

# Samuel Reader

First Class Graduate, Cinema Host, Video Editor

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With malleable experience in Adobe industry standard editing software, and the ability to adapt to other editing software, as well as a first class degree in Film Studies and English Literature, my varied experience in editing, writing, and industrial practices within the film and television sectors have prepared me to move my career forward. Having led both editing and retail teams, and played a role as a cinema host I have essential communication skills that pair well with my editing prowess.

## Work Experience

July 2023 – August 2023: **Project Editor** for Cancer Research

Outline: Leading the editing of a project comprised of interviews exploring hysterectomy experiences to bring awareness and be posted online

Skills Gained: Editing skills in Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, and Premiere Pro

April 2021: Springpod **Virtual TV & Film Work Experience** Programme

Online

Outline: A course that provided industry related activities each day, from designing posters, to learning about career paths and analysing statistics

Skills Gained: Editing skills (both Adobe photoshop and premiere pro), industry knowledge, and awareness of future careers

October 2021 – December 2021: National Theatre Online **Freelance Writing** programme

Online

Outline: A three month long course that taught writing techniques, skills, and styles, in order for participants to end the course with a fully written play

Skills Gained: Knowledge of industry standard techniques, methods of idea generation, and awareness of theatrical styles

July 2024 – June 2025: Hollister Co. Westquay (Southampton) **Stock Associate**, promoted to **Stock Lead**

Outline: Managing stock room team, training new staff, ensuring existing staff carry out all roles efficiently, ensuring stock room is accessible to all and well organised, signing off on deliveries, responsibility over security of items and theft, open and close the stock room at the start and end of the day

Responsibilities: Ensuring there is no theft from customers and staff, ensuring stock room is safe, clean, and ready to be opened, monitoring staff efficiency

Skills Gained: Team Management, fast paced organisation and work ethic, controlling an environment

July 2025 – Present: Odeon Maidstone, **Cinema Host**

Outline: Ushering guests, serving food and beverages, cleaning screens, opening cinema

Responsibilities: Ensuring guest experience is immersive, ensuring guests have knowledge of screen qualities and which tickets to purchase, as well as ensuring cinema operations run smoothly

Skills Gained: Industry knowledge of cinema technology, food serving and cleanliness skills

## Education and Qualifications

Maidstone Grammar School (MGS) (2015-2022)

Barton Rd, Maidstone ME15 7BT

### GCSEs – 2020

Maths: 7, Further Maths: 7, English Language: 8, English Literature: 8, Physics: 8,

Biology: 7, Chemistry: 7, Film Studies: 9, German: 7, Design Technology: 9,

Religious Studies: 7, Geography: 8

### A-Levels – 2022

English Literature: A, Media Studies: A\*, Film Studies: A

The University of Southampton (2022-2025)

Graduated **First Class (1:1) BA in Film Studies and English Literature**

## Core Skills and Achievements

- University of Southampton Film Society Vice President (2023 to 2024)

- Employee of the month at Hollister

- MGS Film Club Co-founder

- Video Editor for Maidstone Grammar School during COVID

Portfolio and references available upon request