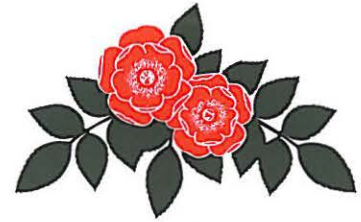


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Nasty bugs, tasty treats and sticky fingers

Local school pupils will come face to face with some of the nasty bugs that can cause food poisoning at the University of Central Lancashire this week, when they take part in a hands-on microbiology session as part of National Science Week.

Pupils from Leyland St Mary's Catholic Technology College will attend the sessions on Wednesday 13th March and get a really close look at the bugs, microbes and micro-organisms which are in our food and drink.

As well as taking an arms length look at the nasty bugs which cause upset tummies, the pupils will get to taste food and drinks which have been manufactured using other perfectly safe micro-organisms. They will also take a very close look at the micro-organisms growing on their own fingers. Using microscopes, video link and other laboratory equipment they will be able to examine the bugs and microbes in close detail.

Microbiology lecturer, Dr Reg England, says: "If previous experience is anything to go by, then the pupils will have a fantastic time discovering the wonderful world of bugs, microbes and microbiology."

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Notes to editors:

1. **Photo opportunity** - photographers are welcome to attend either of the sessions, which are being held at 11.00am to 12.30pm and 2.00 to 3.30pm in Maudland Building.
2. Further details from Reg England on 01772 893513, email rengland@uclan.ac.uk or Kate Ford on 01772 892481, email kjford@uclan.ac.uk.