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EDUCATION

**SIR CHARLES LUCAS
ARTS COLLEGE** 2001 – 2006
**BTEC NATIONAL
DIPLOMA: GRAPHIC
DESIGN DIGITAL MEDIA** 2006 – 2008
(Triple Distinction)
Colchester Institute
**BA(HONS) ART & DESIGN:
GRAPHIC MEDIA** 2008 – 2011
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EXPERIENCE

VCG KESTREL
Aug 2016 – Present
(Artworker)

FREELANCE
Jan 2012 – Present
(Print, Digital & Web)

ACE COMICS
Oct 2014 – Aug 2016
(Part Time Sales Admin)

JOLI STUDIOS
Sep 2012 – Present
(Freelance)

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Jan 2012 – Aug 2016
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TCMC-CREATIVE
Mar 2012 – Oct 2014
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ABOUT ME

I am a Creative Graphic Designer and I have been creating design work since 2002. At that time it was simply a hobby; by using social Internet forums as a place to learn and create for my fellow members of the community. I soon realised that this was more than just a hobby and something that I felt incredibly passionate about. I knew from that moment that this was the career path I hungered for.

With eyes set on my goal, I successfully began my journey by signing up to a National Diploma: Graphic Design Media course. After 2 years I achieved the highest grade possible. However I needed to expand my knowledge and creativity and so higher education was clearly the next step. I furthered my journey by studying a Degree in BA (Hons) in Art & Design: Graphic Media, where creativity met no bounds.

After achieving my Degree I began my design career at TCMC Creative and worked at this agency for two and a half years. Within my time there I quickly moved up the ranks from Junior to Senior Designer. With this position I was responsible with handling many different tasks, including: full brand management, logo design, web design, corporate literature, print & digital design, shop & vehicle signage (interior & exterior both design and production) and so forth.

With all the skills and knowledge that I gained from TCMC, I took the plunge to become freelance. This path allowed me to expand my skills further by working on projects from initial proposal meetings to the end product. Freelancing gave me the option to express myself freely within the client's budget and their operational size.

Whilst freelancing, an opportunity to work within the packaging artwork industry became apparent. Although this is a slightly different path to design, it however; has enabled me to learn more about mass production printing, and the involvement of handling a design file to producing a print specific file. Such as: Lithography, Flexography, Dry-offset and Gravure. As a print fanatic I found this rather interesting but puzzling at times; however by solving issues in ways that I have never imagined before. I was able to explore new techniques to achieve the correct end result.

By working from a range of small to large teams, has enabled me to experience how workloads are managed and how to challenge the task in-hand. This taught me invaluable communication and project management skills. In my wide range of experience, I have learnt a huge wealth of information about the design industry, this included: working and conversing with clients, managing time scales and projects, organisation (projects & file management), understanding the client needs and issues, setting files up for print, handling paper samples, applying printing techniques and many more abilities that have added to my overall design knowledge. My industry experience has been intensive and varied. I hunger for experience and the learning of new techniques, technically and creatively. There are no boundaries in furthering my progression.

SKILLS

ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE
PRINT INSTALLATION
PRINT KNOWLEDGE
SUBLIME TEXT
WORDPRESS
CPANEL / DATABASES
BASIC HTML \ PHP \ CSS
MICROSOFT OFFICE

EXPERTISE

BRANDING \ IDENTITY
TYPOGRAPHY
PRINT \ DIGITAL
ADVERTISING
WEB DESIGN
WEB DEVELOPMENT
IMAGE MANIPULATION
PACKAGING ARTWORK

QUALITIES

TEAMWORK
PEOPLE SKILLS
TIME MANAGEMENT
CREATIVE THINKING
HARD WORKING
RELIABLE

INTERESTS

COMIC BOOKS \ ART
GAMING \ DESIGNING
WALKING \ OUTDOORS
MUSIC \ FILMS