



Introducing your Programme Leader DAVE KING



Career history and interests

- Sports journalist and newspaper editor for 40 years.
- Chief examiner, sports journalism, for the National Council for the Training of Journalists (2004-2019)
- Currently editor of Rotary Magazine and its website.

What to expect in your first few weeks

During the first semester you will be learning how to write as a journalist for a variety of media platforms. It's a far cry from essay writing. You will also learn about sports history, to add context to your writing.

Course expectations

- Be on time for lectures and seminars.
- Complete the designated work between sessions.
- Become familiar with the Study Hub – research and read!

What you can be doing to prepare

Read!! Get into the habit of reading both a newspaper and a website each day (e.g. BBC, Sky, Daily Mail, The Guardian, The Sun, Daily Telegraph, The Athletic). Understand the structure of stories and how they are written. Also, read a book over the summer, any book (novel, sports biography etc). But, above all, read wisely, and read regularly. Read from respectable news outlets.

Reading List

Andrews, P. (2013) Sports Journalism: A Practical Introduction. London: Sage Publishing.

Baker, J. (2021) Essential Journalism: The NCTJ Guide for Trainee Journalists. London: Routledge Publishing

Domeneghetti, R. (2014) From the back page to the front room: Football's journey through the English media, Huddersfield: Ockley Books.

Harcup, T. (2017) Journalism Principles and Practice. London: Sage Publishing.

Truss, L. (2006). Eats, shoots & leaves: the zero tolerance approach to punctuation. New York, Gotham Books.