

Fashioning a stylish career

EIGHTEEN-year-old Lewisham College student Nadine Peters is a finalist of the fourth Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD) Junior Awards.

As a result of showcasing her design on the catwalk at Vauxhall Fashion Scout, she was offered a two-week work placement with the womenswear design team at River Island.

Nadine said: "I have to admit I was really nervous but I was excited about bringing my ideas to life."

The Fourth FAD Junior Awards marked the end of an eventful few months for the fi-

nalists, who were selected from 100 students to attend an intensive summer school at Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design. There, with the help of a dedicated team of mentors, they had five days to bring their creations to life.

Nadine's task was to design a garment which could be worn by someone watching the Shanghai Fashion Show.

Mary Kay, head Fashion at Lewisham College explained: "We get involved with the competition every year. It's very competitive. We always give our students every chance to achieve their ambitions. Hundreds compete for a place

in the summer school. This year two of our students were among the 22 finalists and took part in London Fashion Week."

Nadine said her placement at River Island taught her a lot, from working with mood boards and customising garments to putting a collection together.

She has written a diary of her experience, in which she says: "The environment at River Island is really friendly, which makes it so much easier to produce designs and I have learnt team work is key. When everyone is in the same frame of mind, working towards the same goal, the outcome is amazing. This is something that college or university could never have shown me."

To read more from Nadine's diary, visit fad.org.uk



Nadine Peters shows off her design skills

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