

Jak Netting

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Personal Profile

I am a highly motivated and enthusiastic student, studying at the University of Derby. I am flexible and find it very easy to work well in a team, though I also work well independently to hit individual goals set out for me. Through my work experience and time at college and university, which involved countless group projects – I have gained great communication and resilience skills which put me in good stead for working in a fast-paced and results-driven environment.

Aim – I am looking to expand my writing portfolio with different and exciting publications as I seek more experience and, importantly, more knowledge in the sports journalism industry.

Key Skills

- Working well under pressure and meeting strict deadlines.
- Good communication skills.
- I can work both independently and in a team.
- A history of great punctuality.
- Strong adaptability.
- Experience working in a very fast-paced environment.
- Proficient in working with SEO and various CMSs.

Education and Qualifications

University of Derby, Derbyshire

2023-present

BA (Hons) Football Journalism – grade not yet received (expected 2026).

North Kent College, Dartford

2021-2023

UAL L3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology – awarded **distinction**.

During my time at North Kent College, I amassed a wide range of skills. This includes communication skills – from interviewing and talking to the public. Alongside this, I have become familiar with a wide range of technology and devices. All of this has come while working in team environments, though I have also been tasked with completing numerous individual projects and tasks.

Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, Sidcup**2016-2021**

GCSEs: English Language (5, spk D), English Literature (4), Mathematics (5), Combined Science (4,4), Geography (6), German (5, spk M), Religious Studies (4)

Work Experience**Retail Assistant – Primark****October 2021-present**

During my time at Primark, I developed great communication and customer service skills as well as continuing to work well in a team environment. Having worked in the Bluewater store, I am used to working in a very fast-paced environment and feel as though I thrive under these conditions.

My duties include:

- Operating a till and handling money
- Restocking and organising products
- Helping with customer inquiries
- Dealing with challenging and evolving situations

Social Media Manager – Glebe Football Club (voluntary)**July 2022-September 2023**

With Glebe FC, I became proficient in using a range of social media, had the chance to meet numerous journalists and professionals at various events as well as having an insight into the diversity and business aspects of football. During my time at the club, I oversaw a significant rise in engagements and impressions on the club's social media – an achievement that I am very proud of.

My duties included:

- Providing regular content on the club's Twitter/X account
- Covering matchdays with frequent updates
- Recording and editing match highlights
- Contributing to matchday programmes
- Engaging with fans and businesses (including the FA, and other clubs) directly on social media

Football Writer – VAVEL UK**August 2023-May 2024**

In my writing role with VAVEL, I became accustomed to working in a large team. The department that I work within (the London team), had over 50 writers at the time – which

created a really interesting dynamic, but one that I have thrived in. In this role I also reported to multiple editors, giving real structure to our work and providing me with excellent real-world experience of working in this environment.

My duties included:

- Working to strict deadlines
- Reporting to an editorial team
- Creating and developing new ideas regularly
- Operating under a specific style guide

Editor – VAVEL UK

May 2024-present

After ten months with VAVEL, I was offered a role within their Euro 2024 editorial team and, midway through the tournament, was also offered the Arsenal editorial role ahead of the 2024/25 season. Both roles have seen me lead a team of writers, while also taking a lead on content, planning and general organisation within the group.

In the four months since becoming Arsenal Editor (midway through July), average monthly articles have increased by 192 per cent from the eight months prior to my starting in the role – a rise which I am very proud of.

My duties include:

- Working to strict deadlines
- Leading a team of writers
- Organising and distributing content
- Editing content in line with a style guide
- Working alongside colleagues in the editorial team to maximise content
- Meeting set targets and identifying interesting stories/angles
- Leading writer recruitment for my 'office'

Contributor – PainInTheArsenal (Fansided)

November 2023-August 2024

My role at Fansided was very enjoyable as it offered me a platform to share opinionated articles about the team that I support. This publication also allowed me to grow familiar with using another content management system (CMS), which has been of great benefit to me.

My duties included:

- Regularly generating new article ideas
- Meeting strict deadlines for match content
- Working in accordance with an editorial team

- Using a Content Management System

Writer – NowArsenal

February 2024-present

My role with NowArsenal focuses on newsy and eye-catching articles, and there is also a large emphasis placed on SEO optimisation, which is important throughout every article to maximise traffic to the site.

My duties include:

- Regularly sourcing appealing stories
- Meeting a specific quota of articles (varying from 30 to 90 per month, depending on the month)
- Maximising Search Engine Optimisation (SEO) in articles while using WordPress

Contributor – The Guardian

June 2024

I was part of The Guardian's team for Euro 2024 coverage, completing playing ratings for games during the group stage for their online player profile guide.

My duties included:

- Working to strict deadlines
- Following the necessary formatting and advisory guides
- Maintaining professional standards

Freelancer – PA Media

August 2024-present

I have worked for PA Media covering matches for Birmingham City and West Bromwich Albion from the press box to create match reports and quote pieces – which have been used by both Sky Sports and BBC Sport, among other outlets supported by PA.

My duties include:

- Meeting a very strict on-the-whistle deadline
- Following the style used by PA Media, and meeting specified word counts
- Meeting a quick turnaround for quote pieces following post-match press conferences

Hobbies and other interests

I enjoy watching a variety of sports including tennis, darts and particularly football, which I am an avid fan of. I used to play tennis at Bexley Lawn Tennis & Racket Club, where I was a

member for around four years. I also have a passion for storytelling, which is why I chose to study Football Journalism at university.

Achievements

I helped my school on numerous occasions acting as a tour guide on open evenings, and I was a member of the scout group for several years where I learnt a wide range of skills and qualities. I have also proudly competed in the BBC Young Reporter challenge where I had to work well in a timed team environment.

Perhaps my proudest achievement to date, however, was reporting the press box at the Emirates Stadium for Arsenal's Champions League tie against Paris Saint-Germain in the 2024/25 season.