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INSPIRED:**
Natalie Goreham
and Caroline
Green

A BUDDING young fashion designer from Redbridge saw one of her outfits paraded at London Fashion Week.

Natalie Goreham, 17, a student at Valentines High School in Cranbrook Road, Ilford, was picked from 130 young hopefuls at a fashion workshop earlier in the year.

Fashion Awareness Direct, a charity which aims to bridge the gap between education and fashion, arranged for model Caroline Green to wear the dress, inspired by medieval masonry at the V&A's new Medieval and Renaissance gallery.

Natalie has since been offered a two-week work placement with top high street retailer River Island.

"I think it's given me a really good overall view of the textiles process and industry," she said. "Instead of just learning about it in school, it's more practical."

Natalie, and the 24 other finalists, are set to embark on two days of visits to Marks & Spencer, River Island and other high-street brands, where they will see behind the scenes of the fashion industry.