

ELECTIVES

FUTURE JOURNALISTS



The Future Journalists programme is for students taking A levels in Media Studies and English who are considering journalism as a career. A range of different journalistic career paths will be covered on the course and the focus will be on developing the ability to write effectively and on building a range of other journalistic skills.

Journalism is a very competitive industry and if you are thinking of a career as a journalist, universities and employers will want to see that you have the right qualifications and experience. Your Media Studies and English A levels will give you the right qualifications (along with a third A level subject), and the additional experience gained on the Future Journalists course will make your application really stand out from the crowd. It's very difficult to gain experience of the world of journalism, but the Future Journalists course will help you to show that you have what it takes to become a successful journalist.

Who should follow the Future Journalists Programme?

To access this elective, you will need to be studying Media Studies and English.

What activities can you expect to experience?

The list below is just some of the activities within the programme:

- Journalism training course with a practising journalist, including: how to spot a good story, news gathering, news writing, journalistic style and writing to a deadline
- Writing stories for the college's newsletter
- Writing stories for the college website
- Visiting speakers including: journalists, former SJR students currently on Journalism degree courses and university admissions personnel
- Participation in national journalism competitions

You will develop the following employability skills:

- Communication
- Research/investigation
- Team work
- Perseverance
- Organisation
- Working to deadlines
- Ability to write in a clear, informative and engaging way

What about Trips and Visits

Scheduled trips for 2016-17:

Media City UK visit
Newspaper production visits
University visits

What will this elective lead to after SJR?

Students have progressed from SJR onto a range of related courses at university, including: Journalism, Multimedia Journalism, Sports Journalism, Investigative Journalism, Broadcast Journalism. The skills developed on the course are highly transferable and will be of use in a wide variety of other careers.





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