

# Young Scientist

## Rose McNelly

Rose is a keen young scientist who attended the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers finals in Birmingham in 2017.

The Big Bang Fair is an award-winning combination of theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals. The fair aims to show young people aged 7-19 the exciting and rewarding opportunities available to them with the right experience and qualifications.

The Big Bang Competition attracts finalists from across the UK to compete for a host of awards including UK Young Engineer of the Year and UK Young Scientist of the Year.

At the event Rose was able to network with other finalists and learn about their projects and also met with some of the country's leading scientists and engineers.

Following several rounds of judging Rose was announced as the recipient of the London International Youth Science Forum prize for her project on '*Sequencing the Genome of the European Polecat.*'

As a result of winning the award Rose was able to attend the London International Youth Science Forum residential event held at Imperial College London. The two week event enabled Rose to attend lectures and demonstrations from leading scientists, visits to industrial sites, research centres, scientific institutions and organisations, including world class laboratories and universities.

Following excellent A Level results, Rose is now studying Natural Sciences at a top University.