

### **Personal Intros for the Link Tree:**

Angela - Hi, I'm Angela. I'm a first year Diagnostic Radiography student at Salford University. I came back to studying after spending over ten years working in the NHS, most recently in the Breast screening service. That made me realise that I wanted to go into Radiography, which I knew would be a career that would allow me to keep learning, whilst giving me the opportunity to care for and support a wide range of people. Returning to study as a mature student with young children was daunting, and it does have its challenges! However, this year has been one of the most enjoyable and fulfilling experiences I've ever had. I wish I hadn't waited so long to put my fears aside and go for it!



Sarah D - Hello, my name is Sarah and I am a 2nd year student Therapeutic Radiographer at the University of Hertfordshire. When I wanted to retrain, I had a list of what I wanted my new career to have including; lots of people contact, the opportunity to study a degree at university, to be within the medical industry, IT involvement and a career that has lots of opportunity for personal and professional growth for a mature student. I have found all of this within radiography and absolutely love the mix of the caring, human side of the role along with the academic study. I am a passionate advocate for my new profession and relish the chance to talk to anyone about it!



Rebecca - Hi, I'm Becca, a 3rd Year Student Diagnostic Radiographer! I chose radiography after studying science A-levels, knowing I wanted to work in healthcare following volunteering with a hospice and First Aid group. What I love about our profession is that we care for patients from all walks of life (from paediatric to palliative patients) and have the privilege to be involved in many patients' journeys.



Shaheen - Hello! My name is Shaheen and I am a third year Diagnostic Radiography student. In college, I studied A-Levels Biology, Chemistry & Maths (most universities like seeing biology or sciences on an application!), which is one of the study routes that are taken when applying for this course. I chose this degree because I have always wanted to work in healthcare, but I also wanted the option of working in various specialties within my field, which is why I knew Radiography was the career for me.



Melissa - Hi everyone, My name is Melissa and I'm currently finishing first year at the University of Liverpool, studying Therapeutic Radiography & Oncology... AND I LOVE IT! Already I have had so many opportunities and life-changing experiences. I have always felt strongly about the significance of Oncology and Cancer care, especially when considering that 1 in 2 of us will unfortunately develop the disease, meaning everyone will be affected (either personally or through a loved one).

Therapeutic Radiography involves the best mix of patient interaction, with science and technology, and I would strongly recommend exploring our ever-evolving profession.



Sophie - Hello, I'm Sophie and I'm in my final year of MSc Therapeutic Radiography at London South Bank University. I chose this pathway because, after doing a lab based project in my undergraduate degree, I felt I wanted a career where I could help people face to face. Therapeutic radiography allows me to interact with my patients everyday, help them through their highs and lows and ultimately make their day a little brighter.



Derv - Hi my name is Derv. I am a first year Diagnostic Radiographer at University of Suffolk. Growing up I was a cadette for an ambulance corps, I always knew from then on I wanted to work in healthcare. I decided to spend a day in summer shadowing radiographers and I fell in love with the career. Now I have started my journey as a Diagnostic Radiographer I cannot imagine doing anything else.



Emily - Hi, my name is Emily Reed. I am a student Therapeutic Radiographer at Sheffield Hallam University. The reason I chose Therapeutic Radiography, is because my Grandma was a cancer patient and I was given the opportunity to go to a day of treatment with her. I got to see firsthand how the staff were, both with my Grandma, and myself; this was what confirmed my decision. I will never forget the staff that cared for her, and I want to show the same dedication to care that my Grandma was given, for all patients. The support we can provide to both our patients and their families makes such an impact! I don't think I could see myself doing anything else, in or outside the NHS. any opportunity I get, I want to promote this rewarding profession.





Steph - Hi, my name is Steph. I am a second year Diagnostic Radiography student at the University of Salford.

I didn't know that radiography was the career for me until I was 29. I took a job at my local hospital as a Radiology Department Assistant. And it was during my 5 years there, that I found a real passion for Diagnostic Radiography. And now, with less than 12 months to go, I can't ever imagine doing anything else.

As a mature student, and mother to 2 young children, the thought of studying for my first degree was daunting, but I needn't be worried. I'd highly recommend radiography as a career for anyone who has a passion for science

and technology!

Thailay - Hi my name is Thailay and I am a second year Diagnostic Radiography student at the University of Salford. I have wanted to train as a Diagnostic Radiographer since I was 17, however I was unsuccessful at application and subsequently studied a Criminology degree and trained as a secondary Social Science teacher. I chose to leave my profession and retrain as I loved working with people, however, I really wanted to get hands on in a healthcare career rather than just teaching about it. My journey so far as a student radiographer has been amazing, and I would highly recommend to anybody considering this course to book a work shadowing day and see how varied our roles are!

