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Above: Emily McShane
Left: A model wears one of her designs

A STAMFORD Hill schoolgirl is looking at a future in fashion after showing off her catwalk creation in front of industry figures at a national awards ceremony last week.

Emily McShane, from Our Lady's Convent school in Amburst Park, also received a special mention from judges at the Fashion Awareness Direct Junior Awards, which were held on Wednesday during London Fashion Week.

Emily, 17, was one of 22 finalists from Fashion Futures, a project that aims to nurture young designers' talent.

The finalists had to design an outfit inspired by Chinese culture, particularly the urban metropolis of Shanghai.

"Before the show I had so many butterflies and then when I saw my outfit on the model, I just couldn't believe it," said Emily.

"I was so amazed. It looked better than I ever expected. I feel so privileged to have this opportunity and it's an experience I will treasure for a very long time.

"Bringing my design to life on a catwalk is a prize on its own, but also being rewarded for my creativity makes me realise that I'm good at what I love."

Emily now plans to study costume design at university and pursue a career in the arts.