

# SAERI NEWS

## Back to School for the SAERI Scientists

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*Former FICS student Amy Guest helping students identify marine species*

The SAERI scientists headed back to school on Thursday 18 March for the Falkland Islands Community School's (FICS) Careers Day, showcasing to students the exciting and varied opportunities available to those who pursue a career in Science.

Terrestrial scientist, Dr Steffi Carter; Marine Biologist, Dr Ander Lecea; Marine Ecologist, Dr Tabitha Pearman; Software Engineer, Cat

Gallagher; Project Manager, Debbie Barlow and PhD student, Amy Guest (a former FICS student) lead two sessions with students drawn from all years in the school.

It was a wonderful chance for the team to share their journeys in science and inspire the students with the amazing projects and teams they have been a part of and led. The team also engaged the students in the labs, conducting a pH analysis of soil samples taken for the Falklands Soil Mapping Project and identifying marine samples collected for the Marine Management Areas and the Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems Projects.

The students were really engaged, asking questions and enthusiastically taking part in the practicals, with one student already set on a career in marine biology, so hopefully we might see him as a work experience student in a few years' time.

Thanks to all the students and the team at FICS and Falklands College for a fantastic event.



Students conducting a pH analysis



Dr Tabitha Pearman showing the identifying features of a Seapen