

# Richmond School & Sixth Form College



## Press Release

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### **Ex Pupil wins first prize in prestigious Textile Society Design Competition**

Caroline Allison, an ex-pupil from Richmond School, is celebrating following her success in the Australian Wool Innovation Award section of the Bradford Textile Society Design Competition.

The competition is a yearly event and is recognised to be the most prestigious of its kind in the UK. There are thirteen different sections to the competition overall, covering all textile processes (eg print, knit, weave) for fashion and interiors. The competition is open to both students and independent designers and is sponsored by companies such as The British Designers' Guild, Wools of New Zealand, Prestigious Textiles Ltd and Premier Vision. Over 700 entries were submitted into the competition overall this year, which is a record number.

Caroline studied A Level Art, Product Design and German at Richmond School & Sixth Form College. She began a degree in Woven Textile Design at Loughbrough in 2005 and opted to do a sandwich year in industry last year where she worked for six months in a printed textile studio in New York, followed by a further four months in a small woven textile studio and gallery in Central London. Caroline is now in her final year of study.

Caroline was thrilled to receive a first prize award for her design and is looking forward to visiting Bradford shortly to collect her certificate and prize money. The woven sample she produced was for menswear and combined a simple palette of white and navy with the soft cream tones of the wool she felted into it.

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