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Design by Sophie Willet

CSM student makes FAD shortist

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CSM BRINGS yet another student one step closer to success as student Sophie Willet gets to display her designs on the catwalk. Willet, a second year CSM student, has been named a finalist in the prestigious 2008 Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) competition.

Sophie is one of the chosen 12 finalists across the country, all competing for a £2000 first prize, as well as a highly desirable work placement. "It's so exciting I can't wait for the show," she said.

The standard of the entrants work was exceptionally high this year as Louise de Caires, Creative Director (FAD) explains: "The concept laid out in the 2008 FAD competition brief challenged students to look beyond conventional points of reference to create a hybrid garment that could be transformed further through additional layers.

"The complexity of the brief is clearly demonstrated through the chosen finalists visually rich designs."

Enjoying her time at CSM, Willet said: "I do really enjoy it, the course is brilliant and you have to be dedicated to keep up. The FAD competition was a good opportunity that I couldn't miss, it has been worth it."

Willet also offered advice to all aspiring designers: "You have to put in a lot of hard work. Make the most of opportunities that arise ." Sophie's final piece will be showcased on the catwalk on April 22 .