

Tara Davis

ASPIRING UI/UX DESIGNER

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Skills

UI Started a comprehensive course (Shift Nudge) in August 2024, which involves designing and building UI prototypes using Figma. Developed skills in layout, typography, and interactive components.

UX Deep interest in UX research, focusing on human psychology and behavior. Continuously working to further my skills in user research, usability testing, and creating user-centered designs.

Soft Skills Developed strong communication, leadership, and problem-solving skills through my experiences as a teacher. Skilled in classroom management, lesson planning, and fostering a positive learning environment.

Technical Skills Comfortable with a variety of graphic, presentation, and document software. Experienced in thorough research and analysis to support decisions. Familiar with using AI tools to improve productivity.

Organisational Skills Effective in managing multiple tasks, prioritizing workloads, and meeting deadlines. Proficient in planning and executing tasks to ensure timely completion. Skilled in handling emergencies and difficult situations with calm and efficiency.

Experience

Although I have not yet undertaken professional design work, my teaching background involved numerous design-related tasks, and my passion for design has always been strong.

St Helen's Primary School and Nursery

Suffolk, UK

CLASS TEACHER

Sep. 2023 - Jun. 2024

- Worked as a part-time Year 4 teacher for one term before stepping into a full-time role teaching Year 5.
- Responsible for the learning and data outcomes, as well as the general well-being of 30 children.

Various Schools

Suffolk, UK

SCHOOL CENTERED INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING PLACEMENTS

Sep. 2022 - Jul. 2023

- St Matthew's CofE Primary School (Autumn term): Taught in a Year 4 class with a high percentage of children with EAL and pupil premium.
- Gorseland Primary Specialist Support Unit (First half of Spring term): Taught in a mixed-age SSU (12 children, Years 2-6) and adapted teaching methods for children with moderate learning disabilities.
- St Helen's Primary School and Nursery (Second half of Spring - Summer term): Developed phonics knowledge in a Year 1 class using Read Write Inc, and further embedded teaching practices in a Year 4 class.

St Matthew's CofE Primary School

Suffolk, UK

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Jan. 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Led one-to-one Catch Up Numeracy intervention for KS2 children.
- Covered for other TAs across the school, gaining experience in various year groups and developing an interest in SEND.

TD Productions

Online

FOUNDER

2018 - 2021

- Started a small online horticultural business focused on ethically responsible plants and herbs.
- Helped design and produce graphics for a website (now earlscolnefarm.com)
- Conducted market research, pricing, and forecasting.
- Handled marketing, website updates, customer service, and administration.
- Ensured the business was profitable and managed the transition to a business partner.

Gainsborough Library

Suffolk, UK

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION ADVISOR

2016 - 2017

- Learned and utilized the library's computer system.
- Helped customers, planned, and conducted weekly craft sessions for young people.
- Handled anti-social behavior, becoming more resilient and quick-thinking.
- Used appropriate telephone manners.

Education

University of Suffolk, UK (Suffolk, UK and Norfolk SCITT)

Suffolk, UK

PGCE AND QTS

2022 - 2023

- Postgraduate degree with Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).
- Completed teaching placements in various schools, gaining practical experience in classroom management and lesson planning.
- Developed and implemented curriculum plans aligned with national standards.
- Engaged in professional development workshops and seminars to enhance teaching skills.

BIMM University (BIMM)

Manchester, UK

B.A. IN PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANSHIP

2019 - 2022

- Achieved a High 2:1 overall and released an EP on Spotify.
- Specialized in vocal performance, songwriting, and music production.
- Collaborated with peers on various music projects and live performances.
- Participated in industry workshops and networking events with music professionals.

Suffolk, UK New College

Suffolk, UK

SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE (VOCALS) – DISTINCTION*

2015 - 2017

- Extended Diploma in Music Performance (Vocals) – Distinction*.
- Grade 6 in Vocals - Merit.
- Developed advanced vocal techniques and performance skills.
- Performed in various college events and local venues.

Kesgrave Sixth Form

Suffolk, UK

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2014 - 2015

- Subjects included Music, English Literature, and Drama.
- Participated in school productions and extracurricular activities.
- Developed strong analytical and communication skills.

Extracurricular Activity

St Helen's Primary School and Nursery

Suffolk, UK

EDI GROUP ASSISTANT

2023 - 2024

- Assisted with the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) group at school.
- Contributed to initiatives aimed at promoting an inclusive and equitable environment.

Hobbies and Interests

In my spare time, I enjoy running, cycling, reading, crafts, and travelling. I am sociable and am told that I have a good sense of humour. I also have a keen interest in music, which has made me confident in public speaking, training, and generally holding an audience. I am passionate about Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) and during my time at St Helen's, I was able to assist with the EDI group at school.

References

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