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Careers Education

**JOB**  
OF THE WEEK

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# JOB

OF THE WEEK

Our Job of the week this week is  
**Journalist**



# Job of the Week – Journalist

## WHAT YOU DO

Every day will be different, but you could:

- follow story 'leads', or generate story ideas
- research stories, using the internet, archives and databases
- write scripts, and website or social media content
- prepare and conduct live and pre-recorded interviews
- present in TV or radio studios or on location, and record voiceovers for recorded material
- ask questions at briefings and press conferences
- direct a small camera or sound crew, or operate recording equipment yourself

## WHAT YOU WEAR

Your attire will be dependant on your situation and surroundings and can vary for each job



## WORKING CONDITIONS

You could work at a TV studio, from home, in an office or at a film studio.

Your working environment may be you'll travel often and outdoors in all weathers.

## WORKING HOURS

**37-39**

Including evenings, weekends, bank holidays and shifts

## ANNUAL LEAVE

**25 days**

This can be taken at any time during the year.



## ANNUAL INCOME

**Starter £13,000**

**Experienced £80,000**



## SKILLS REQUIRED

You will need:

- knowledge of media production and communication
- knowledge of English language
- the ability to use your initiative
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- excellent verbal communication skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- customer service skills
- to be confident with Pc's and the main software packages

## EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

You can get into this job through:

### University

Most journalists enter the job after doing a degree or postgraduate qualification in a specific journalism.

**You'll usually need:** 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree and a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course

### Apprenticeship

You could do a higher Digital Journalism Apprenticeship with a broadcaster like the BBC. Or media publication

**You'll usually need:** 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

### Work

You could start as a production assistant or runner with a broadcasting company and work your way up

### Volunteering

Volunteering is a good way to get experience of what it's like to work in the media and will help when you apply for courses and jobs



# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the 'Labour Market Information widget'

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the 'Job of the Week'.

Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors		Photographers, audio-visual and broadcasting equipment operators		Authors, writers and translators	
Weekly Pay <b>£610</b>	Annual Pay <b>£31,720</b>	Weekly Pay <b>£570</b>	Annual Pay <b>£29,640</b>	Weekly Pay <b>£650</b>	Annual Pay <b>£33,800</b>
Hours/Week <b>30h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£20</b>	Hours/Week <b>36h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£16</b>	Hours/Week <b>33h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£20</b>
<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)		<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)		<b>Workforce Change</b> (projected)	
Growth <b>5.7%</b>	Replacement <b>56.1%</b>	Growth <b>1.9%</b>	Replacement <b>58.5%</b>	Growth <b>1.9%</b>	Replacement <b>58.5%</b>
The workforce is projected to grow by 5.7% over the period to 2027, creating 5,100 jobs. In the same period, 56.1% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 49,900 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 1.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,900 jobs. In the same period, 58.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 59,800 job openings.		The workforce is projected to grow by 1.9% over the period to 2027, creating 1,800 jobs. In the same period, 58.5% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating 55,900 job openings.	
You might find this job in Advertising, etc Publishing activities Arts & entertainment Sport & recreation Film & music		You might find this job in Employment activities Film & music Other professional Arts & entertainment Publishing activities		You might find this job in Legal & accounting Publishing activities Arts & entertainment Head offices, etc Computer programming, etc	
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Journalists, newspaper and periodical editors	Photographers, audio-visual and broadcasting equipment operators	Authors, writers and translators
<p>Jobholders in this unit group investigate and write up stories and features for broadcasting and for newspapers, magazines and other periodicals, evaluate and manage their style and content and oversee the editorial direction of these types of output and publication.</p>	<p>Workers in this unit group operate and assist with still, cine and television cameras and operate other equipment to record, manipulate and project sound and vision for entertainment, cultural, commercial and industrial purposes.</p>	<p>Job holders in this unit group write, edit and evaluate literary material for publication excluding material for newspapers, magazines and other periodicals but including scripts and narrative for film, TV, radio and computer games and animations; and translate spoken and written statements into different languages.</p>
<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ determines subject matter and undertakes research by interviewing, attending public events, seeking out records, reviewing written work, attending film and stage performances etc.;</li> <li>▪ writes articles and features and submits draft manuscripts to newspaper, magazine, periodical or programme editor;</li> <li>▪ selects material for broadcast or publication, checks style, grammar, accuracy and legality of content and arranges for any necessary revisions;</li> <li>▪ liaises with production staff in checking final proof copies immediately prior to printing.</li> </ul>	<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ selects subject and conceives composition of picture or discusses composition with colleagues;</li> <li>▪ arranges subject, lighting, camera equipment and any microphones;</li> <li>▪ inserts lenses and adjusts aperture and speed settings as necessary;</li> <li>▪ operates scanning equipment to transfer image to computer and manipulates image to achieve the desired effect;</li> </ul>	<p>Common tasks in this job:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ determines subject matter and researches as necessary by interviewing, attending public events, seeking out records, observing etc.;</li> <li>▪ generates and develops creative ideas for literary material;</li> <li>▪ selects material for publication, checks style, grammar and accuracy of content, arranges for any necessary revisions and checks proof copies before printing;</li> <li>▪ negotiates contracts with freelance agents and with buyer on behalf of writer;</li> </ul>
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To compare the Labour Market Information of different job roles that you might be interested in please visit the Careers section on the school website.



# JOB OF THE WEEK

Find out more about Journalists with these videos:



I Wanna Be a Journalist · A Day In The Life Of A Journalist

125K views · 7 years ago



Student Edge

Emma goes behind the scenes at The Sunday Times to find out what a day in the life of a Journalist is like. For more information ...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5uN9sF-z0z0>



How to get into Fashion Journalism with Alexa Chung | Future of Fashion | British Vogue

441K views · 5 years ago



British Vogue

Vogue has dispatched contributing editor Alexa Chung to investigate the state of fashion today in her series The Future of Fashion ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohKzpZLj6yM>



JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #10 - JOURNALIST

316 views · 3 days ago



MYPATH

This week's job of the week is the job of a "Journalist". Find out more about becoming an Journalist online or ask a careers advisor ...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEpo7YizXjM>

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Click on the website links to research the job role further:

[Newspaper journalist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Broadcast journalist | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

[Journalism Apprenticeship Fast Track - Careers \(bbc.co.uk\)](#)

[How To Become A Broadcast journalist | Explore Jobs | UCAS](#)

[Journalism jobs \(media, editorial\), news for journalists](#)