Benjamin Francis Farrelly

Fashion Design Graduate Specialising in Knitwear

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Graduate collection: 2026.ncad.works/graduates/benjamin-farrelly

I am a recent National College of Art and Design fashion design graduate specialising in knitwear, with interests in colour theory, silhouette and experimental textiles. Learning through making is central to my practice. I am seeking my first design role, bringing practical skills and a commitment to developing my work in fashion and craft.

Education

National College of Art and Design, Dublin 2021–2026
BA (Hons) Design, Fashion Design (Knit)
First Class Honours

Newbridge College, Co. Kildare 2021
Leaving Certificate (Honours)

Graduate collection

Twinship 2026

- Knitwear collection exploring twin identity through paired silhouettes and contrasting textures. Materials include wool, cotton, merino and Grilon.
- Exhibited at NCAD Works, 2026
- Exhibited at Ireland Independent Fashion Week for the Chaos Magazine Show, 2026

Practical and digital skills

- **Machine knitting:** Domestic knitting machines, Passap and Dubied double-bed machines, digital jacquard machines.
- **Finishing and construction:** Industrial linking, hand finishing and crochet.
- **Design and development:** Research and concept development; yarn knowledge and mixed media textiles; sampling and swatch development, technical documentation.
- **Garment development:** Fittings, pattern grading, gauge grading, pattern making, sewing and drawing.
- **Software:** DesignaKnit for digital jacquard programming; Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign; Blender for 3D modelling.

Employment

Dublin Vintage Factory, Temple Bar, Dublin Jun 2025–present
Sales Assistant and Content Creator

- Assist Irish and international customers with purchases.
- Create social media content in keeping with the shop’s visual style.

- Work with colleagues in a busy fashion retail shop.

Provender and Family, Dublin 8 May 2022–Jun 2023
Team Member
- Served food and coffee and handled cash.

Costa Coffee, Naas Sep 2021–May 2022
Barista
- Qualified as a barista in November 2021.

Earlier experience

Mill Lane Manor, Naas 2018–2019
Care Assistant
- Helped with the care and feeding of residents.

Maxi Zoo, Naas 2019
Volunteer Sales Assistant
Shop floor and warehouse work.

PwC, Dublin 2019
Transition year placement

Groome Vets, Kildare 2018
Volunteer Animal Carer
Animal care and supply store work.

Awards and Achievements

- Runner-up, Brown Thomas Design Bursary, 2026
- Fine Art scholarship to Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee, Scotland, 2021
- Exhibited at A4 Sounds Fine Art Exhibition, 2024
- Class Representative (Year 1) and Student Council member, NCAD
- Spoke at Google Headquarters on Internet Safety
- Participated in Model UN

Referees

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