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About me

I am currently undertaking a sandwich year for my Fashion Design degree at Birmingham City University.

I enjoy using my creativity to generate imaginative and innovative designs. I am hardworking and dedicated in ensuring my outcomes are delivered on a timely basis, to a high standard whilst staying true to their underlying concept. I am passionate about working in the fashion industry. I want to be able to expand my knowledge and skills to become a distinctive and creative designer. My aim is to create original garments which inspire the latest fashion trends.

Education

Birmingham City University
Fashion Design BA (Hons) - 2015 to date

During my first year I started to gain valuable inside knowledge of the fashion industry. I expanded my practical skills of pattern cutting, design and making, in addition to enhancing my computer skills. I enjoyed designing and making original and imaginative garments. I particularly took to creating conceptual designs and shapes on the stand for my third project. It was exciting and interesting to create these 3D forms and structures and to then develop them on the body.

In my second year I expanded my experience of building a design concept through primary and secondary research covering menswear as well as womenswear. I also completed a making module where I learnt different pattern cutting techniques. In my second term I completed a business module and also a 6 weeks placement with Eudon Choi, in both I gained knowledge and understanding of different elements within the business side of the fashion industry and I now have a greater understanding of how a business runs. For my final project I carried out a technical making module, where I had to design, construct and sew a tailored jacket to a professional standard.

Ashlyn's School, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire - 2010 to 2015

A-Levels Photography - A* Art - C Textiles - C

GCSE's

Art - A Textiles - A
Maths - B Spanish - B Core Science - B
Additional Science - B
English Literature - C English Language - C Geography - C

Awards - Year 11,12 and 13 Achievement Awards

Skills

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Good drawing and sketching ability
- Design skills using hand illustrations
- Design skills using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop including concept boards, look-books and market reports
- Ability to analyse the physical and tactile nature of objects aiding the process of initial concept to final outcome
- Excellent fabric and colour sense
- Basic crochet, weaving and knitting skills
- Experience of printing and embroidery textile design
- Competent and creative photographer
- IT skills on both Mac and PC
- Friendly, sociable and personable character

Work & Experience

- **Mother Of Pearl - Womenswear Studio Assistant Work Placement - September 2017 to date**
5 month internship. Assisting with cutting fabric for the new collection, pattern copies, sample sale and general tasks such as buying supplies for in house production.
- **Eudon Choi - Womenswear Design Studio Assistant - March 2017 to April 2017**
6 weeks internship, helping with a range of design and production work from research, pattern copies, to client meetings and private events.
- **Wendy Harrup - "anything but ordinary" (Costume and Wedding Dress Creator) - June 2016**
Two weeks work experience, helping with general administration, gaining further pattern cutting knowledge and work shadowing with clients
- **Frithsden Vineyard, Frithsden - June 2016 to date**
Food and bar waitressing, general administration and helping with shop layout.
- **Brownlow Cafe, Ashridge Estate - April 2014 to date**
Taking orders, preparing, waitressing and till trained
- **Berkhamsted Art Shop - September 2014 to July 2015**
Devising, preparing and running creative workshops for young children
- **Berkhamsted Golf Club - September 2013 to March 2014**
Waitressing

Interests

- I like reading fashion journals such as Vogue and researching fashion trends, keeping me informed of the latest styles
- I enjoy visiting art exhibitions and galleries.
- I love the opportunity of taking my own photography and this is included in my portfolio
- I enjoy skiing and snowboarding, have played tennis for many years and also took piano to grade 5
- I have a full driving licence and car

