

A LEVELS

Welcome to our A Level newsletter specially created for you to see what's been happening in the department you will be joining this September.

Our students have been working harder than ever, despite the lockdown restrictions, which meant new ways of study from home for much of the year.

Highlights include great offers from some of the country's very best universities, guest speakers and trips at home and abroad.

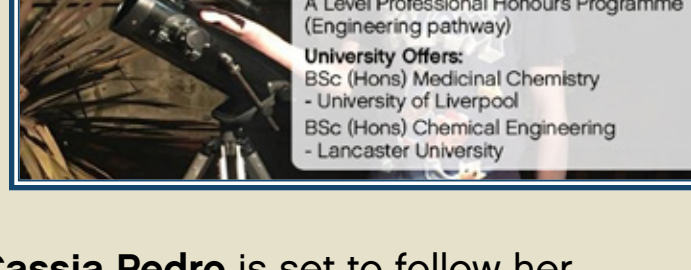
BIOLOGY STUDENTS LEARN FROM EXPERT GENETICIST

A Level Biology students enjoyed a virtual guest presentation from plant geneticist Stacey Vincent. The Royal Holloway, University of London PhD student shed light on her current research in plant immunity.

Students had lots of questions answered and were also given a sequence from Stacey's research to analyse and identify. Click [here](#) to see more.

UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Lewis Roden has offers from two of the north west's best, the University of Liverpool and Lancaster University. The former Hawkley Hall pupil is interested in a career in chemistry.



Cassia Pedro is set to follow her dream of becoming a Clinical Psychologist with an offer from the world ranking University of Manchester to study psychology.

Teaching pathway student, Polly Ball has offers from prestigious Russell Group universities including Durham and the University of York to study English.

"Highlights of my course include the London trip to the House of Commons and Parliament where we observed from the gallery."

Polly wants to take up a teaching career after university.



Aspiring journalist Carla Booth has an offer from another of the UK's leading universities. The University of Leeds forms part of the Russell Group and is a top 100 university in the World University Rankings 2021.



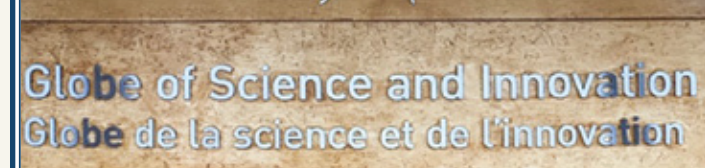
SWISS VISIT FOR BUDDING SCIENTISTS

The European Laboratory for Particle Physics, CERN, in Geneva was the destination for students to learn more about its development.

Cern is home to the Large Hadron Collider, the world's most powerful particle accelerator.



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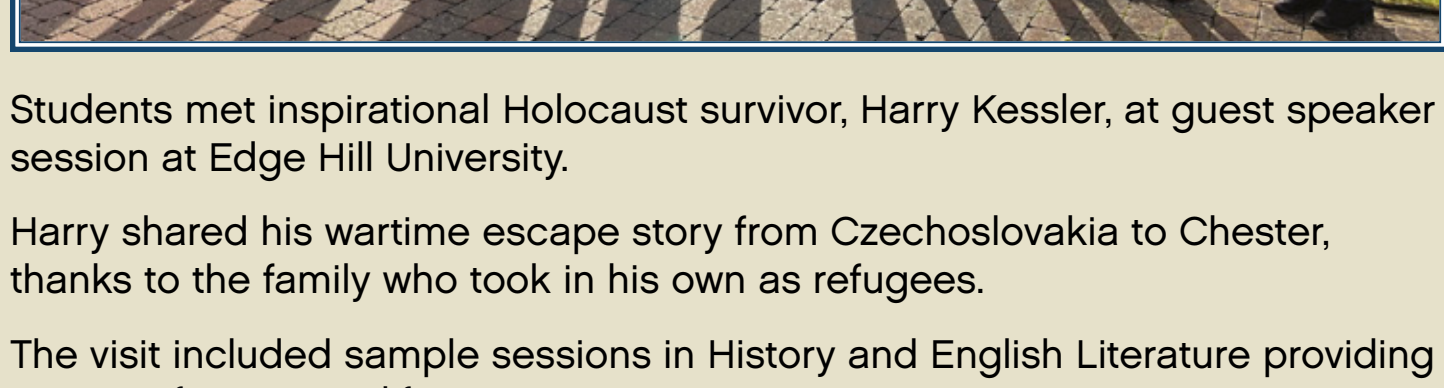
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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR INSPIRES STUDENTS

Students met inspirational Holocaust survivor, Harry Kessler, at guest speaker session at Edge Hill University.

Harry shared his wartime escape story from Czechoslovakia to Chester, thanks to the family who took in his own as refugees.

The visit included sample sessions in History and English Literature providing a taste of university life.



HOUSE OF LORDS TRIPS

Students attended Parliamentary workshops to gain an insight into how UK legislation is passed.

The London trip also included a session with Baroness Benjamin to find out more about her work in the House of Lords.

A cultural and historic tour of the city rounded off the day, complementing A Level studies in Economics, Social Science, History and Media.



SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF KRAKOW



Students managed to squeeze in another trip abroad before lockdown restrictions hit travel plans nationwide. Krakow in Poland was the destination for a visit to Oskar Schindler's Factory museum, as well as the sights and culture of the Old Town.

Click [here](#) to see more.

AN AID FOR ALL

Motivational speaker and disability rights campaigner Aidan Matear shared his achievements and experience of living with a disability.

Aiden was inspired at school by current Wigan & Leigh College tutor Anna Cook and went on to achieve a first class honours degree in creative writing.

Aiden's blog, An Aid for all, features his poetry and experiences as an advocate for people with disabilities.

Aiden has cerebral palsy and uses advanced computer software to write just by scanning his eyes over the screen.



THE BEST DEFENCE BAR NONE



Students enjoyed success in their defence case at the prestigious Bar National Mock Trial at Preston Crown Court.

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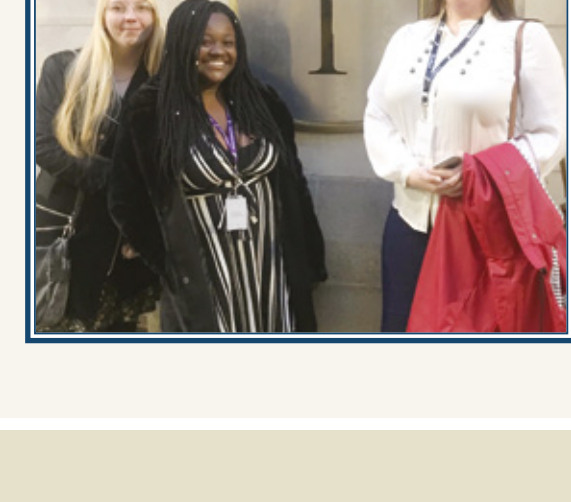
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INSIGHT INTO CAREERS IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Sociology students visited the Consulate of Iraq in Manchester to learn about careers in international diplomacy. They spoke to a number of Embassy professionals, including the Consul General of Iraq, the Honorary Ambassador for Japan and Ambassador for Poland.



SCIENCE STUDENTS GET HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

Science students visited the University of Central Lancashire to find out more about Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR).

They attended an undergraduate lecture on the background theory of NMR prior to viewing the machine in action, preparing and running a sample of a medicine.



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