



THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WITH RESEARCH (PER) TEAM PRESENTS

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ASK ME ANYTHING!
WITH LAUREN EVANS

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LAUREN EVANS

(SHE/HER)

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WHERE WERE YOU BORN?

Glasgow, Scotland

WERE YOU ALWAYS INTERESTED IN SCIENCE?

I have always enjoyed the creative and problem solving part of research. The freedom to explore ideas with the potential of discovering something new excites me. I have been interested in research without really knowing it throughout my whole career; only recently I have realised I have a curious and creative mind and I am best suited in a research role.

WHAT SUBJECT WAS YOUR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN?

Forensic & Analytical Chemistry

WHAT IS YOUR PHD PROJECT ABOUT?

I make tiny particles (called nanoparticles) which are designed to be really clever and will carry medicines to bad cells in cancer patients without making them more ill with side-effects.

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY?

I can be in a chemistry lab making particles then I need to check if what I've made really is what I've said it is, using different machines. I need to look at data which is my favourite part! I also write reports and read about other people's amazing science. The best part of my PhD is talking to people about my research, I love sharing my passion with others and hearing what they have to say about it (I've made posters and presentations to share with other scientists around the world!)

IF YOU WEREN'T A SCIENTIST, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING NOW?

I'd be a performer on the West End Stage - my DREAM is to be Elphaba in the Musical Wicked!!!

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN THREE WORDS

Enthusiatic, helpful, ambitious

FAVOURITE FOOD?

My favourite food is cake (who's isn't?)

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN?

Michael Buble (all year round not just for Christmas), but I love Dua Lipa and Ed Sheeran just as much!

WHAT WAS THE MOST FUN THING YOU'VE EVER DONE?

The most fun thing I do is dance! Dancing is one of the top things which makes me happy.

TELL US A JOKE!

What type of dogs do chemists own?
Laboratory Retrievers

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