

# Fashion

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## Imperial's fashionistas of the week: meet Corinna, John, Laura and Bilal

Cécile Borkhataria searches for the best dressed ladies and gents on campus, digging deep into where they get their fashion inspiration from



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Meet Corinna Lamberti, a 4<sup>th</sup> year Biochemistry with Management student. This stylish Italian lady channels understated chic in all her looks, citing vogue and Pinterest as some of her obvious sources of fashion inspiration. She also gets her inspiration from lookbook, a popular fashion blogging community where people from all over the world upload picture of themselves wearing their favourite outfits.

Being from Italy, Corinna's style has a distinctly European feel to it, often featuring darker, muted colours. Some of her fashion icons include British models Cara Delevingne, Kate Moss and famous art collector Peggy Guggenheim. Corinna has a weakness for french designers, listing Céline, Lanvin and Isabel Marant as some of her favourite labels.

Corinna herself describes her style as European and minimalist, with a particular penchant for statement jewellery. By combining high end and high street pieces, she looks effortlessly stylish and put together.

### Where did she get it?

Black coat: Max Mara  
Top: Cividini  
Jeans: Top Shop  
Shoes: Asos  
Necklace: Urban  
Outfitters  
Bag: Vive la difference



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John Ferguson is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year mechanical engineering Scotsman from Dundee. You can usually spot him in the CGCU building wearing an ultra suave suit or waistcoat. This time however, I caught him on one of his more smart casual days. John takes pride in the clothes he wears, preferring to blow his student loan on nice clothes instead of unnecessary things like smart phones (he still walks around with a pre-historic brick phone.) However, what he lacks in portable tech, he more than makes up for in bringing it in fashion stakes.

John cites the popular men's fashion magazine GQ as a source of his fashion inspiration, as well as movies (probably James Bond). After pressing him for a particular fashion icon, he mentions that he loves Eddie Redmayne's fashion sense. I don't blame him; Eddie Redmayne is a fine man indeed!

Describing his style as "classic" and "dapper", it's not surprising that he chooses to shop at places like Reiss, Suit Supply, Hugo Boss and All Saints. When he's feeling more high street, John's go-to store is always Uniqlo.

### Where did he get it?

Jumper: Uniqlo  
Jeans: Uniqlo  
Shoes: Independent boutique in Italy  
Watch: Time Design  
Belt: vintage  
Glasses: Ray Ban  
Headphones: Sony



Ray ban Wayfarers will always be in style, especially if you buy them in black.

Sunglasses: The Sunglass Hut  
Price: £125.00



### Get the look

Like the looks these guys and gals are wearing? Here are some of the essential items they're wearing that completed their look. A simple outfit can always be made to look more stylish with a great pair of shoes or accessories. Invest in these, and you can even make a white t-shirt and jeans from H&M look good.

These black shoes can be worn with anything – pair them with skinny jeans for a casual look, or wear it with a dress to tone down a feminine look. These shoes are an edgier take on the traditional Chelsea boot, and the heel gives a height boost for petite girls.  
Shoes: Asos Daisy Street Black Chunky Chelsea Boots  
Price: £34.99

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Laura De Arroyo Garcia (what a mouthful!) is a Spanish student studying Biochemistry with Management. She describes her style as preppy, and gets her inspiration from ready to wear fashion collections and Instagram fashionistas, particularly Spanish ones (of course).

Being Spanish, Laura loves a bit of Zara. Combining affordable fashion with high end looks, the brand is a fashion sensation for good reason. Zara is practically an institution in Spain anyway, so you'll rarely come across a Spaniard who doesn't love the brand. Laura also loves high end brands Yves Saint Laurent, Cavalli and Armani. She swears by Cavalli skinny jeans. They're the only jeans she ever goes for because they give "the best fit".

The former IC cheerleader and gymnast often pairs her looks with signature knee high boots, instantly and effortlessly dressing up any look. Laura's also very into jewellery, which is always important when one wants to 'girlyfy' a look. So what are her go-to pieces of choice? Usually a pearl necklace with an 'L' pendant letter for her name. Oh, and her Rolex, of course!

### Where did she get it?

Necklace: Vintage  
Sweater: Zara  
Jeans: Just Cavalli  
Boots: Zara  
Watch: Rolex  
Bracelet: Swarovski



Pandora bracelets have been a fashion sensation since 2003. The concept is simple: buy a plain charm bracelet, and buy and accumulate charms gradually. Eventually, you'll end up with a bracelet loaded with charms!  
Bracelet: Pandora Charm Bracelet - Sterling Silver  
Price: £55.00

A leather loafer is a man's best friend.

The instantly dress up a casual look, making you look more polished.  
Shoes: River Island loafers with Tassels  
Price: £50.00



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At first, Bilal Abou El Ela was slightly apprehensive about featuring in the spread, but after some convincing, the temptation to appear in Felix was all but too much.

Bilal's not your traditional fashionista; it's all-natural for him. When it comes to where he gets his inspiration from, he insists that he doesn't get his inspiration from any online sources, blogs or websites. Instead, he believes his style has been distinctly influenced by growing up in Spain.

He likes to wear light, colourful and summery outfits. His put-together, smart look is classically Spanish. When I asked him about his fashion icons, he couldn't think of a single guy. After some thought though, he responded with, possibly, the most unique answer I've heard yet: his father. Bilal channels his dad's Spanish fashion sense. And isn't that the best gift a parent can give?

If you want to look as cool as Bilal, look no further than Spanish retailer Massimo Dutti. He says they're the best for trousers. For jumpers, Bilal goes to preppy retailer Gant (the closest one to IC is next to Harrods). Not surprisingly, Bilal also loves Hugo Boss, and everything else that's stylish and "not too flashy".

### Where did he get it?

Jumper: Springfield  
Trousers: Massimo Dutti  
Shoes: Vintage loafers  
Watch: Raymond Weil

### Have you spotted anyone fashionable on campus?

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