# SANDALEEN QAISER

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# **EDUCATION**

University of Cambridge, UK

**BA (Hons) English** 2018-2021

First Class

Byron College, Greece

A-Levels 2016-2018

English Literature, Art & Design, Biology, AS Psychology

British School Baku, Azerbaijan

**IGCSEs** 2014-2016

8 subjects

# **EXPERIENCE**

Research Officer at Institute of Regional Studies, Islamabad

Research and writing for the South Asia Economic Development Program.

Senior Sub-editor at Hum News English

Jun-Sep 2023

Sep 2023-present

2020

2020-2022

Researched and wrote news articles, both local and international. Work can be found here.

Content Lead for InsideUni.org

Jan-Mar 2021

Oraganised the content that goes on the InsideUni website, an access project aimed to benefit prospective Oxbridge applicants, mainly through crowdsourcing and working with a team of Oxbridge students and alumni.

**Editor for Cambridge Access Movement Blog** 

Oversaw the editorial communication between writers and editors of

posts for the blog, proofread and made edits.

2017 **British Council Creative Writing Summer School, Athens** 

Wrote and edited poetry with Mona Arshi, and prose with Martin

Ouvry.

#### **ROLES**

# **Ambassador, Homerton Changemakers**

Leading, promoting, and helping to improve events and workshops for the Changemakers programmes which aim to equip young people with leadership skills and a passion to change the world.

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Mentor, Zero Gravity 2020-2021

Mentoring prospective students from underprivileged/ ethnic minority backgrounds who want to apply to Oxbridge, tutoring A-Levels and guiding students through applications.

Mentor, Student Union's BME Mentoring scheme 2020

Assisted Prospective and First Year students at Cambridge, helping the latter adjust to the academic rigour of university.

College Representative, Cambridge International Development Society 2020

Promotional work for events hosted by the Society within College and on social media.

# **LANGUAGES**

Bilingual in English and Urdu German – Completed Advanced Level German from Cambridge Language Centre

# **AWARDS**

David Thompson Prize 2021

Awarded by Homerton College, Cambridge for graduating with a First

Pearson Outstanding Learners Award 2018

Awarded by Pearson Edexcel for highest A-Level Biology Result in the country

Key Stage 5 Awards 2017 and 2018

Awarded by Byron College for A-Level academic performance