

## Alana Georghi report on LIYSF - July/Aug 2024

LIYSF was truly a life changing experience I will never forget. I was so nervous the first day we got there and felt a bit like “What am I doing here? I don’t belong here”, but eventually that feeling slowly started to dissipate as the staff would insist that we all deserved to be there.

I made so many new friends, some of which I am still keeping in touch with and we hope to reunite some time in the coming year. I was surrounded by so many different cultures, it was quite beautiful to see. The students there all had such unique ideas/perspectives, and are truly some of the smartest young people I’ve met.

Getting to explore London and go on all the different trips throughout England was also an incredible experience, as well as being able to attend so many great lectures in the different domains of science and engineering.

My favourite lecture was about particle physics; it really made me question if I could see myself studying something like that in the future.

I was genuinely so happy at LIYSF that when the end came, not only did I wish that we had at least another 1-2 weeks together, but I also cried as we all said our goodbyes!