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**Pictured:** *Talented Sheffield College graphic design students Charlie Congreve, 17, and Jonah Jerrison-Cater, 17, have won two prestigious industry awards.*

### **Graphic design students win double first prizes in industry award**

Talented graphic design students at The Sheffield College have won two prestigious industry awards.

Two UAL Extended Diploma in Graphic Design students won both of the first prizes in this year's Curtis Packaging Centre of Excellence design competition.

Charlie Congreve, 17, won the packaging construction award category. His design contained fragrance within a sophisticated package inspired by the Art Deco movement.

Charlie said: "It was great to witness industry practice in packaging and print, and winning this prestigious award is fantastic for my future opportunities."

Jonah Jerrison-Cater, 17, won the graphic design award category. His submission consisted of seamless geometric patterns contrasting with natural kraft card. His modern design emphasised sustainability whilst maintaining a sense of luxury.

Jonah said: "I really enjoyed the experience of working with a professional company for a live assignment. I was provided with a fantastic insight into professional design practice, which has dramatically enhanced my studies."

Both students are based at the College's Hillsborough campus on Livesey Street. Along with their class, they travelled to Curtis Packaging last month to be presented with a certificate and a cash prize of £500 each.

Curtis Packaging is one of the UK's leading companies providing high quality printed folding boxboard packaging specialising in the retail, beauty and luxury market sectors. Visit <https://www.curtispackaging.co.uk/>

Andrew Holmes, Design and Visual Arts Lecturer, The Sheffield College, said: "To win first prize in both competition categories with one of the UK's top class packaging companies is a fantastic achievement."

He added: "We train students in the industry skills that employers need, helping them go further in employment, careers and on to the next level course at college or university. I'd like to congratulate Charlie and Jonah on their inspirational success."

Steve Mallett, Sales Director, Curtis Packaging, added: “All the judges were really impressed with all the entries. The students showed a really good eye for graphic design and construction. In addition to their excellent design, the students also showed a real appreciation of the sustainability of fibre-based packaging. It was really pleasing to meet so many future colleagues in our industry.”

During the visit to the company, based in Redhill, Surrey, which took place last month, students were given an insight into the packaging industry. They attended talks from the competition judging panel, with representatives from Foilco, Fedrigoni and BillerudKorsnas, and had a tour of the production process.

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