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I am confident, ambitious and determined to achieve to the best of my ability in the Fashion Industry. I am currently undertaking a four-year sandwich course in Fashion Design at Birmingham City University where I have created and will present my final womenswear collection at Graduate Fashion Week. Inspired by my time studying in Italy, I have translated the colours, shapes and silhouettes from my travels. After studying and working internationally and completing internships in the industry, I feel driven by the constant demand and excited by the continuous change, which makes every day different.

Employment History – Internships and Work Placements

- **Li & Fung (LFAmericas, ~ New York Placement, 6 Months)** |January 2016
Provided exposure to:
 - International communication between Hong Kong and New York
 - Trend research
 - Knitwear design, knit samples to sell to Target
 - Styling and photoshoot preparation
- **This is the Uniform ~ NYFW Internship** |January 2016
Provided exposure to:
 - Worked on finishing the collection
 - Communication with Buyers
 - Assisted on presentation
- **Georgia Hardinge ~ Internship (6 weeks Work Ex)** |August 2015
Provided exposure to:
 - Line sheets
 - Worked at LFW show space
 - Assisted at designing stage.
 - Assisted the presentation
- **Rainbow Wave (Paris Showroom for Peter Pilotto) ~ (10 days Work Ex)** |September 2014
Provided exposure to:
 - Styled collection for buyers
 - Assisted sales
 - Responsibility to travel with the collection.
- **Peter Pilotto ~ Internship (5 weeks Work Ex)** |August 2014
Provided exposure to:
 - Dressed collection at LFW show
 - Pattern cutting
 - Styling
 - Consumption files for Commercial and Show patterns.
 - Spec Sheets
- **Graduate Fashion Week ~ Voluntary Work** |June 2014
Provided exposure to:
 - Dress 3rd year collections
- **Lulu Guinness ~ Internship (2 weeks Work Ex)** |August 2013
- **Heidi Klein ~ Internship (2 weeks Work Ex)** |June 2011
- **Marks & Spencer ~ Visual Merchandising** |July 2010
- **John Lewis ~ Visual Merchandising** |July 2010

Employed positions:

- **Whistles (Part time)** |August 2016- June 2017
 - Work as a sales assistant
 - Provide excellent and attentive customer service
- **The Artichoke Restaurant and Bar (Part time)** |June 2012 – Jan 2016
 - Worked as a member of the sales and service Team
 - Attended to customer needs
 - Provided outstanding customer experiences
 - Established an awareness of fine wines and food
- **Topshop ~ Sales advisor (Part time)** |July 2010 – June 2013

Responsibilities:

 - Achieved Advanced Level sales advisor over 3 years
 - Managed the store on a Thursday.
 - Proactive on improving customer service and loyalty

Qualifications:

- **BA (Hons) Fashion Design** - Birmingham City University 2013-2017
During my time at University I have gained the following skills set:
 - Pattern Cutting
 - Comparative shop report
 - Practical use of industrial machines
 - Fashion illustrations
 - Experienced use of Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator
- **Erasmus Programme** – Politecnico di Milano Feb 2015-July 2015
During my time in Milan I have gained the following skills set:
 - Traditional Italian Tailoring
 - Experience in using leather
 - Trend forecasting
 - Developed working in a team with language barriers
- **Foundation Diploma in Art and Design – Merit** (Buckinghamshire New University 2012-2013)
 - Developed print techniques, monoprint, lino print and screen-printing
 - Developed skills in the use of mix media tools (wax, dye, ink)
- **A Levels** (St Clement Danes School 2010-2012)
AS & A2 Textiles, English Language – B
AS Photography – B
- **11 GCSEs A*-C** (St Clement Danes School 2007-2010)

Personal experiences and Achievements

2017- Selected to show my graduate collection at GFW

2016- Selected to complete an Internship at LFAmericas in New York City for 6 months.

2015- Selected as 1 of 4 students to study at the Politecnico di Milano for 5 months in Milan.

2014 -My denim dress garment made in the style of Acne was photographed professionally for the company providing the denim.

2011 - I attended a summer course at Central Saint Martins, to develop my understanding of Fashion Marketing and Design.

2010 - As part of a French exchange scheme, I spent a week working in a French office undertaking general administrative tasks and translations, which helped with my continuous development and appreciation of an alternative language and culture.

Hobbies and leisure

I enjoy traveling and I have been fortunate to travel the world fairly extensively on family holidays including destination in the US, Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. The opportunity to travel allows you to experience cultural variances and I believe this is important as it encourages depth in design ideas and concepts