

# SOPHIE DEL GAUDIO O'BRIEN

## GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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### SUMMARY

- 15+ years experience
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop

### EDUCATION

**Graphic Design | BA (Hons)**  
University of Salford  
2006 - 2009

**Art Foundation**  
Southport College  
2005 - 2006

**A Level | 3**  
**AS | 1**  
**GCSE | 11**  
St. Mary's College, Crosby  
1998 - 2005

### OTHER

**MTC Facilitator Phase 1 & 2**  
CPD accredited course  
RAF Air Cadets - Inskip  
2018

**Officers' Initial Courses (OIC)**  
RAF College Cranwell  
2018

### ABOUT

I am an enthusiastic and determined Graphic Designer with a keen eye for detail. I enjoy working within a disciplined and structured team just as much as I enjoy the freedom to manage my own time. In all aspects of life, I strive to challenge myself and work as hard as possible to achieve individual and team goals. I own a successful graphic design business which is testament to my self-motivation and creativity.

### DESIGN EXPERIENCE

**Guppy Graphics | Self Employed**  
Freelance Graphic Designer  
*November 2011 - present*

From my home studio in North Yorkshire, I work on design projects for a diverse group of clients. Currently, my daily clients include a prestigious independent school, a successful fashion designer and a military band. This diversity requires me to adapt my social and professional attitude as each situation arises and allows me to deliver a bespoke service to the highest standard. My high standards have led to working on many projects for small businesses as well as several episodes of Channel 5's 'The Hotel Inspector'.

I am an ambitious, creative and reliable designer with a keen eye for layout, colour and typography. Art & Design is a passion as well as a career choice. With the benefit of 15 years in the industry, my work is idea led, so that it suits its purpose perfectly.

**Projects include;**  
St. Mary's College, Crosby // Royal Corps of Army Music //  
British Army Band Catterick // British Army Brass Band //  
Two Four Productions - The Hotel Inspector // Francesca Couture

**Rice Creative | Employed**  
Graphic Designer  
*October 2007 – November 2011*

I worked at Rice Creative, for just over four years. During this time I undertook many projects which included branding, brochure design and directing photoshoots. I worked with a number of other creatives, suppliers and clients. During my time here I learnt business skills as well as developing my design skills. Clients included; Amplifon UK.

**Hype Creative | Work Experience**  
Junior Graphic Designer & Assistant  
*May 2007 – October 2007*

Whilst at university, I wanted to experience the industry. I was offered a two-month placement, which was then extended for a further three months. My role included designing and producing graphics for vehicle livery and then fitting it onto the vehicle. Clients included; Carrier Global.

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### REFERENCES

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### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

**St. Mary's College Combined Cadet Force, Crosby | Employed**  
School Staff Instructor, Admin  
*October 2015 – September 2018*

As School Staff Instructor for Administration, I was responsible for all administrative tasks relating to the cadet unit. This involved collaborating with multiple outside agencies and military personnel, booking camps/ courses and handling finances & personal data. Alongside the use of Microsoft Office, I gained experience with Westminster and Bader platforms, specific to the cadet organisations.

**RAF Air Cadets | Adult Volunteer**  
RAF (CCF) National Media & Communications Officer  
*November 2018 - November 2021*

As RAF (CCF) National Media & Communications Officer my role included working directly with Royal Air Force Air Cadets Media & Communications at headquarters, Cranwell.

**RAF Air Cadets | Adult Volunteer**  
RAF (CCF) Section Commander | Flt Lt | St. Mary's College, Crosby  
*November 2017 - November 2019*

During my time as Section Commander, my roles included the training and supervision of cadets, organising week-long camps, flying and training days, as well as putting cadets forward for courses to further their development.

As part of my training for this role, I attended the Officers' Initial Courses (OIC) at RAF College Cranwell. As well as subjects specific to the role, subjects that transpose well into civilian life included; Leadership; Oral Communications; Health & Safety; Interview Techniques; Defence Writing; Welfare Matters.

In addition to the above, I also took the opportunity to qualify as a Mobile Team Challenge Facilitator, attending phase 1 & 2 training with MTC Europe. This is a CPD accredited course, which once completed allowed me to not only work with cadets in my home unit but also assist other cadet units and RAFAC TEST SNCOs on a regular basis as a facilitator at Inskip Cadet Centre.