

# Fiona Parker

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Trainee reporter at National News. Graduating Newspaper Journalism MA student at City University. Co-runner and co-founder of @regionalfronts.

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS:

**MA:** Newspaper Journalism MA, City University: Expected June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015

**Shorthand:** 100 wpm

**BA Hons Degree:** English and Related Literature BA, University of York, 2014: 2:1 (66%)

**A levels:** Putney High School, 2011: History A\*, English Literature A\* and Latin A

**AS Level:** 2010: Biology A, Extended Project Essay Qualification A

**GCSEs:** Putney High School, 2009 : Nine A\* grades including English and Maths, with one A grade in Art

## EXPERIENCE:

### Trainee reporter, June 2 2015 – present

Trainee reporter working full-time at an independent news agency. Reporting on crime and science.

#### ***Local Government Chronicle, Intern, April, 2 weeks, 2015.***

Found and wrote several stories: two by searching through both the Labour and Conservative party manifestos and another by analysing a spreadsheet in order to find a new angle on a data story. Wrote for both online and print.

#### ***Hackney Gazette, Intern, December - January, 2 weeks, 2014 - 2015***

Found and pitched several leads and features. Wrote a front page splash on a data leak caused by Hackney Council. Worked on and wrote numerous stories each day for both the *Hackney* and *Islington Gazette* websites, as well as the papers.

#### ***The Times, Bricks & Mortar and Money, Intern, December, 1 week, 2014***

Pitched and wrote two online pieces for the Money desk. One of these was advertised as an online exclusive in print. Studied complex planning documents at speed to add detail to breaking news.

#### ***Richmond and Twickenham Times and Surrey Comet, Intern, July, 1 week, 2014***

Wrote several features and news stories, including some which I had brought in myself.

#### ***The Press (York), Reviewer, December – May, 5 months, 2013-2014***

Reviewed drama, dance and comedy in York.

#### ***The Telegraph, Student Life, Contributor, November – May, 7 months, 2013-14***

Wrote national university-related news, feature and opinion pieces.

#### ***The Press (York), Intern, January, 1 week, 2014***

Found and wrote the front page splash. Wrote several features for the paper.

#### ***The Telegraph, News Desk, intern, June, 2 weeks, 2013***

Performed research for reporters and assisted with several stories.

#### ***Nouse (Student paper), Features Editor, October – October, 1 year, 2012-13***

Managed writers and wrote for different sections of the paper.

#### ***Rowing and Regatta, Intern, October, 2 weeks, 2009; reporter, April, 2012; Social Media, February, 2015***

Completed work experience. Returned to report on a regatta and conduct interviews for a paid assignment. Returned again to assist with live reporting and social media for the coverage of the British Indoor Rowing Championships.

## REFEREES:

Nick Assinder – Politics tutor - 07974243540; Nick Golding – Editor, *Local Government Chronicle* - 020 3033 2787

