

## Marcus Xavier Bennett

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Young, driven, bilingual journalism graduate with the ability to learn quickly and adapt to new environments following an upbringing in the UK and Spain. An avid team sports player with the strong understanding of how to strive in a team.

### Experience

October 2024 - Present - **Staplehurst Monarchs FC** - *Media team*

- On the media team for semi-professional club.
- Responsibilities include writing match reports and the launch of a non-league based podcast, 'Non-stop Non-league'.

October 2024 - Present - **Sainsbury's** - *Trading Assistant*

- Part-time role working at the back door and in-store.
- In charge of all deliveries received and shipped by the store with regular use of machinery.
- Organisational skills and problem solving involved alongside requirements of legal paper-work.

April 2023, July 2023 - **Newark Advertiser, Newark-on-Trent** - *Junior Reporter*

- Work placement as a reporter at an online and print publication.
- Published multiple stories using skills such as interviewing, research and writing.
- Day-to-day responsibilities included editing press releases, calling contacts, conducting extensive research for interviews, and publishing articles for the weekly newspaper and news website.
- Experience of the dynamics of a working newsroom with established journalists and editors.
- Professional use of video editing software with regular use of Google Docs.

### Education

2021 - 2024 - **Nottingham Trent University** - *Bachelor's Degree*

- Graduated with a 2:1 in BA Journalism, NCTJ accredited.
  - Three years of consistent practical work, academic essays and exams. Significant portfolio built throughout this time with vital experience in a working newsroom and publishing social media content gaining thousands of views.
- Societies and activities:
  - **FlyLive Radio**: 2 years' experience of hosting and producing weekly radio shows for the student union.
  - Responsibilities included: Writing the agenda for each show covering topics such as sports, films, music whilst controlling the technology required for the sound, microphones and queuing of music. Additionally, co-commentator of a live broadcast of the university's Varsity Football event.
  - **Platform magazine**: Experience of running the X (formerly Twitter) account of the student-led publication during the Varsity sporting events.

2018 - 2020 - **St Gregory's Catholic school** - *A-Levels*

- Subjects: Spanish, History, Physical Education.
  - Results: B,C,D
- Activities: Represented the sixth form football XI

2013 - 2018 - **Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys** - *GCSE*

- Activities: Represented the school for the football XI.

### Skills

- Proficiency in Spanish

- Professional use of tools such as Wordpress (including Block Editor), Shorthand, Adobe InDesign, Canva and Final Cut Pro.
- Confident in editing video and audio content.