



Imperial's Fabulous Fashionistas of the Week

Cécile Borkhataria explores our campus which is teeming with stylish guys and gals, and what better way to share their fashion inspiration than to have them pose for Felix and tell us all about where they get their ideas and cool outfits?

Jack Parkinson



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Meet Jack Parkinson, a 4th year physicist. As I sat on one of the tables outside the union bar, I was hoping to find a well-dressed man for my final picture of the day, and low and behold - he was there on the bench outside the bar. As I approached him and asked if he'd like to be featured in Felix, he seemed shy, yet flattered and eager to tell me about his style, and the fact that he owns 20 pairs of shoes! Impressive for a man of Imperial.

When I asked Jack where he got his fashion inspiration from, he replied 'I just wear things I like'. After some thought, his friend mentions that he is 'super preppy'. That's debatable. Jack tells me he loves to shop at Reiss and Zara, staple brands for those who embrace the smart casual look. Jack doesn't have any fashion icons (smells like lies, I bet he wishes he was Ryan Gosling), and he describes his style as unconventional.

So the big question is, where did he get his threads from?

Red scarf: United Colours of Benetton

Shoes: Barkers

Socks (he got excited about his socks): Marks and Spencer

Knitted trousers: Zara

Watch: Emporio Armani

T-shirt: Zara (he thinks, but he told me he was too shy to take it off and check.)

As I thank him and make my way back to my table, he calls me and says 'actually, can you add quirky to my style description?' So there you have it, Jack Parkinson is THE unconventional quirk. I couldn't have put it better myself.

Nafisa Zakaria



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Nafisa Zakaria is a masters student at Imperial's business school, studying innovation, entrepreneurship and management (what a mouthful!) I spotted her on a sunny day in Prince's Gardens. She was with her business school team and I simply had to have her in this spread. She beamed when I asked her if she'd like her picture in an article about Imperial's best dressed.

As she stood up for the picture, my brother, Guillaume Borkhataria, on her course and team, told her how to pose so that the picture would look 'just right'. A degree in film production does make you a perfectionist when it comes to these things, but the pose is just fabulous, and isn't her smile infectious? Nafisa doesn't get her fashion inspiration from any place in particular, for her, it's innate. Massimo Dutti and Burberry are amongst her favourite brands. She describes her dress sense as 'boyish, classic chic'. Her choice of beige hues is indeed very chic. Audrey Hepburn is reborn in this lady!

Nafisa got here beautiful outfit from many of our favourite stores:

Jacket: Zara

Sweater: Massimo Dutti

Shoes: Zara

Sunglasses: Ray Ban

Bag: Longchamp (le plage)

As I leave she thanks me and excitedly asks me when the story goes to print. Here it is darling, keep doing Imperial proud with your sense of style!

Thomas Davis-Díaz



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Thomas, a first year Biochemist and perhaps one of the most eccentric and fabulously dressed men I've ever met, owns his style with confidence and attitude. When I asked Thomas where he gets his inspiration from, he told me that he has no icons or specific sources of inspiration, he 'defines himself' and his own style. He would describe his style as 'East London meets West London.'

He likes to incorporate chic polished coats and accessories with trainers and other eccentric shoes like silver sandals. His silver sandals are so flashy that he even got complemented by one of the guys from the mormon church on exhibition road! You know you've got style when even the suited missionaries of Christ are checking you out.

He has no favourite designers in particular, and generally shuns the mainstream fashion world in favour of lesser known creative individuals. Tom prefers to dress himself in clothes from hidden gem designers, those that are still emerging in the fashion world. For everyday basics though, he swears by Cos.

The clothes he's wearing in this picture are from an eclectic mix of high street and designer brands.

Shoes: Superga

Coat: Ermenegildo Zegna

Cigarette holder (which oh-so fabulously pulls together the look): Harrods

Sunglasses: Benjamin eyewear

Socks: asos

As I show Tom the pictures, he insists that I pick this one because it 'captures his best side' and the all-important cigarette holder. He doesn't do fashion darling, he is fashion.

Alex Naccache



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Alex, a feisty Lebanese chick, is a first year mechanical engineering student here. Her name isn't quite pronounced how you think though. You see in Lebanon they speak French, so this lady's name is pronounced 'Ah-leks.'

Alex gets a lot of her fashion inspiration from magazines, especially vogue and Elle. Her favourite designers are TopShop (the girl loves it, most of her outfit comes from the shopping heaven), Zara, dsquared2 and Prada.

Alex describes her style as comfortable and breezy, and it's true, I often see her in loose dresses and stylish oversized sweaters.

Her fashion icons are mainly models, like Agnes Dean and Alexa Chung. These girls know how look effortlessly cool, just like Alex. So where does she get her trendy garbs from?

Cropped top: TopShop

Jeans: TopShop

Jacket: Levi's

Shoes: Superga

Sunglasses: Prada

Bag: Marc Jacobs

Can't get enough fashion? Why not head to the Royal College of Art graduate fashion show on the 28th of May at 4pm. Tickets available at:

www.rca.ac.uk/fashionticket