



SOAP/TV REPORTER

About Digital Spy: Digital Spy is one of the UK's largest entertainment and media news websites, registering over 100 million monthly page impressions and a unique audience reach of 6.6 million (December 2009). The site is also home to one of the busiest internet discussion forums in the world.

The Position: We are looking for a new reporter to work in the TV area of the site, as well as covering Australian soaps in the soaps section.

Your Skills:

The successful candidate will have:

- A good knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, popular UK television series such as *Doctor Who*, *Skins* and *Merlin*
- Interest in Australian soaps *Neighbours* and *Home and Away*
- The ability to source and produce news articles in the house style (unbiased, informative and without editorial commentary)
- The ability to work to fast turnaround times
- Excellent attention to detail and a high standard of accuracy
- Experience preparing and conducting interviews with celebrities
- The ability to research and produce commissioned feature pieces
- The ability to produce synopses of upcoming episodes of key TV series and Australian soaps
- The ability to use the in-house article management system
- The ability to work directly with the Editor in driving development of TV content on the site
- A sideways interest in the other areas covered by Digital Spy, including showbiz, music and movies

Additionally, knowledge of the following areas is useful (but not a prerequisite):

- Overnight TV ratings
- Broadcasting and media developments
- The US TV market

Contract, hours, location: Working hours are 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. The TV reporter is also expected to watch preview material and attend relevant screenings, launches and events outside of these hours - including at evenings and weekends - from time to time. This position is based at Digital Spy's offices off Oxford Street, near Marble Arch.

Application:

Your application should include ALL of the following:

- A covering letter
- A CV
- Three news articles, all in the style of a typical Digital Spy news article, on suitable UK TV-related stories for today. At least one article should be a news item relating to an Australian soap. You are encouraged to read news articles in the [TV section](#) beforehand to get a feel for style and type of articles.
- A summary, in no more than 200 words, of which particular TV shows and genres interest you
- Suggestions of other TV stories that may warrant coverage on the site today

Applications should be sent via email to hr@hf-uk.com

