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SKILLS

digital design | Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator

fashion construction I fashion design, pattern cutting, technical garment construction **surface** I hand and digital printed textiles, surface manipulation, alternative materials **design skills** I moodboards, portfolio design, trend research, illustration, drawing **general** I communication, organisation, research, writing, networking, customer service

INTERNSHIP

Harrods of London | Design Intern | July - October 2016

I worked as Design Intern for Harrod's private label in a three month internship, which enabled me to apply and develop my skills in an industry environment, while gaining a strong understanding of the design process in a luxury fashion brand across womenswear, menswear and childrenswear.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Assistant to Head of Design
- Trend and design research
- Seasonal trend moodboards
- CAD design
- Creating professional portfolios in presentation of design projects and seasonal collections
- Working closely with the buying team
- Participating in sample fittings
- Completing technical garment specifications
- Supporting garment technologist
- Assisting in all areas of product development process
- Completing successful collaborative and independent design projects across all departments
- Member of the Harrods of London team, running errands and assisting in office duties
- Participating in training and communicating with the retail team

EDUCATION

Colchester School of Art | 2014 - present | BA (Hons) Fashion and Textiles | Graduating 2017 **Colchester School of Art** | 2013 - 2014 | Foundation in Art and Design (Fashion Specialism) | Distinction **Colchester Sixth Form** | 2011 - 2013 | A Levels | Textiles A*, English Literature A*, Business Studies A **The Gilberd School** | 2007 - 2011 | 13 GCSE's A* - B

COMPETITIONS

2017 | The Nicole Abbott Award | Presented by Sir Paul Smith and Suzanne Abbott | Finalist

EMPLOYMENT

Office Shoes | Sales Advisor | 2012 - 2016

I was a valued and committed member of the Office team with extensive knowledge and experience within my position. I excelled within the team environment, while demonstrating confidence in applying my strong sense of initiative to identify, lead and successfully complete tasks independently. I resigned in July 2016 to undertake my design internship.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Providing a consistently high level of customer service
- Demonstrating communication and problem solving skills
- Supporting management
- Visual merchandising
- Calculating sales targets
- Trend awareness
- Assisting stockroom team
- Maintaining a tidy and replenished store

2011 - 2012 | Matalan | Customer Service Assistant

2011 - 2012 | British Heart Foundation | Volunteer | Window dresser and Visual Merchandiser

2010 - 2011 | British Home Stores | Sales Assistant | Customer Services

INTERESTS

- Trend forecasting
- High end and luxury fashion
- Extreme fashion construction
- Innovative surface
- Alternative materials
- Photography
- Editorial fashion and journalism
- Fashion history and theory
- Art and design exhibitions
- Creative industry