

# Megan Lester

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I am a second-year student currently studying Biochemistry at the University of Bristol. I am highly self-motivated and dedicated with strong communication skills and enjoy working both in a team setting and individually.

## Education

### University of Bristol, BSc Biochemistry

#### Year 2:

**Currently undertaking**

- Modules include: Molecular Cell Biology, Macromolecular Structure, Dynamics and Function, Recombinant DNA Technology, Gene Expression and Rearrangement, Biomedical Research, Employability and Enterprise Skills, and Spanish.

#### Year 1: 77% (First)

**2021/2022**

- Modules include: Molecules of Life (81%), Biomolecular Interactions (72%), Cellular Composition (76%), Cellular Processes (75%), Fundamentals of Molecular Microbiology (78%), and Mechanisms of Drug Action (84%)

### Sir John Deane's Sixth Form College, Northwich

**2019 – 2021**

- A-levels: Maths (A\*), Biology (A\*), and Chemistry (A\*)
- AS levels: Further Maths (A)

### Tarporley High School, Tarporley

**2015 – 2019**

- 9 GCSEs: grades 9 to 8, including Maths, English and Triple Science.

## Work experience

### Café Assistant, Okells Garden Centre, Duddon

**May 2018 – February 2022**

- Both front and back-of-house roles involving working the till, making coffees, kitchen porter, serving food and drink, and handling money.
- Communicating with colleagues to ensure the timely and correct preparation of customers orders under pressure.
- Maintaining workstation and other kitchen areas to a high hygiene standard.
- Often responsible for opening up and closing down the café independently.

### Lab based week work experience, University of Liverpool

**February 2020**

- Accompanied a professor and PhD student researching an unfamiliar gene.
- Observed typical laboratory procedures, such as immunostaining, gel electrophoresis and microscopy.
- Aided with calculating required volumes and pipetting with precision.

**Ridge Hill Kennels and Cattery, Utkinton****March – November 2018**

- Cleaning duties to ensure the kennels met a high standard of health and safety.
- Ensuring dogs are all fed with the correct food and medication and have enough time to run around outside.

## **Volunteer experience**

**4-week Charity Expedition to Ecuador****July 2019**

- Fundraised £4000 through part-time working, cake sales and car washes.
- The core objectives were to help raise the educational and living standards of developing communities within Ecuador. I did this by aiding the build of classrooms, community centres and public toilets.
- Assisted with ongoing wildlife conservation programmes to preserve biodiversity and protect vulnerable habitats.

**Reading Assistant, Kingsmead Primary school, Northwich****September 2019 – March 2020**

- Helped students aged 8-11 to develop their reading skills by sitting with them for an hour each week.
- Completed a report each time to note down achievements and words that they struggled with.

**Library Assistant, Tarporley High School Library****September 2017-May 2018**

- Organised books on the shelves and was responsible for correctly checking in and out books.
- Interacted with customers and helped them find books and give recommendations.

## **Interests/Other Achievements**

- Coding – completed a 'JavaScript Algorithms and Data Structures' course on FreeCodeCamp and have experience in Python and C#.
- Duke of Edinburgh – both bronze and silver levels, this included over a year of volunteering, a skill and exercise, and multiple overnight expeditions.
- Music – played piano through secondary school and up to grade 4 in exams.
- Sport – played in Northwich Sapphires Netball club and enjoy playing golf in the evenings or on the weekend.
- Babysitting – given the responsibility of looking after a 5-year-old in the evenings.
- Housesitting/dog sitting – looked after people's houses while they were away, watered plants, cleaned the house, walked the dogs and gave the dogs and cats medication.

## **References**

References available upon request