

# Sophie Nicolin



## About me...

As a designer, I have a drive towards accessible, impactful design, and a keen eye for detail. Through a user-focused empathetic design approach, I enjoy applying my skills in graphics, technical detailing and VR to tackle complex problems and provide elegant solutions. My interests in game design and fantasy novels also inspire my creativity to make me the multi award-winning designer I am today. In my personal life, I love to dance, with a particular interest in musical theatre and tap, as well as being an avid reader and gamer.

## Experience

July 2024 - August 2025 **Industrial Design Intern**  
Mondelez International

Worked within the R&D design team developing novel chocolate experiences for flagship brands - Cadbury, Toblerone, Milka and Oreo. Highlights include:

- Leading projects from research to prototype and presenting to senior business stakeholders
- Developing products for production in 2027 - design registrations pending
- Working cross-functionally with marketing, packaging, product development and brand management teams
- Organising the Birmingham Pride parade and company float, and leading LGBTQ+ learning session across the UK business
- Rolling out new VR technologies through teaching sessions

Sept 2023 - June 2024 **Student Technician & Lead Mentor**  
Nottingham Trent University

Worked in a small team to maintain and run the 3D printing farms within Nottingham Trent University, including a range of Bambu Labs, Formlabs and Stratsys printers. As lead mentor, I supported 50+ mentors guide first year students and provide a supportive and welcoming environment.

July 2022 - Sept 2023 **Packaging Company Assistant**  
Repacking Services

Developed a new warehouse organisation system for efficient workflow, and fulfilled e-commerce orders in a high-paced production line.

June 2021 - Sept 2022 **Supervisor, Barista, Waitress & Chef**  
Headlands Farm Coffee Shop

June 2019 - Dec 2019 **Woodworking Design Intern**  
Lower Bridge Shepherd Huts

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# Education



2022 - 2026 **BSc Product Design (Hons)**  
Nottingham Trent University

I am currently a final year undergraduate at NTU with an average grade of a 1st, and several awards for my student work.

2021 - 2022 **Visiting Scholar's Year (Certificate of General Studies)**  
Minerva University

I graduated in April 2022, with a GPA average of 3.8. I completed a general studies course remotely from the UK, with modules in Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Computer Sciences, and an Integrated Learning Course to integrate classwork with the local environment.

2014 - 2021 **A-level's & GCSE's**  
St Swithun's School

I graduated St Swithun's in July 2021 having completed 10 GCSEs with grades ranging from 9 - 6, and three A-levels and one EPQ with grades ranging from A\* - B.

## Software

- Adobe Suite - InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Premier Pro
- Solidworks - CSWA, CSWP, CSWPA Surfacing
- Procreate
- Keyshot Rendering
- Figma, Wix Website Editor
- Arduino, Python
- Bambu Labs Studio, Ultimaker Cura, 3D Sprint
- Gravity Sketch VR, Shapes XR, Arthur VR

## Skills

- Project Management
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Organisation
- Problem Solving
- Critical Analysis

## Awards & Qualifications

- Gold Award at Starpack Students 2023
- Best Project from Alpkit 2023
- Solidworks Professional and Associate Certificates
- Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE Awards, DofE Ambassador Award, DofE Trainer Qualification

## Notable Skills & Achievements

- Over 600 hours of volunteering from 2018 – present with various charities including Friends of PICU, Duke of Edinburgh Award (DofE), and Winchester Night Shelter
- Leadership skills developed from my time as a dance teaching assistant, DofE trainer and cafe supervisor
- Excellent teamwork skills due to DofE, volunteering, teaching experiences and working in hospitality
- Great communication and patience improved by working in teams of various age ranges, abilities, and backgrounds
- Conversational Spanish skills

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