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Our Junior Designer Emma Toner gives us an insight into her time with us for her 2022 placement year

Hello, I'm Emma, I am currently in my fourth year at Nottingham Trent University, studying Interior Architecture & Design (BA Hons). I first came to Catering Design Group as a placement student in September 2021 and took on the role as a Junior Designer.

As a Junior Designer I was exposed to incredible opportunities. My fellow colleagues treated me as a valuable member of the design team rather than a 'placement student'. I assisted lead designers with their projects, creating physical/digital mood boards and proposing layout plans on CAD.

I've sent out for costs, put together drawing packages, attended site visits, and have had the pleasure of meeting clients and suppliers. With the support of my colleagues, I have also been allocated projects of my own which have had a massive influence on my confidence as a young designer.

Working alongside incredibly talented people, I have gained invaluable knowledge. They have encouraged me to grow as an individual in this industry and have provided me with the necessary skillset to enter my final year at university. I am now proficient in AutoCAD, InDesign, Photoshop, and Excel. My spatial awareness has improved, and I have a greater understanding of back of house technical design.

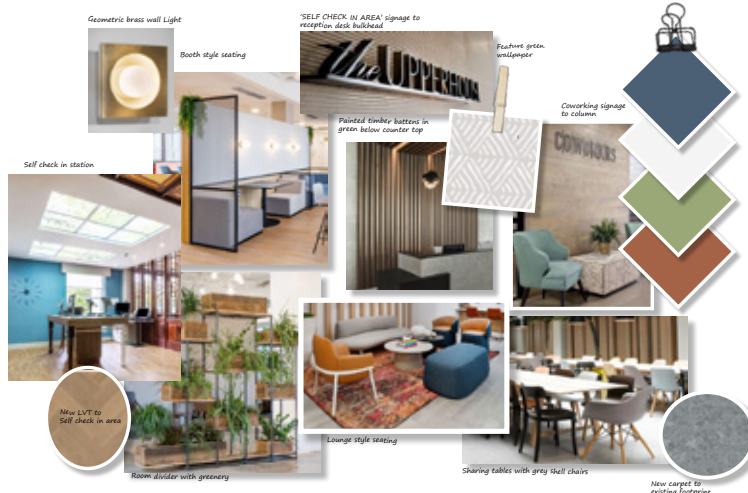
CDG have been welcoming, kind and supportive throughout my entire journey and I have had the most amazing experience. I would

highly recommend to my peers, a placement year as not only do you grow and gain invaluable knowledge, but you will also have the most amazing time doing what you love and getting a taste for the industry!

'As soon as Emma started with us for her placement year she fit straight in, and quickly became a valuable part of the design team. Her work ethos was great from the start, and no challenge was ever too big. Her attention to detail and eye for design will make her a great success within the industry. We are so happy to have her still working

with us on a part time basis while she continues studying at Nottingham Trent University, we wish her all the success in her degree!'

- Ellis Gadsby & Charlotte Jones (Design Team Members)



An example of the work Emma completed with us while on her placement year.