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An enthusiastic, resilient, 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. To see my full portfolio, visit my website. <https://marcusxavi.com/>

Work Experience

June 2025 - June 2025 - **The Amateur Championship** - *Event Staff*

- CSP Seasonal staff for golf tournament The Amateur Championship at Royal St George's Golf Club.

May 2025 - Present - **Costa Coffee** - *Barista*

- Part-time barista in the Broadstairs store. Performing various hospitality and customer service roles.

May 2025 - Present - **Sandwich Town Football Club** - *Volunteer media and communication team*

- Covering various media duties such as match reports, interviews, social media and podcasts.
- Currently producing a grassroots football based podcast, 'Non-stop Non-league'.

March 2025 - Present - **FromTheSpot** - *Freelance Football Journalist*

- Writing match reports and features for sports publication, FromTheSpot, on a volunteer basis.

October 2024 - May 2025 - **Staplehurst Monarchs FC** - *Volunteer role for media team*

- Responsibilities included writing match reports and conducting interviews for social media.

October 2024 - February 2025 - **Sainsbury's** - *Trading Assistant*

- Part-time customer facing role working in-store and in the warehouse.
- 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 gaining experience of newsroom dynamics with established journalists and editors.
- 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.

Skills

- Customer service with strong communication skills. ACT Awareness certified for public events.
- Proficiency in Spanish.
- Professional use of tools such as Wordpress (including Block Editor), Shorthand, Adobe InDesign, Canva, Google Docs and Final Cut Pro. Confident with editing software for video and audio content.

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 for student-led publication, CBJ News.
- Societies and activities:
 - **FlyLive Radio**: 2 years' experience of hosting and producing weekly radio shows for the student union.
 - Responsibilities included: Writing the agenda controlling the technology required for the sound, microphones and queuing of music. Co-commentated 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: B,C,D*

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

2013 - 2018 - **Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys** - *GCSE's - 9 GCSE's grade 9-4*

