YouTube clip of a sporting moment no longer than 3 minutes and write about what is happening in the clip (500 words maximum).
2. Provide an example of a newspaper sports article from the last 6 months and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

Science and Tech Editors (x3)

If you have a budding interest in science and technology, our new science and tech section is a fantastic opportunity work with a greater scope of students, reporting accurately on relevant developments and research from inside our University and beyond. As such, science editors must be confident and enthusiastic in encouraging contributors across both campuses' to write and pitch ideas.

Application tasks:

1. Pitch 3 science and tech articles for the paper.
2. Provide an example of a relevant article you have written (500 words maximum).
3. Provide an example of a science or tech piece from the last 6 months and briefly explain why it impressed you (200 words maximum).

Columnists

We're looking for individuals who are passionate about writing and without fail has something to say on a monthly basis. The concept for the column is completely up to the individual but should be relevant to a student audience usually boasting the attention span of a malnourished fruit fly. Ideal candidates will have a certain pizzazz to their writing, mixing crisp wit with entertaining topics.

Application Tasks:

1. Pitch a column idea.
2. Provide 2 relevant examples of your writing (maximum 500 words each).
3. Provide 2 examples of columnists online or in print that you like, and explain why they impress you (maximum 300 words each).

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Copy-Editors / Proofreaders (x3)

Proof readers will be expected to check the paper before it goes to print for errors. Ideal candidates will have faultless grammatical skills and a keen eye for any errors, especially spelling and punctuation. Candidates will also be expected to work effectively to tight deadlines.

Application Task:

Find at least 5 mistakes (grammar, spelling or punctuation) in each of these issues of Qmessenger.

1. http://issuu.com/sarahpower/docs/issue_80/1
2. http://issuu.com/sarahpower/docs/issue_81_complete_/1
3. http://issuu.com/sarahpower/docs/issue_82_complete/1

Photography Editors (x3)

Photography editors will be in charge of organizing all images for the paper in print and online. Ideal candidates will have a passion for photography, an eye for a great image and the skill and commitment to occasionally cover events. Some knowledge of Photoshop, Lightroom and an understanding in the fields of copyright and the creative commons is desirable.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide an example of the 5 best pictures you have ever taken.
2. Provide examples of your 5 best images taken by others.
3. Provide an example of the best newspaper image layout you have seen in the last 6 months and explain why it impressed you (300 words maximum).

Cartoonist (x1)

Cartoonists, unsurprisingly, will be expected to provide illustrations for the paper. Ideal candidates will be creative, with a passion for drawing and the ability to illustrate a variety of subjects.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide 3 examples of your work.

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Design Editors (x2)

Design editors must be able to work as part of a team, working closely with the Editor on fitting content to the layout of the paper and editing accordingly. The design editors will also write headings and sells as well as fact-checking content. Some prior knowledge of InDesign would be a bonus, but is not essential as long as you are willing to learn on the job under possibly intense pressure. Ideal candidates will have an interest in the design and layout of national newspapers, well as a strong and unique sense of aesthetics.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide 3 examples of magazine/ newspaper/ website designs that impress you and explain why (maximum 300 words per example).
2. Explain what you think could be done to improve the layout of The Print (maximum 300 words).

Online Editors (x2)

The Print is keen to grow its online audience significantly this year. Online editors are in charge of uploading content to the website and updating social media. Some prior knowledge of using WordPress or other blogging platforms would be desirable. You must have a good eye for design and formatting, with the ability to display content in a visually pleasing and creative way.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide 4 examples of impressively laid out articles online.
2. In no more than 200 words, provide your opinion on the layout of long-form features and articles as seen with The Guardian online and the BBC.
3. Provide 4 examples of websites you feel are impressive aesthetically.

Marketing Team Members (x2)

The main goal of the marketing team is to increase awareness of The Print and reach out to potential advertisers. Whether it's working with other editors on a stall in Library Square, manning our stall at the Fresher's fair, or helping to organise and promote events, the ideal candidates must be enthusiastic and willing to contribute their own ideas. The marketing team will also be responsible for helping to compose a bi-monthly newsletter, to be emailed out to all members, highlighting and promoting articles, keeping people up to date with any upcoming events, and reminding students how they can get involved.

Application Tasks:

1. In no more than 300 words, explain how you would increase awareness of The Print on campus.

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Social Secretary (x1)

The role of the social secretary is to organise events for contributors and editors, allowing our members to make the most out of their involvement in student media. The best candidates will be outgoing, friendly and creative in their efforts to engage students.

Application Tasks:

1. Provide 2 examples of socials you would like to plan. Be as imaginative as you like but keep it within reason.

Something Else?

Do you think we should have a position that we don't have listed here? We're always open to new ideas so drop Liam a line: editor@theprintnews.co.uk

With our team expanding, anyone with genuine enthusiasm, and an interest in creating and sharing news, will be a welcome addition.

Application forms are available on our website, along with the deadline by which they should be submitted. Please email your application and any questions you may have to: editor@theprintnews.co.uk