



Rare Diseases Day at Royal Holloway University

Spring Term 2016



The Year 12 Biologists learned about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and Spinal Muscular Atrophy along with other genetic diseases when they recently attended Royal Holloway's Rare Disease Day, at its campus in Egham.

All enjoyed the exhibitions about the genetic and biochemical basis of many of the diseases, and discovered more about research into treatments.

Lectures from Dr Phillip Chen and Professor George Dickson, leading experts in this field, were in-depth, interesting and stimulating.

Students were able to carry out hands-on biochemical assays that helped the sixth formers to understand diagnostic techniques, and they spoke to current undergraduates about their courses and university life.

This event was inspirational and demonstrated the links between academic knowledge, patient experiences, biological mechanisms, life science research, medicine and practical applications used for disease treatment.

