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# Nina has designs on a top catwalk

A PIMLICO teenager who started designing just a year ago saw one of her outfits gracing the London Fashion Week catwalk.

Nina Ehni, 18, who studies at Pimlico Academy in Lupus Street, was one of 23 young people to make it to the final of 2009 FAD Junior Awards

The event, organised by creative charity Fashion Awareness Direct (FAD), is now in its fifth year. It took place at Vauxhall Fashion Scout, the UK's largest catwalk event for emerging designers, last Tuesday.

Nina was selected from 130 young people who took part in FAD's Fashion Futures 2 workshops earlier this year.

She spent a week at FAD's summer school, held at Central St Martins College of Art and Design, in July.

Supported by a team of tutors, technicians and student mentors, the 17 to 19-year-olds had five days to develop and construct their finished designs for the London catwalk.

Nina said: "This is the first course I have done where I don't feel like I'm at school."

"You know you're doing



■ **ALMOST READY:** Nina at work on her final design, and the clothes being modelled on the catwalk  
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something properly and professionally."

The young designer narrowly missed out on winning the 2009 FAD Junior Award, which would have given her the top prize of a placement in the fashion industry.

The finalists were taken on a fashion tour of London, including a visit to the design studios at River Island and John Lewis, a session with trend forecasters wgsn.com and a behind-the-scenes visit to Vauxhall Fashion Scout.



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