

*“It was presented in a way that
even I understood”
male, aged 13*

*“I liked learning about the
drugs and how bad they are”
female, aged 13*

*“I learnt about what
pathology really meant”
male, aged 14*

For the second year running IATDMCT young scientists took part in the Royal College of Pathologists, National Pathology Week, raising the profile of pathology in the UK. Throughout the week hundreds of events were being hosted in hospitals, schools, shopping centres, museums etc, and were aimed at a wide range of audiences, including health care professionals, scientists, the public and school children. Events ranged from grand rounds, presentations and poster sessions through to laboratory tours, open days and demonstrations. More details can be found on the dedicated web site: www.nationalpathologyweek.org

During National Pathology Week, Head of Forensic Toxicology Services, Jenny Button, and her colleagues, Denise McKeown and Susie Davies, from St George’s – University of London, carried drug and safety awareness messages to students at The Priory School in Orpington. In lessons throughout the day, over 100 students, aged between 13 and 16, learnt about ‘street drugs - what you need to know’, ‘drugs on the dance scene – expect the unexpected’ and ‘drug-facilitated crime - Staying out of danger’. Jenny and her colleagues also visited Wimbledon Probation Unit to talk to Programme Tutors, Administrators and Treatment Managers of Offending Behaviour Programmes about the links between drug use and crime. With drug use forming an integral part of the lifestyle of the most common types of offender, it is important those working in probation and rehabilitation programmes are drug aware so they can offer the support needed.



*“Jenny Button, Head of Toxicology, St George’s - University of London
Presenting at the Wimbledon Probation Unit”*