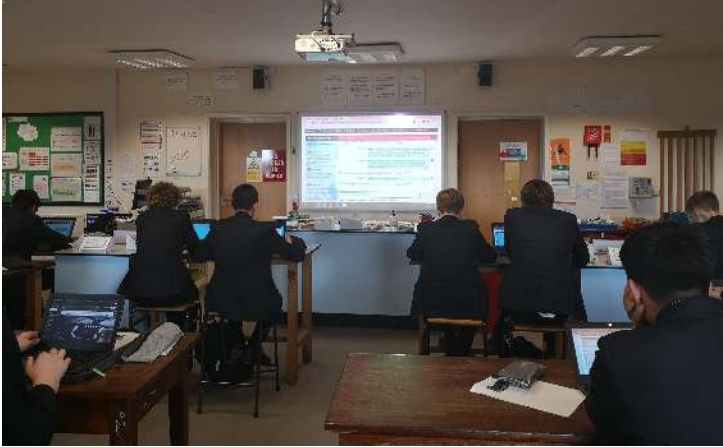


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## STEM Enrichment for Stokesley's budding Scientists

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On Thursday 9th June, a class of Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to chat live with several research scientists who are involved in all aspects of cancer research. Students were able to ask the scientists about their research and their careers to get a better understanding of their role.

*I'm a Scientist* is an online, student-led STEM enrichment activity and it connects school students with scientists through energetic, real-time, text based chats. Our students asked questions about the A-level subjects the scientists had chosen, what their experiences of university were like, and what had inspired them to pursue a career in medical research. Their Teacher, Mrs Hope, was thrilled that the class were so enthusiastic and was proud that they had asked so many brilliant and thoughtful questions about the factors that lead to cancer developing in patients, the various available treatments and the unlying science.

One student, Alfie, who knows he wants to do something in medicine, said he had never looked into a research role before but is now considering it because being a research scientist could help so many people as there are various areas in oncology that he could choose to specialise in. The class were surprised to hear that many of the scientists had been unsure of what they wanted to do and that they had made decisions much later on about which area they wanted to specialise in. They were also surprised to learn that you can get paid to carry out the research which led to in-depth discussions afterwards about why companies may choose to sponsor research.

All in all, it was a very informative session that we hope inspired our students to consider a career in science, a huge thank you to all the Scientists involved at *I'm a Scientist* for their time.

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