

## Tony Diver - *Curriculum Vitae*

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### Education

- 2015-2018** *BA in History and Politics at Christ Church, Oxford.* Distinction in preliminary exam results, awarded college scholarship. Predicted First Class final grade.
- 2010-2015** *King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds.* A Levels: History (A\*), Politics (A\*), English Literature (A\*), EPQ (A\*). GCSE: Eight A\* grades and three As.

### Key Achievements

**45 national bylines in print and online**, at The Daily Telegraph, The Independent, The Sunday Times, The Spectator, CityMetric and BuzzFeed. See: [www.tonydiver.co.uk](http://www.tonydiver.co.uk)

**Winner of the 2017 Philip Geddes Prize for student journalism.** Selected as “the most promising student journalist at Oxford University” and awarded £2,500 to write a feature on Indian health policy.

### Media Experience

- January 2018 - News desk shifts at The Daily Telegraph.** After a week of work experience in January 2018, I was asked by the Deputy News Editor to return for casual shifts on the news desk. I have since been offered more work, and as of February 2018 have had more than thirty bylines in the paper (including a splash) and appeared on the broadcast lunchtime news bulletin.
- October 2017 - Researcher for Isabel Oakeshott and Lord Ashcroft.** Since October 2017, I have been working for Isabel Oakeshott and Lord Ashcroft on their latest book, on the state of the British Armed Forces. My work involves proofreading, transcribing, interviewing and attending defence conferences.
- Sept 2017 Work experience at Channel 4 News.** I worked on political interviews with political editor Gary Gibbon, and produced news videos for the digital news team, for output on social media.
- March 2017 Work experience at the Sunday Times (News desk).** I had bylines in the news section and interviewed Tim Farron MP at a pro-Brexit rally for an article about UKIP infighting. I then worked for Political Editor Tim Shipman on his 2017 book, *Fall Out* (reference below).
- March 2017 Work experience at The Independent.** I wrote features on study drugs, essay generator websites and the NUS election for the news section, social-focussed content for *Indy100* and a product review.
- Feb-June 2017 Editor of Cherwell, Oxford University's student newspaper.** I managed a team of over 150 student contributors, produced eight 32-page newspapers, edited content for an active website, and managed a Facebook page with 100,000+ average weekly reach and a verified Twitter account.
- June-July 2016 Work experience and freelance at BBC Radio 4.** I worked for three weeks on *The World at One* and *PM*, fixing guests and writing presenter briefs, and had a producing credit on package for *The World This Weekend*. I returned later as a paid freelance, conducting FOI data analysis.

### References

**Tim Shipman, Political Editor, Sunday Times:** “Tony Diver is one of the most impressive young journalists who has done a work placement at The Sunday Times during my three years as Political Editor. Tony showed initiative and determination to bring in stories and force his name into the paper. Since then he has shown the tenacity to stay in touch and put himself forward for other work. In a highly competitive environment, I have no doubt that he will continue to stand out from the crowd and build a successful career.”

**Mark Mardell, Presenter of The World at One, BBC Radio 4:** “In my current job, and as the BBC’s Europe and North America editors, I have worked with a great number of producers, and I can confidently say, at the very beginning of his career, Tony shines out. He’s confident and courteous, well-informed and hard working. I highly recommend him.”

Additional references available on request: **Gary Gibbon, Political Editor, Channel 4 News.**  
**John Simpson, World Affairs Editor, BBC News**