**Newsday 5**

I decided this week to assign myself with a role that I had not yet had the opportunity to fulfil – Online Sub. Much like with the previous four newsdays, I found this role rewarding, with it allowing me to improve on my journalistic skills even further.

I had heard a lot about this role prior to newsday with many saying the first hour could be boring as you wait for the first set of stories to come through. I therefore decided to find a story in the week which meant for the first hour I could be working on this. The story itself can be found here: <http://bit.ly/eVDP4U>. I managed to capture a few photographs; I believe the one I chose works best for the story.

After an hour the stories began flying through, I began by editing a story regarding a University student who is filming a new documentary about the daily routine of police officers (**Photography student on the beat**: <http://bit.ly/fRbdaT>).

Despite being familiar with Wordpress, I encountered a problem when it came to putting this story onto the newsday website, something which was soon sorted. Once the issue was resolved I managed to edit and submit a further five stories which can be found below:

**Another Grey day for City:** <http://bit.ly/hFQSOg>

**Lecturers set to strike:** <http://bit.ly/gSvXNE>

**Attack at Walkabout:** <http://bit.ly/enI1jK> (I originally edited this story but didn’t put it on the site as the address of the defendant was not apparent – after consultation with Craig it was agreed it could go up as the defendant’s middle name was included)

**Bail denied for gun carrying father:** <http://bit.ly/eJHsTR>

**Glam nightclub set to host leavers’ ball:** <http://bit.ly/g1jtz2>

One thing I noticed whilst edited these stories is the improvement in quality as far as the journalistic writing is concerned, making my job a lot easier. This aside there was still some errors present, such as minor spelling mistakes and missing information, such as ages of those involved. By ironing out these issues it has improved my own writing as a result.

I also found it very interesting adapting my own writing to the different categories of stories I edited, such as going from sport, to a court case to a news in brief, but again, this has certainly helped with my own writing.

If I was to take up a similar role in the future there may be one or two things I would change, such as perhaps showing who edited each story on the site, this way if the reporters are not happy with something, they know who to take it up with, it then also shows that if there is an error, we can see who is responsible.

A news story I have been following closely this week, as too probably have most of the world, is the natural disaster which has struck Japan. As well as having fantastic coverage of this devastation, rolling-news stations such as Sky News and BBC News have ensured to get reporters on the scene almost as soon as the event happened. This goes to show that if I was to become a reporter overseas working for a British news channel, you would have to be expecting a call-up 24/7 and you must be prepared for what you see and not be fazed.