

EDITORIAL GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME (PROVIDED BY PRESS ASSOCIATION AT HOWDEN) OVERVIEW 2011

	<i>Syllabus</i>	<i>Tutor</i>	<i>Module</i>
WEEK 1 September 05, 2011			
	<i>Evening welcome reception</i>	Tony Johnston/ Mike Watson	
Day 1	Introduction to course The newspaper industry – an overview, history, setting where we are in context The role of the multimedia journalist in today's newsroom What makes news; sources of stories; the news agenda today The role of video and the skills required	Tony Johnston/ Mike Watson	Reporting
Day 2	Getting the basics right: use of words, story construction, intros, identifying key points of a story, the do's and don'ts of dropped intros, telling it simply, writing to style, keeping it accurate, keeping it balanced, writing as tightly as possible.	Tony Johnston	Reporting
Day 3	What the training and job meant to me, what I wish I had known before I started the job	Heidi Blake	Reporting
PM	Content that sells, the art of editing, grammar, punctuation, use of language – clichés, jargon, unnecessary adjectives, meaningless modifiers building pictures in the readers' minds; common mistakes; further exercises in tight writing and editing. The implications of SEO.	Nick Jenkins	
Day 4	Thinking headlines – for reporters and production journalists. What makes a	Nick Jenkins	Subbing

good headline, and a bad one; headline styles – the label, the narrative, the quote, the one-word, the pun; relationship between main decks, strap lines and sub decks; attribution; headlines on the web; the reporter and production journalist working together
 Pictures on a page: captions; visual journalism

Day 5 Writing and editing – a complete page written and edited accurately. Nick Jenkins Subbing

WEEK 2 September 12, 2011

Day 6 Using social media as a reporting tool Andy Drinkwater Online

Day 7 Website production using Wordpress as a production tool and the implications of SEO Andy Drinkwater Online

Day 8 Telling stories online the Telegraph way - an introduction to the reporter's role as a curator of information, examples of best practice, what we expect from online headlines and the role of SEO in determining how we write Ed Roussel visit Online

Day 9 Working with data: Finding, interrogating visualising and mashing data to produce great exclusive stories Paul Bradshaw Online

Day 10 Working with data part 2 Paul Bradshaw Online

WEEK 3 September 19, 2011

Day 11 Getting it right first time: rewriting accurately, using quotes to animate and tell a story, editing pitfalls, practical exercises in good writing and editing, of well-edited stories and poorly edited text. The importance of attribution Paul Jones Reporting

Day 12 Writing the Telegraph way; Telegraph writers and platforms Paul Jones Reporting

Day 13 Basic media law - covering the courts, structures, personnel, civil and makes news, sources of news, how to find and keep contacts, story writing criminal courts, reporting restrictions, preliminary hearings, indictable offences, children and young people, ASBOS, sexual offences, contempt of court, protecting sources, protection for court reporters David Banks Law

Day 14 Law and ethics in practice: privacy and intrusion, identifying public interest requirements, the PCC Code of Practice and rights of access. David Banks Law

Day 15 Law cont'd: Libel - defamation outlined, slander and malicious falsehoods key defences; law and the internet, pushing back the boundaries; beware the blog and podcasts, practical exercises David Banks Richard Preston visit Buffet Law

WEEK 4 September 26, 2011

Day 16 An introduction to video Andrew Glover Video Adam Cannon visit

Day 17	An introduction to video	Andrew Glover	Video
Day 18	An introduction to video	Andrew Glover	Video
Day 19	Introduction to Adobe Photoshop, Indesign and Flash	Chris Gregory	Online
Day 20	Introduction to Adobe Photoshop, Indesign and Flash	Chris Gregory	Online

WEEK 5 October 3, 2011 This week to be subbing PM Oct 3 - 5

Day 21	Introduction to design and layout	Peter Sands	Subbing
Day 22	Tight subbing, proof reading and headlines Understanding story structures in print and online advanced intro writing	Peter Sands	Subbing
Day 23	Project Management, enterprise and making journalism pay	Peter Sands	Project
Day 24	Working with Data		
Day 25	Crown Court day	Garry Willey	Reporting

WEEK 6 October 10, 2011

Day 26	Freedom of Information Act and using it to extract data	Paul Francis	Online
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Day 27 Advanced interviewing skills - understanding body language
 Tony Johnston Reporting
 Face to face and telephone interviewing, death knocks
 press conferences and putting interviewees at their ease

Day 28 Advanced interviewing skills cont Tony Johnston Reporting

Day 29 Talking pictures: the need to think visually, firing squads v animation, clarity and clutter, why readers see pictures first, the good, the bad and the ugly; selection, cropping, practical exercises, picture formats online
 Martin Stephens

Day 30 Visit to Liverpool Echo Tony Johnston Reporting

WEEK 7 October 17, 2011

Day 31-3: Multi-media project week. Delegates will bring together the skills they have acquired in the five weeks of training through a series of structured, practical projects aimed at exploring story telling in different mediums. Delegates will work in teams.
 Peter Sands Project

Day 34 Telegraph presentations Mike Watson Project

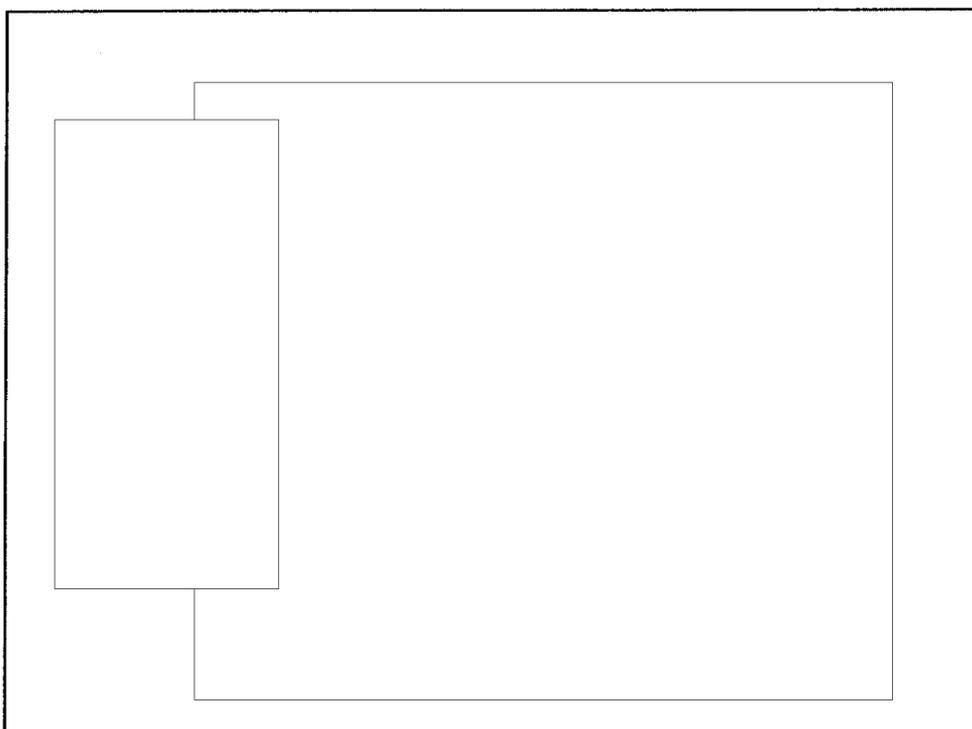
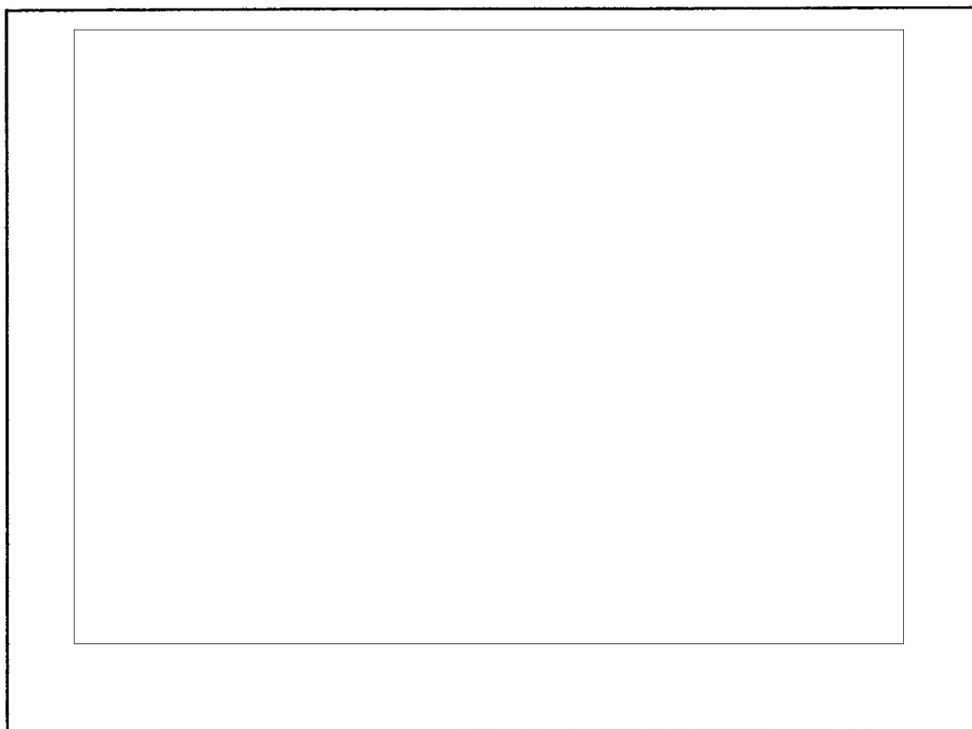
Day 35 Pulling it all Together. Q & A; reprise key elements of course.
 Mike Watson/ Tony Johnston Project

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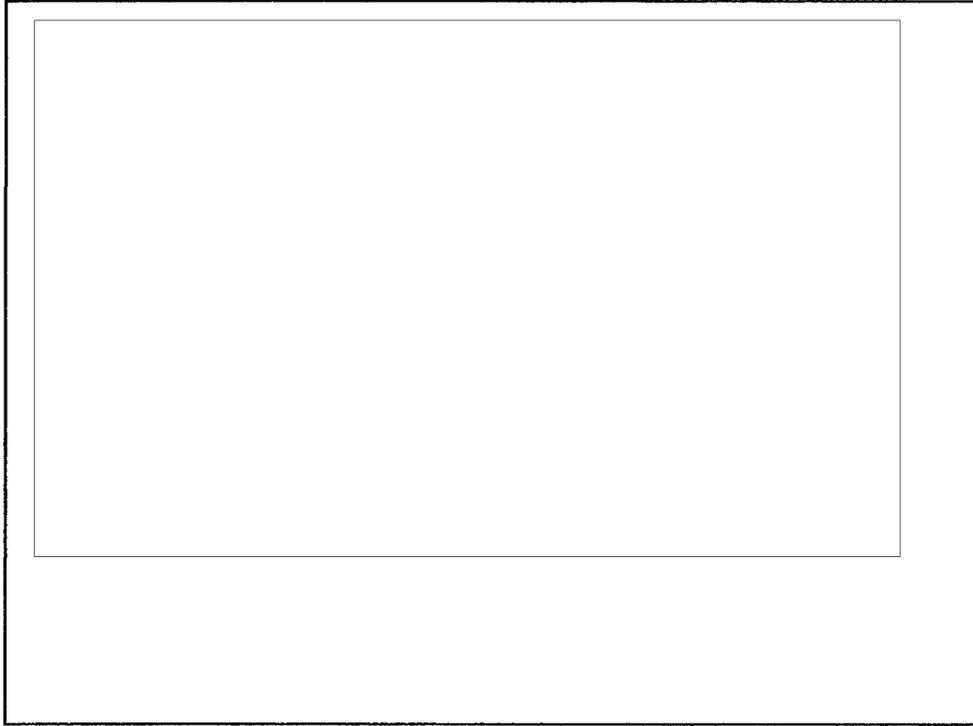
Privacy & Confidentiality

Privacy Law

- There is no Privacy Act in UK law
- Our European partners have lots of them
- But we have a right to privacy under ECHR and HRA
- So, how do you enforce a right with no law to back it?
- You go to the UK courts
- Like....

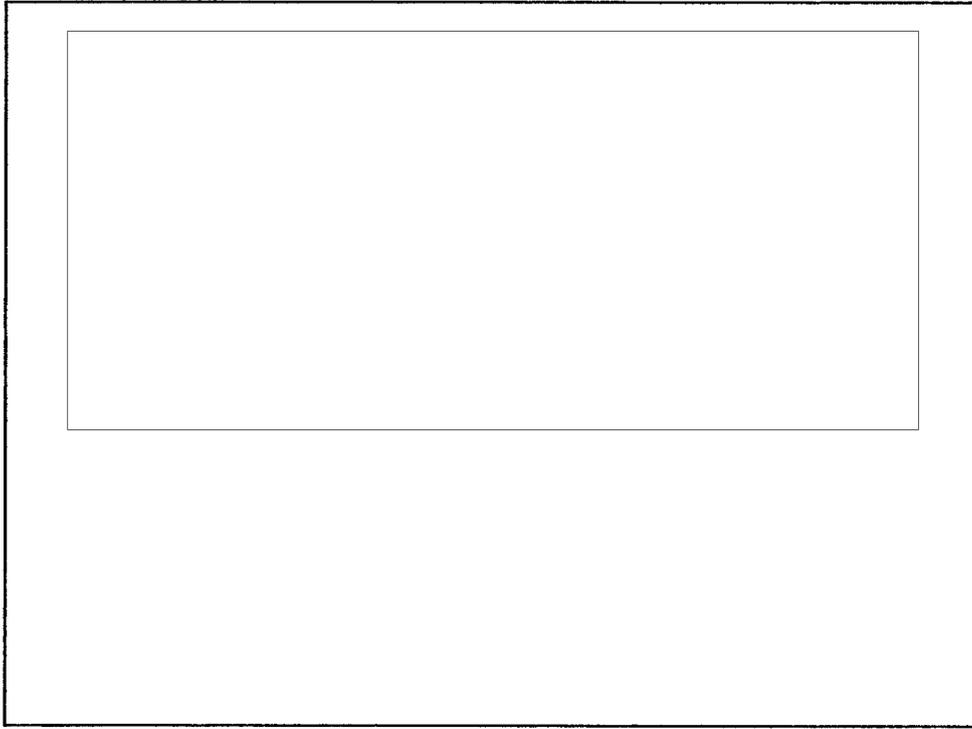






Confidentiality

- Who owes a duty of confidence?
- Do you owe a duty of confidence?
- What sort of thing is confidential?
- Public interest
- Injunctions
- Penalties



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Daily Telegraph Diploma

Media Regulation

In this session . . .

An understanding of the operation of the codes applied by the PCC and Ofcom

A warning

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"The press – the popular press
– is drinking in the Last
Chance Saloon."

- David Mellor, National
Heritage Secretary, on the
publication of the Calcutt
Report into press intrusion
and privacy

The response...

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The Press Complaints Commission

What it does

"The Press Complaints Commission is an independent body which deals with complaints from members of the public about the editorial content of newspapers and magazines. Our service to the public is free, quick and easy. We aim to deal with most complaints in just 35 working days - and there is absolutely no cost to the people complaining."

The clauses of the PCC Code

- Accuracy
- Opportunity to reply
- Privacy *
- Harrassment *
- Intrusion into grief or shock
- Children *
- Children in sex cases *
- Hospitals *
- Reporting of crime *
- Clandestine devices and subterfuge *
- Victims of sexual assault
- Discrimination
- Financial journalism
- Confidential sources
- Witness payments in criminal trial
- Payments to criminals *

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Note - Private places are public or private property where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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5. Intrusion into grief or shock

Guidance

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- *ii) When reporting suicide, care should be taken to avoid excessive detail about the method used.

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Guidance

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40120-1

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11. Victims of sexual assault

Section 11

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12. Discrimination

Section 12

- i) The press must avoid prejudicial or pejorative reference to an individual's race, colour, religion, gender, sexual orientation or to any physical or mental illness or disability.*
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13. Financial journalism

Outline

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Outline

Journalists have a moral obligation to protect confidential sources of information.

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The public interest

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2. There is a public interest in freedom of expression itself.
3. Whenever the public interest is invoked, the PCC will require editors to demonstrate fully how the public interest was served.
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5. In cases involving children under 16, editors must demonstrate an exceptional public interest to over-ride the normally paramount interest of the child.

Maintaining a free press

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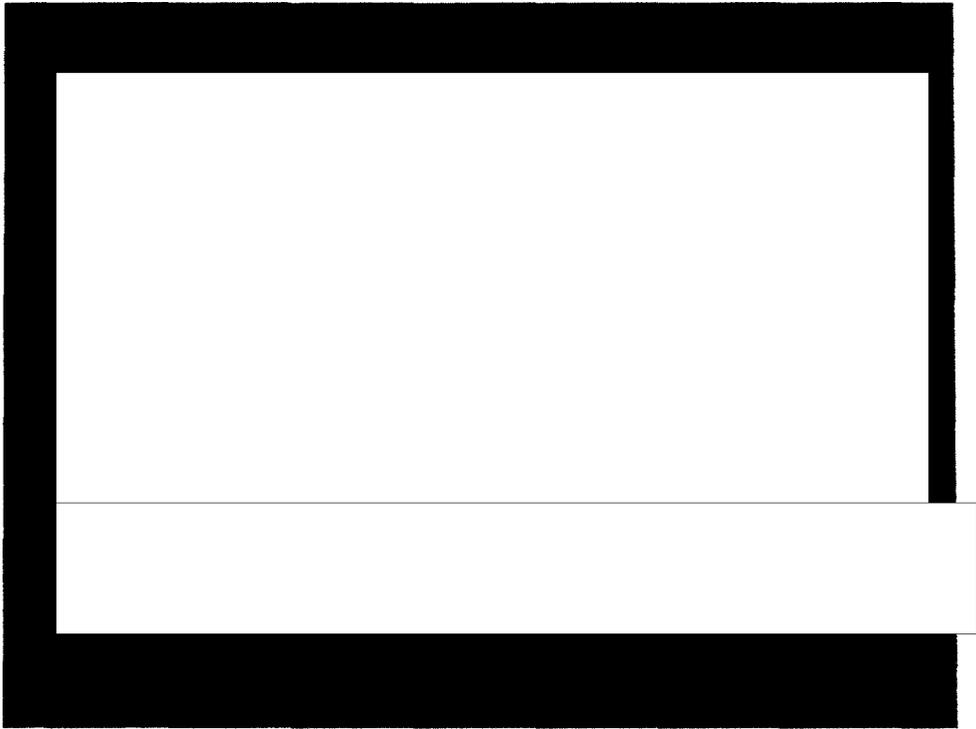
PCC and Madeleine McCann



"I did think it was surprising that the editor of the paper that had so flagrantly libelled us could be a representative of the PCC,"

What happened to him?





Whose last chance?

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"The tabloids are like animals, with their own behavioural patterns. There's no point in complaining about them, any more than complaining that lions might eat you."

Daily Telegraph Diploma 2011

Scheme of Work: Law and PCC

Guided Learning Hours: 24

Unit Objective:

To develop a broad understanding and applied knowledge of key elements of the law and the Press Complaints Commission Code of Conduct.

Key subject areas to be covered:

- Course intro and introduction to legal principles
- Legal concepts: Crime and introduction to Courts
- Preliminary hearings and sexual offences
- Magistrates Courts Act and Sex offences
- Crown Court
- Children and Young Persons Act 1933
- ASBOs and Family Court proceedings
- Defamation Act
- Defences for defamation
- Contempt of Court, including Section 4 and 11 challenges
- Contempt, inquests, libel risks & defences
- Privacy, the PCC code how it is interpreted and the journalist's responsibilities

Teaching methodology

Formal lectures, background reading, workshop and scenario analysis, PCC case study and Crown Court visit.

Bibliography

McNae's Essential Law for Journalists, 20th Edition, authors David Banks and Mark Hannah

Course Leader

David Banks, an experienced journalist and editor who has been a law lecturer for almost 10 years. He is co-author of the current edition of McNae's Essential Law for Journalists.

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Editors' Code of Practice

This is the newspaper and periodical industry's Code of Practice. It is framed and revised by the Editors' Code Committee made up of independent editors of national, regional and local newspapers and magazines. The Press Complaints Commission, which has a majority of lay members, is charged with enforcing the Code, using it to adjudicate complaints. It was ratified by the PCC in January 2011. Clauses marked* are covered by exceptions relating to the public interest.

The Code

All members of the press have a duty to maintain the highest professional standards. The Code, which includes this preamble and the public interest exceptions below, sets the benchmark for those ethical standards, protecting both the rights of the individual and the public's right to know. It is the cornerstone of the system of self-regulation to which the industry has made a binding commitment.

It is essential that an agreed code be honoured not only to the letter but in the full spirit. It should not be interpreted so narrowly as to compromise its commitment to respect the rights of the individual,

nor so broadly that it constitutes an unnecessary interference with freedom of expression or prevents publication in the public interest.

It is the responsibility of editors and publishers to apply the Code to editorial material in both printed and online versions of publications. They should take care to ensure it is observed rigorously by all editorial staff and external contributors, including non-journalists.

Editors should co-operate swiftly with the PCC in the resolution of complaints. Any publication judged to have breached the Code must print the adjudication in full and with due prominence, including headline reference to the PCC.

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PCC Guidance Notes

Court Reporting (1994)
Reporting of international sporting events (1998)
Prince William and privacy (1999)
On the reporting of cases involving paedophiles (2000)
The Judiciary and harassment (2003)
Refugees and Asylum Seekers (2003)
Lottery Guidance Note (2004)
On the reporting of people accused of crime (2004)
Data Protection Act, Journalism and the PCC Code (2005)
Editorial co-operation (2005)
Financial Journalism: Best Practice Note (2005)
On the reporting of mental health issues (2006)
The extension of the PCC's remit to include editorial audio-visual material on websites (2007)

Copies of the above can be obtained online at www.pcc.org.uk

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