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HOLLYOAKS COSTUME DEPARTMENT - FREELANCE

In July 2019, I had 3 weeks of work experience in the costume department at Hollyoaks and really enjoyed styling the cast, putting outfits together for upcoming episodes and sitting in the gallery to make sure no slip ups happened on costumes behalf. I really loved being there and it made me have an even stronger desire to be in the industry. After my weeks of experience came to an end I enquired about any job openings and they encouraged me to apply for an internship position so I applied and had an interview but I was told I was “ahead of my game” and could just go straight into freelance work so in August I became a regular freelancer and instantly felt like id worked there forever. I love freelancing at Hollyoaks and I hope to have the opportunity to work in TV more.



This was a photoshoot I assisted on at Hollyoaks. I had the job of getting the artists ready, checking them whilst on set & making sure they were comfortable in their outfits. I absolutely loved this shoot and it was an amazing day.

LEAD BELLY - SHORT FILM OCTOBER 2019

Just a few weeks after starting freelancing, in September I was asked by the buyer and one of the head stylist at Hollyoaks to be the supervisor for a short film starring Jamie Lomas & Sammy Winward. Despite my fears of doing this solo and it being the first time doing anything like this it was the best experience ever. I loved working on locations, reading the script and having meetings with the director and Jamie but also meeting the best crew that I still stay in contact with. I also prepped the costumes for each character and broke some of them down which was something I have never done before because I was so used to making sure costumes looked pristine and perfect but I loved building up different textures and researching how to get my desired look of a homeless person.



This was the finished product of Jamie Lomas' homeless costume. The crew & I was really happy with how it turned out for a first attempt at breaking down costumes.

TOPSHOP, TRAFFORD CENTRE — JULY 2018 - DECEMBER 2019

I loved my job working at Topshop because my role was to operate the fitting rooms so I was regularly asked for advise on what items go with what and I felt like I was a personal shopper which I love the idea of. At one point I was freelancing and working at Topshop which overlapped some days so eventually I decided to leave Topshop to focus on freelancing however they made it clear the job was always open if I wanted to go back.

ONCE UPON A BRIDE — 2017

At the bridal store I was doing work experience but I enjoyed it so much I asked if I could have a weekend job during the summer. My job role included:

- advising brides on dresses and what would suit their style
- dressing the store and mannequins in new collections and updating them depending on the season
- operating tills: this included handling large amounts of money and deposits so I had a lot of responsibility
- the day I started this work experience a main dress supplier of the store had liquidated therefore I had to source many alternative dresses for customers that had already been purchased which was a very stressful time for the owner and staff however it was a good opportunity for me to work under pressure.

MIMOSA FASHION



I have my own online boutique which I absolutely love. I set the website up myself and have to update it regularly with new stock. It also involves: recruiting influencers to help promote the business and gain us more of a following, buying stock from wholesalers, styling outfits/lay plans, social media management, marketing and posting and packaging orders. It is a very small and new business that I am proud of and has really helped me get involved in the fashion community. After just 2 years in the business it has around 13 thousand followers and 100s of sales per day which I am very proud to say I have achieved this all by myself at the age of just 18 years old.



<https://mimosa-x.myshopify.com>

SLIDE AND SEEK, BROADWAY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HYDE — 2016-2018

I gained a lot of experience in customer service at this job because I was based on the reception therefore I had to deal with customer complaints, payments, injuries and welcome people. I received a pay raise because of my hard work and my problem managing skills. Eventually I was given a supervisory role before being offered a job at Topshop.

EDUCATION & GRADES

Aquinas College Stockport (college)

I have a level 3 certificate in Business studies (merit & pass) and a years worth of coursework in Textiles and my portfolio is available to look at if you are interested.

Previous; St Thomas More RC college (High School)

GCSE GRADES:

Textiles- A

Media- B

Maths - 5

English - 6

REFERENCES

References from my school, college, previous employer and current employer are available on request.