



Interview with Ricky Boleto from BBC Newsround

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On Tuesday 17th March 2015 we interviewed Ricky Boleto, who is a presenter and reporter on Newsround. We wanted to find out what it is like being a reporter/presenter. These are the highlights from our interview:

1 What do you like about working on Newsround?

I love my job because every day is different; you do a variety of jobs and you cannot predict what is going to happen from one moment to the next. Also, I get to meet a lot of interesting people and travel around the world. Working for Newsround makes me pretty happy - I've wanted to work here since I was about eight!

2 Who were the most interesting people you have interviewed?

The most interesting people I have met are the Harry Potter cast because I got to interview them a lot and watch them grow up. Also, I have met Prince William and he was very charming and very down to earth.

3 Have you always worked at the BBC? Where else have you worked?

My first job was in a record shop when I was 16. At university, I worked in a clothes store - which I hated - then ventured into the world of journalism after graduating, working for Sky News and Five News for two and a half years.

4 What does being a presenter involve – what do you have to do?

You have to do a lot of different things; editing, research, planning. You always have to be prepared. It also involves a lot of hard work – it is not as glamorous as it looks!

5 What do you like most about being a presenter?

Travelling, meeting new people. Interacting with people and informing them about current affairs and the news. Every day is different.

6 What do you like least about being a presenter?

Making mistakes live on air and the early starts!

7 What makes a good story, especially for Newsround?

A story needs to be relevant to the audience – you want to have the chance to interact with the audience and get them to share their views on the story. It also needs to be engaging.

8 What advice would you give to children who want to get into journalism?

Start reading newspapers – different ones. Start writing – blogs, for the school newspapers, etc. It is a demanding and competitive industry so you need to do a lot of work experience.