



ETHAN MARLE

GAMES DEVELOPER

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PERSONAL PROFILE

A highly motivated, multi-award-winning game developer and designer. Recognised as a rising talent, known for winning the Young Creative Awards 19-24 Animation and Digital media category twice and the student of the year award back-to-back. Combines proven leadership capabilities – honed as a Scout Leader, student mentor, and project team manager – with advanced technical skills spanning scripting, level design, 3D modelling, and game design.

TECHNICAL TOOLKIT

- Engines: Unreal Engine 5, Source Engine (Hammer World Editor & VScript).
- Programming: Blueprints, Python, C#, Visual Studio, Git & Diversion Version Control.
- Software Suites: Audacity, Blender, Davinci Resolve, Maya, Substance Painter.
- Creative: Asset pipeline management, project documentation, and UI/UX design.
- Quality Assurance: Test suite development, manual testing methodologies, and bug tracking.

EDUCATION

- BSc (Hons) Games Production | Nottingham Trent University | 2023 – 2026
First-Class Honours | Exceptional First, 16/16 NTU Grade Points
First Year: High First | Second Year: Exceptional First | Third Year: Exceptional First
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Games Technology | Confetti ICT | 2021 - 2023
Grade: D*D*D* (Triple-Grade Distinction Star)
- GCSEs | Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy | 2016 - 2021
Maths, English Literature, English Language, Geography, Computer Science, Design & Technology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and BTEC Sport

RECENT PROJECTS

- Liquidus (<https://ejm-studios.co.uk/liquidus/>): A narrative-driven puzzle game set on an aqueous planet, which is slowly drying up. The project incorporates a custom fluid simulation compression and rendering system which reduces file size requirements of simulations by 93-99%
- Stories from the Event Horizon (<https://ejm-studios.co.uk/stories-from-the-event-horizon/>): A sci-fi, time-loop narrative game set aboard a spaceship trapped within a black hole. The project features an interactive logic system, custom shaders, and non-Euclidean level design to simulate reality-warping effects, leading to varied and occasionally comical outcomes.
- TIC is Alive (<https://ejm-studios.co.uk/tic/>): An award-winning 3D puzzle platformer where players control a "Transfer Instruction Commander" (TIC) as part of a computer architecture, delivering data packets. The project features a custom, interactive logic system which makes it easier to create levels by chaining outputs and inputs from entities.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- Awarded: Student Mentor Certificate of Appreciation | NTU CERT | 2026
- Winner: Animation & Digital Media, 19-24 | Young Creative Awards Nottingham | 2025
"The scope of Ethan's submission impressed all the judges, his narrative is fully formed, and he had created a fully functioning game world."
- Winner: Do It for Real Award | NTU Graduate Festival | 2025
- Awarded: Student Mentor Certificate of Appreciation | NTU CERT | 2025
- Awarded: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award | 2024
- Winner: Animation & Digital Media, 19-24 | Young Creative Awards Nottingham | 2024
"The judges appreciated the amount of effort that has been put into creating this entry: From animated segments to full gameplay sections, the attention to detail is stunning."
- Winner: Milo Kelly Award | Confetti Degree Showcase | 2024
- Winner: Rising Star Award | Confetti Degree Showcase | 2024
- Winner: Random Diversifier | Confetti Winter Game Jam | 2023
- Winner: Funny Voice Diversifier | Confetti Winter Game Jam | 2023
- Shortlisted: Animation & Digital Media, 16-18 | Young Creative Awards Nottingham | 2023
"The judges enjoyed the interactive elements of this well planned and technically complex game."
- Winner: GS21 Student of the Year | Confetti ICT Celebrate Showcase | 2023
- Winner: GS21 Game Jam | Confetti ICT Celebrate Showcase | 2023
- Winner: GS21 Student of the Year | Confetti ICT | 2022
- Winner: GS21 Game Jam | Confetti ICT | 2022

EXPERIENCE & LEADERSHIP

- Scout Leader | 4th Ilkeston Mrs Mundys Own | 2021 – Present
Manage risk assessments, lead expeditions, and mentor youth members.
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award | Bronze Award | 2024
- Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award | in-progress
Completed rigorous residential and expedition requirements, demonstrating elite resilience.
- Videographer | Nottingham Summer Arts Pop Up | 2025
Filmed, edited and produced promotional videos publicising the events.
- Project Manager | Game Jams & Projects | 2021 – Present
Led teams of various sizes under constrained time scales to deliver fully fledged games meeting design briefs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Driving Licence: Full UK Driving Licence (Clean / No Endorsements).
- Interests: Outdoor Endurance: An avid mountain biker and cross-country walker; these activities complement the resilience and navigational skills developed during my Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions.