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Bachelor's in Product Design –
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Personal Profile:

Motivated product design student, predicted to graduate with First Class Honours. Academic projects and internships have cultivated strong skills in CAD, sketching, prototyping, and user research. Eager to contribute to design projects and expand skills in a professional environment.

Education:

• University of Leeds

09/2023 – Present

Bachelor's in Product Design (BSc).

Modules (1st Year):	Grades	Modules (2nd Year):	Grades
Visualisation Techniques	73%	Creativity in Prof Practice	Pending
Engineering Analysis	81%	Design Manufacture	Pending
Design Studio 1	74%	Design Studio 2	Pending
Basic Electronics	74%	Advanced Electronics	Pending

• Lycée Français Charles de Gaulle (London)

09/2016 – 04/2023

Results:

- **A Levels:** Mathematics – A, Physics – A, French – A, Art – B.
- **GCSEs:** Achieved grades from A to C, including Physics (A) and Art (A).

Academic Projects:

• 2nd Year:

- Concept presentation to Tait Towers: Augmented reality software for visualising stage design. The presentation garnered interest from senior executives, emphasising the potential for improving design workflows.
- Mentor – Guiding a group of 15 new students in integrating into university life.

• 1st Year:

- Engineering Excellence Society: Directed a workshop, three guest lectures, and numerous social events alongside engineering peers to promote interest in engineering. This not only increased society membership by 15 but also sparked interest among younger students.
- ProCarton competition: Designed sustainable cardboard packaging, encouraging innovation among 200+ students across Europe.

Relevant Work Experience:

• Event Coordinator:

London Design Festival 24

14/09 – 21/09, 2024

Co-ordinated with the participating artists, setting up work and guiding visitors across four districts of London's largest design festival.

• **Product Design, Internship**

Hummingbird Technologies

06/2022 – 09/2022, London, UK

- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to design and prototype a new website to showcase to investors.
- Conducted user research to gather feedback, leading to the introduction of new features which resulted in a 15% increase in user engagement within the first three months post-launch.
- Revamped design specifications for backend developers by creating detailed documentation and user stories that improved the clarity of project requirements.

Computer Skills and Certifications:

HTML/CSS & C++	Adobe Suite	SolidWorks	Microsoft Office	Graphic Design
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- LinkedIn Learning, Certificate in SolidWorks.
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Other Work Experience:

• **Waiter:**

Okan, 01/2023 - 06/2023, London, UK

Transferable skills:

- Problem-solving: Strong understanding of user needs through direct customer interactions.
- Teamwork and collaboration.

• **U14 Football Coach:**

Sporting Duet, 06/2022 -07/2022, London, UK

Transferable skills:

- Leadership and mentorship.
- Time management and multitasking.
- Empathy and communication.

Key Skills:

- Communication: Developed through delivering presentations and completing 20+ group work assignments.
- Teamwork: Cultivated through collaborative projects and an internship in a start-up environment.
- Resilience: Demonstrated resilience by achieving excellent grades while managing a part-time job.
- Presentation: Delivered over a dozen presentations in academic settings to peers and industry representatives.
- Languages: English and French (bilingual).

Achievements:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award – personal development and leadership through sports activities and community projects.

Interests and Hobbies:

- Web design: Implemented coding and design skills to create and maintain an online portfolio.
- Tennis: Competitive matches every week as part of the university team.