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**Junior Writer**

**Jan 2018 - Apr 2018**

**Link to portfolio:** <https://www.desiblitz.com/content/author/umarhassan>

- Pitched and identified story ideas within the sports, data and technology patches that fitted in with the publication's South Asian readership.
- Created original data visualisations using Tableau and Datawrapper, which were used in the 2018 WWE Royal Rumble: By the Numbers story.
- Delivered trending news and feature articles such as the Huawei P20 and Samsung Galaxy S9 in consecutive days of each other on the website.

**Birmingham Eastside**

**Reporter**

**Feb 2015 - Dec 2016**

- Pursued news stories across politics and sports, which included a report on an Insane Championship Wrestling event being held at the O2 Academy.
- Liveblogged major events that sparked interest in the city, which included the 2016 European Union Referendum debate at Birmingham City University.
- Generated media interest with my stories such 2015 Rugby World Cup data story on the number of England players based in the West Midlands.

**The Scratch**

**Sports Sub Editor/Reporter**

**Sep 2014 - Aug 2016**

- Launched the university's sports coverage for the magazine, as well as attending regular matches and training sessions for netball and hockey.
- Managed the reporting team expansion from one to under ten reporters within three months of being promoted as a Reporter to Sub Editor.
- Grown the magazine's social media platform reach in five months through daily posts on those platforms that focused on current events such as Varsity.

## **EDUCATION**

**Birmingham City University**

**2014 - 2017**

Media & Communication (Journalism) – **BA (Hons)**

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**South & City College Birmingham**

**2012 - 2014**

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production: **D\*D\*D\***

## **ADDITIONAL INTERESTS**

- Enjoy creating my own multimedia content for YouTube and WordPress.
- Keen long-distance runner who runs for Bournville Harriers.
- Actively attend media and journalism events around the country.