



# NEWS RELEASE

## Sarah wins 'best student' prize

Sarah Solan, 21, from Spennymoor, has won a national prize for being the best student on her degree course at University.

A former pupil of St John's RC Comprehensive School, Sarah is now a student at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston. She won the Society for General Microbiology (SGM) prize for being the best second year student on a microbiology degree.

Head of Department, Professor Bill Winlow, congratulated Sarah and presented her with a certificate and a cheque for £50.

"I felt really privileged just to be nominated for the award and I really didn't expect anything to come of it," says Sarah. "When I heard that I'd won I was shocked, but obviously delighted."

Sarah is currently in the final year of her degree course and is working hard on her final year research project. She is considering doing a PhD after completing her degree.

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**Photographs available as jpeg files.**

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