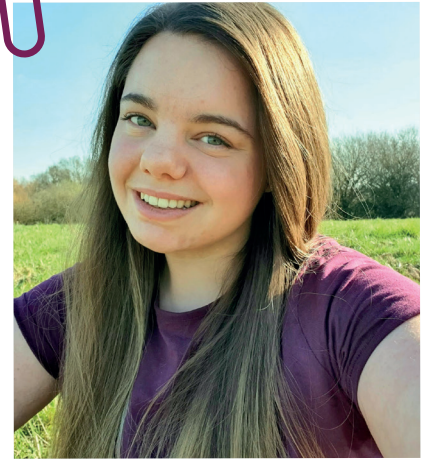




making physics matter



Phizzi professionals

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School

At school, art was a huge thing for me and I wanted to be an interior designer. But after my GCSEs, I really wanted to keep studying physics at A-Level, thanks to one of my favourite teachers - the funniest and most clever teacher I had!



What next?

I struggled with physics at A-level as I wasn't confident in maths; but after failing miserably I tried again. My new physics teacher was super patient and allowed me to spend as much time as I wanted revising in the lab. Ultimately, I passed my A-levels, with maths as my best subject.



Why physics?

I did an internship (Ogden Coastal Energy) during my A-levels which gave me the confidence to believe I could do physics at university; I went on to the University of Lincoln and achieved a first class degree! I have always thought physics was fascinating. But more than that, I believed that it could open doors for my future and allow me options in careers I wouldn't have thought possible.



And now?

I currently work as a Project Manager for BAE Applied Intelligence - something I would never have even considered had it not been for studying physics and following STEM subjects.



Physics in practice

Although I don't use physics directly in my daily work, the analytical skills I learnt, the presenting and group projects that I had to do at university, have all been crucial to my success in my current role where I have to give monthly reports on the projects I run.



Advice for young scientists

Work hard and keep going - it will come. I couldn't rearrange a formula during my first attempt at A-levels, but I went on to achieve a first class degree in the subject I had failed. Sometimes it might be a little harder, but if you keep trying, you'll get there. Have confidence in yourself.

