

School of Medicine Ysgol Meddygaeth

Engaging young people across Wales

2023-2024

SCIENCE health

Life Sciences Challenge

972 PUPILS FROM 42 SCHOOLS ACROSS WALES.

Impact:

- Challenging pupils to look beyond the science curriculum and to think like a scientist.
- Raising aspirations and recognising achievement in maths and science.
- Following participation in the quiz 80% of pupils had increased enthusiasm for science.

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I now have more enthusiasm to learn extracurricular science while being competitive."

PUPIL FEEDBACK

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The challenge made it fun to learn science."

PUPIL FEEDBACK

Science in Health Public Lectures

342 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND PROFESSIONALS ATTENDED THE ONLINE SERIES.

Impact:

- Delivering expert lectures on current hot topics in health research.
- Providing opportunity to engage with experts and ask questions.

Science in Health Work Experience

15 PUPILS FROM 14 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

ATTENDED A ONE-WEEK WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME.

Impact:

- Providing an understanding of a scientist's role and highlighting the wide range of career opportunities available with a degree in science or medicine.
- Providing an insight into real world science and enabling participants to reflect on their experience for their university applications.

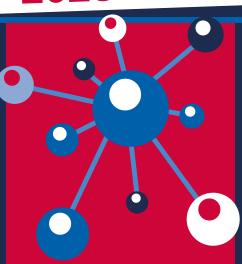
The highlight of my work placement was being able to gain memorable experiences in a variety of different research labs. This gave me a crucial insight into the scientific field."

PUPIL FEEDBACK

I gained a better understanding of the variety of opportunities and career paths in biochemical and biomedical sciences. I am much more sure of the degree I want to apply for and more excited for my future!"

PUPIL FEEDBACK





Science in Health Live!

OVER **400 PUPILS** FROM 17 SCHOOLS AND 9 COLLEGES ACROSS WALES.

Impact:

83%

felt the event had helped them to further their future career goals.

79%

agreed that the event had inspired them towards a career in science in health.

My SiH experience was extremely insightful – I found the explanation and exposure to the machinery utilised very interesting in its application from COVID to genetics. This paired with the extremely friendly staff made the experience intriguing as I had never been inside a laboratory before today. This is not an experience I will ever forget. Thank you so much for making a positive impact!"

PUPIL FEEDBACK



Science in Health Programme: www.cardiff.ac.uk/scienceinhealth



https://www.superbugs.online

SUPERBUGS WEBSITE (WWW.SUPERBUGS.ONLINE)
WITH >20K VIEWS BY >13K VISITORS

43.5% OF VISITS FROM THE UK; USA, IRELAND, GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, SPAIN, FRANCE, CANADA, MALAYSIA, NIGERIA AND TANZANIA EACH WITH >100 VISITS



IN PERSON ENGAGEMENT WITH >150 PEOPLE

EXPANSION OF SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

Impact:

• 6 peer reviewed publications.





Widening Access to Medicine Mentoring Scheme (WAMMS)

1026 PUPILS FROM **39 SCHOOLS** AND **6 COLLEGES** ACROSS WALES.

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Impact:

- Recognition of the value of peer support and mentoring to Welsh pupils considering medicine.
- Support of the Welsh Government priority to increase the numbers of Welsh domiciled pupils applying to study medicine and promoting careers in Wales once qualified.



I found the session very informative, I feel as if I have a better understanding of applying to medicine."

PUPIL FEEDBACK



There were some unique pieces of advice that I hadn't considered before."

PUPIL FEEDBACK



Promoting Academic and Community Excellence (PACE)

PACE Primary

80 PUPILS FROM
2 PRIMARY SCHOOLS
IN CARDIFF

Impact:

- Inspires pupils to see university as a possibility for them.
- Offers primary school pupils a chance to see what it is like to be a university student and challenges them with regards to societal stereotypes when considering healthcare professional jobs.
- Gives an opportunity for medical students to develop their teaching and communication skills, acting as tutors and role models, engaging with a very young audience.

This has been an inspirational experience for pupils. They enjoyed the interactive nature of the sessions." PACE PRIMARY TEACHER FEEDBACK

PACE Summer School

60 PUPILS FROM
4 SECONDARY SCHOOLS
IN CARDIFF

Impact:

- A raised awareness of the requirements for studying medicine at university.
- Pupils felt they were more likely to apply to university after discovering the support and resources available at university.
- An opportunity for medical students to develop their teaching and communication skills.

Other activity

- Primary School Science Session Infection, Blood and Guts (M CLEMENT, M WILLIAMS, M AL-TALIB, D PENN-RIPLEY)
- Grangetown Careers and Role Model Week (K NORRIS, M CLEMENT, S HUGHES WALES CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE)
- In2STEM Work Experience Placements (K LIDDIARD, A POON-KING, N RASTOGI - WALES CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE)
- Rhiwbina Library Code Club (P BRENNAN)
- Neuroscience in the Valleys (G SMITH)
- Eisteddfod 2024 (WALES CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE)
- ESRC Festival of Science Event (LIFESPAN MULTIMORBIDITY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE (LINC) RESEARCH TEAM)
- Destination STEM (K REED)
- Cardiff University Primary School Graduation Event (K REED)
- Primary School workshop Cells in our Body (K REED)





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