

## Alumni in the Spotlight

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**Job Title: Sports Journalist:**

**Company: Tameside Reporter/ Quest Media Network**

**Year that I left Copley: 2020**



**What was your dream job when you were 10?**

I think when I was younger, I aspired to become a teacher! I always loved the idea of influencing people's lives even if it was just by a small amount.

**What do you do when you left Copley?**

I left Copley in strange circumstances due to the lockdown. But once everything reopened, I planned on going to Ashton Sixth Form to study Sport and English Language. I was lucky enough to be offered the interview for my apprenticeship in October and started the same month.

**What do you do day-to-day in your job?**

Every day is different as a journalist and lockdown has had a big influence in this. In the ideal scenario we would be out filming videos and interviewing different groups of people. I write and film for the sports sections so much of my job is speaking to local clubs and organisations. We also do a weekly "Sports Show" podcast in which we speak about various sporting events at the time. Our paper is published every Thursday, meaning the first half of the week is mainly ensuring articles are completed.

**What skills and attributes do you need to do your job well?**

Teamwork is an essential skill as everyone has a specific job which they have to fulfil, it's almost like a conveyor belt of jobs. You have to have excellent patient skills too and have to learn how to deal with various different people, which can be difficult. Being an excellent listener is also an essential attribute as you have to take in what people say in order to report on it.

**What is your favourite part of your job?**

I really do love my job! I love being able to speak to all different kinds of people. I'm constantly learning. Whether that's learning about the different lives of people or just learning more in my field specifically.

**What is your favourite memory of Copley?**

I really enjoyed being involved with the sports department at Copley academy. I enjoyed all the badminton competitions and various other events. I also remember when we studied Christmas Carol in English Literature, I really enjoyed reading that story and we read it during the winter half term so it made me excited for Christmas!

