

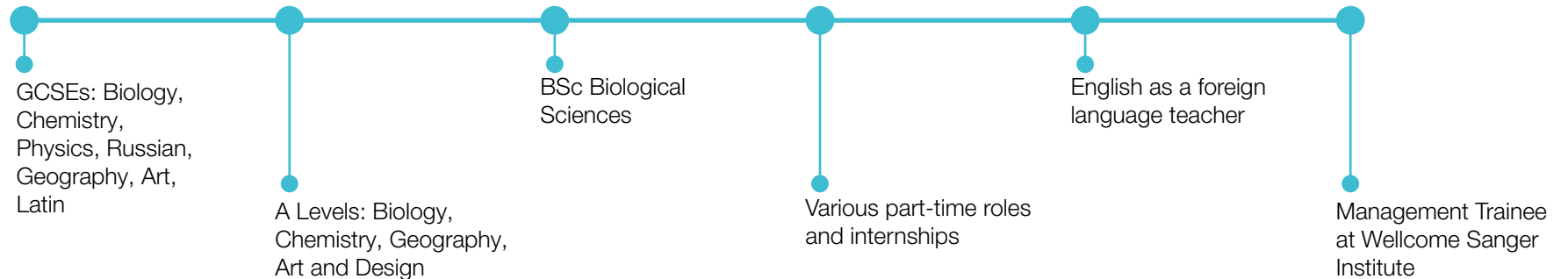


Name:
Jessica

Job title:
Management Trainee

What do I do:
Throughout this 2 year rotational scheme I integrate into various operational teams to support their work and deliver independent projects, gaining a holistic understanding of the departments that enable Sanger to function.

My career highlights



What do I enjoy most about my job?

It's fascinating being able to work with such a diverse range of teams. It also means you can offer first-hand perspective and understanding on the strengths and challenges faced by other teams when your current team collaborates with them.

What was my favourite subject at school?

Moving between teams every 6 months means uprooting from a network which I've built, on a regular basis. It can also be hard to move on from projects which I would like to see through, but can't in that time frame.

Skills I use in my job :



Problem Solving

Problem Solving is key when working on complex projects involving stakeholders with varying priorities



Teamwork

Teamwork is integral to collaborating with each team that I am placed with, to ensure I deliver on their expectations



Communication

Good communication allows me to establish the requirements of new teams when frequently moving departments



Organisation

Good organisation allows me to keep track of projects I'm working on within and across teams, for example sample management tracking

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:

Roles outside of a lab, but close to science, do exist! Keep an eye out for non-lab teams working with academia – particularly on uni websites - and actively approach them with curiosity. If it goes well, I've found asking for work experience is valuable beyond school, and even beyond university – it's great for exploring an area you're interested in.

What hobbies do I have?

I generally adopt every arts/crafts technique I can find... and enjoy making my own clothes! Outside is where I'm happiest and I'll similarly balance having a go at most things, which has previously included streamhiking, bouldering, and surfing (badly).

