





BEN SAMS


PRODUCT DESIGNER

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EDUCATION

FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

BA (HONS) (06/25)
Sustainable Product Design -
First Class Honours (1)

WELLINGTON SCHOOL

A-LEVEL (08/21)
Design & Technology - A*
Chemistry - A
Economics - A
EPQ - A
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GCSE (08/19)
Seven GCSEs including Maths
and English (Grade 6-9)

ABOUT ME

Growing up in the South West, I spent much of my youth expressing creativity alongside academic achievements, if not on the tennis court. Having beat cancer at 16, I finished my GCSEs and continued Design & Technology into my A-levels, before pursuing Product Design at Falmouth University. During my studies, I channelled my personal experience into a passion for human-centred design that sees me utilising ethical research techniques to understand users' needs and develop meaningful design solutions.

DESIGN EXPERIENCE

INTERNSHIP - INCLUSIVE PADDLEBOARDING (02/25 - 03/25)

A part time role, in which I contributed to the development of new assistive devices to make paddleboarding accessible to more users.

LIVE PROJECT - BANG CREATIONS (01/24 - 05/24)

A live brief from Bang Creations to redesign a domestic appliance, using their 'Wheel of Innovation' to embrace Right to Repair.

LIVE PROJECT - RCHT (09/23 - 01/24)

Human-centred design research in collaboration with Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust, to produce an inclusively designed kitchen product.

LIVE PROJECT - LITTLE INVENTORS (01/23 - 03/23)

Bringing the ideas of local school children to life, through high fidelity model making techniques, to enhance skills in creativity and iteration.

WORK EXPERIENCE - TEAPOT CREATIVE (08/21)

A week of work experience in a creative design agency, experiencing collaboration and communication in a positive working environment.

EMPLOYMENT

B&Q PENRYN (05/24 - 10/24)

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR (07/24 - 10/24) - Co-ordinating installation projects by liaising with customers and installers to ensure that resources were available on time and projects ran smoothly.

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SHOWROOM ADVISOR (05/24 - 07/24)

B&Q YEOVIL (09/21 - 08/22)

SHOWROOM ADVISOR - Utilising creativity and problem solving, I helped customers design their dream kitchen or bathroom, gaining teamwork experience while exercising initiative.


THE CHETNOLE INN (10/19 - 11/21)


KITCHEN PORTER - I gained basic practical skills, whilst contributing diligently to a small team, ensuring high standards were met and was flexible, adapting quickly to varying demands.




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REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

SKILLS

TRANSFERABLE

Creativity
Problem solving
Resilience
Communication
Initiative
Determination
Collaboration

TECHNICAL

Sketching
Technical drawing
Physical prototyping
Fusion 360
Rhino 3D
Adobe CC (Indesign ACP)
Microsoft Office

AWARDS & QUALIFICATIONS

FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Adobe Certified Professional (InDesign) (03/24)
Industry-recognized validation of expertise in InDesign.

WELLINGTON SCHOOL

Resilience Award (07/21)
For showing "remarkable determination and courage in the face of notable adversity".

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Design & Technology Award (07/19 & 07/20)

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Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze) (11/17)

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

PC BUILDING & GAMING

Having built my own gaming computers, I am always eager to enhance my aptitude in various technologies.

RUNNING & CLIMBING

In recent years, I have taken up running and climbing which has strengthened my determination and resilience.

TENNIS

During sixth form, I captained the tennis team, which gave me skills in leadership and teamwork.

WOODWORK & DIY PROJECTS

Alongside prototyping in the university workshops, I enjoy applying my practical skills to personal projects.