

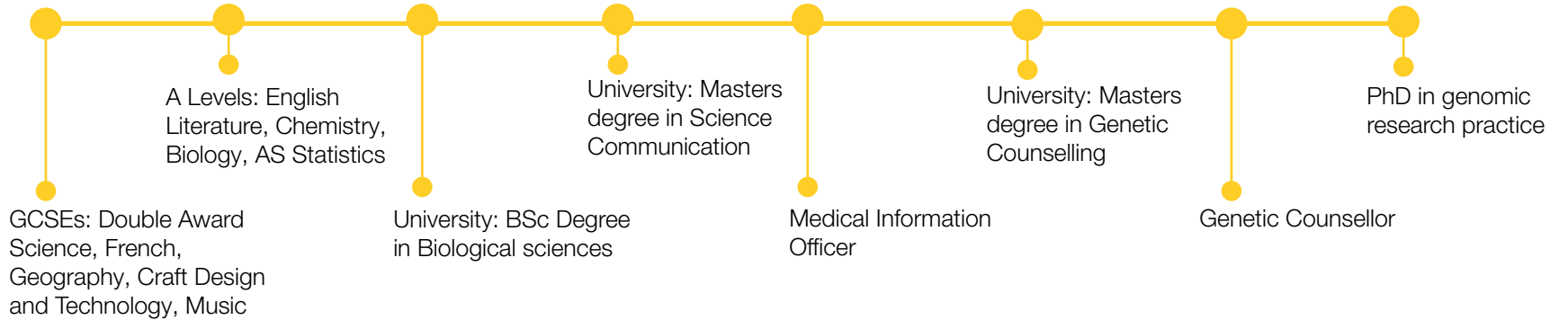


Name:
Sasha

Job title:
Genetic Counsellor

What do I do:
I work with patients who are affected by genetic conditions. I support them through the diagnosis of the condition and the chance of the condition reoccurring in their family.

My career highlights



What does a typical day/week look like in my role?
As a genetic counsellor I would spend a couple days a week in the clinic talking to patients. Many hours writing patient letters and attending meetings with other health care professionals.

What was my favourite subject at school?
Science and English, because I liked learning new things and being able to communicate them in creative ways.

Skills I use in my job :



Problem solving:

Being diagnosed with a genetic condition often requires deciding between various tests or treatments, my role helps me to assist patients make decisions



Teamwork

As a genetic counsellor you work alongside lots of different health professionals to provide the best care



Communication

I communicate complex genetic information to a wide range of people with various backgrounds



Listening

Patients I see can be effected in various ways by a genetic condition and are often faced with grief, loss, fear and confusion. It's important to listen to their needs to make the best decisions for their future

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:

- Find out which part of genetics makes you the most excited
- Be prepared to always learn new things
- Be open to change

What's next in my career?

Who knows! Finish PhD and figure it out then.

