

## **Innovation: The Fashion Industry M&S Company Archive**

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Hi, I'm Megan Parsons. I'm archive relationship manager at Marks & Spencer. I manage the partnership between M&S and the University of Leeds. Activity within the partnership ranges from student placements to academic research, and this online course.

The M&S Company Archive is based on campus at the University of Leeds. It's a collection of over 70,000 historical items, which tell the story of M&S from the earliest days of the business in 1884 right up to the present day. At the M&S Company Archive we have the Marks in Time exhibition, which is open to the public.

We offer a reading room service where any researcher can engage more closely with the collection, and we run an active education an outreach and events programme as well. We know that not everybody taking the course will be able to come to Leeds. So if you'd like to find out more about the innovations that we've revealed as part of this course, do go online. Have a look at our website where you'll be able to find out more.

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