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Profile

A dynamic designer motivated by the prospect of creating meaningful change in people's lives and the interdisciplinary nature of design. I relish the opportunity to work with other skilled professionals to create the best possible solution that is both beautiful and functional. My enthusiasm for the principles of inclusive and Universal Design reflects my appreciation of design's ability to improve lives. I am also dedicated to high-quality model and prototype manufacture, as I understand the importance of utilising my workshop skills for design realisation.

Education

2018-2022	Brunel University London	BA (Hons) Industrial Design and Technology (with professional placement) Year 1 (1st): Design Process 1, Graphic Communication, Materials and Manufacture, Creative Engineering, Product Analysis Year 2: Design Process 2, Design Communication, Design for Manufacture, Systems Design, Design Applications
2016-2018	Peter Symonds College	A Levels: Product Design (A), English Literature (A*), Government and Politics (A), Extended Project Qualification (A*). AS Level: Maths (A)
2011-2016	South Wilts Grammar School	GCSEs: 12 (from grades A* to A) including Maths, English, and Product Design

Design Experience

Design Intern at Salisbury Signs	2015	Successfully designed signage for and liaised with industry clients. Worked closely with clients to design appropriate products. Manufactured signs for distribution, gaining practical understanding at each stage of the production processes, materials, and finishes.
Secretary for Brunel Design Society	2019	Elected to secretary position for academic year 2019-20. Contribute to frequent meetings, organise weekly social events and attend sketch club to aid first year students in their design work and tutor in freehand sketching.
Brunel Workshops Proficiency Winner	2019	Achieved highest score for ability and accuracy of product production across all workshops among first year students at Brunel University. Competently manufactured high quality products in wood, metal, plastic, and model making workshops, demonstrating skilled understanding of materials and processes.

Additional Experience

Volunteer Scout Leader	2014-2019	Organised events and activities focused on entertainment, creativity, and personal development for 20+ children. Taught first aid courses to children and young people, tailoring training to age and ability.
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Design Projects

James Dyson Foundation Competition 2020

Awarded second place in a group competition to effectively identify an area of humanitarian crisis and design an affordable product to aid the people affected. Developed and prototyped a product concept to help mitigate psychological trauma in children separated from their parents as a result of mass exodus in Venezuela. Highly commended by foundation representative for realising a defined, palpable solution for a very broad and abstract problem, using the psychology of grief and attachment to develop a comforting product.

STG Aerospace Design Competition 2020

Achieved second place in a design competition for STG aerospace developing a product to aid installation of aircraft emergency way guidance lighting. Consulted with client company representatives to identify priorities of user safety and breaking into new, luxury markets. Developed a product to solve issues of end-to-end light breakages that aircraft designers found unattractive, and prompted correct sealing to increase product lifespan.

Lightly Design Applications 2019

Designed a notebook with incorporated drawing light and portable lightbox. Worked to brief given by company Lightly to create an application for their Hikari SQ light. Highly commended by company leaders for my presented idea and CAD model.

Achievements and Interests

Bronze - Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards 2014-2020

Effectively led the group as chief navigator, traversing 80km across 4 days. Personally commended for Gold expedition performance by representative from the national board of assessors.

Other Achievements and Interests

Play guitar and have experience performing on stage.
Regularly climb and partake in other outdoor activities.
Member of Hampshire Scouting Expeditions. Have organised member weekends and presented expedition presentation to over 200 people at Hampshire county AGM.
Frequently attend design and art exhibitions such as New Designers and the London Design Festival.
Currently producing a charity zine, organising 15 artists and writers worldwide for collaboration.

Skills

Fully competent in SolidWorks, with rendering experience in KeyShot and PhotoView 360.
Excellent practical skills and materials knowledge.
Accomplished at high fidelity sketching and marker rendering.
Proficient in Adobe Creative suite, including Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator and PremierPro.
