

DLS CAREER COMPASS

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DLS WIDE



At the start of semester 1 all DLS 1st and 2nd years were invited to hear from students returning from a year in industry or a research placements. Students from across degree schemes described their job roles on placement and the pros and cons of taking up these opportunities, ideas and contacts. Talks/placements included, Chester Zoo, Two Birds farming (New Zealand), Seal Centre (Netherlands), Astra Zeneca, Centre of Excellence for Bovine Tuberculosis.



ANIMAL SCIENCES



On the 5th and 6th of November the Animal Sciences team ran a two-day Veterinary Biosciences taster event for year 12 and 13 pupils to showcase career paths and educational routes into veterinary based careers, whether as a veterinary surgeon or in allied industries. Activities included a bovine or equine lower limb dissection, parasitology lab and comparative anatomy lecture. If you would like to find out more about degree scheme choices and careers in the veterinary biosciences, please contact Debbie Nash.

AGRICULTURE



On the 23rd of October, the British Institute of Agricultural Consultancy held a panel discussion with some local consultants involved with grassland management, nutrition and business management. The discussion was chaired by Wendy Jenkins (Director of CARA, Chair of BIAC and Aberystwyth graduate). Panel discussed various pathways into consultancy and the typical day in the life of being a consultant. Panelists also mentioned their own YII and graduate schemes that their employers had and encouraged students to apply. 32 students attended, with plenty of questions from the floor.



AGRICULTURE



On Monday 20th October Agriculture students were invited to attend the Annual Agriculture Student Awards ceremony with invited guest speaker. Over 40 students and staff attended the event with awards being handed out for a range of academic, applied and contribution to student life achievements. This year we welcomed Nick Davies, the Group Agriculture Director at 2Agriculture. Nick has a wealth of experience in the agri-food sector from farm to retail, food service, restaurant and export covering beef, lamb, pork and now chicken, where he plays a pivotal role in supplying over 7m chickens every week to 2 Sisters Food Group. Nick gave a fantastic talk about his journey from inner city Oxford boy through to farmer and now one of the leading figures in the UK food supply industry.



MSC AGRIFOOD INNOVATION: IBERS DISTANCE LEARNING



Before starting her MSc, Jemimah worked in Kenya's private animal-health sector and couldn't secure FAO interviews; early in the programme she gained an FAO internship that was later extended to the maximum term. The MSc built her technical credibility (alternative proteins, forage conservation) and KE skills linking SMEs to pastoralists and policy. Her dissertation on hay adoption in Kajiado is generating actionable evidence for training, input access and donor proposals, positioning her for programme officer roles in resilience, livestock or food-systems innovation.

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