

Sir Alec Jeffreys Visit

Sir Alec Jeffreys spoke to 250 16-18 year olds at Kings High School, Warwick on 2nd November 2011 about Genetic Fingerprinting. Students from different schools in and around Warwick attended.

The talk entitled "Genetic Fingerprinting: past, present and future" was organized by the Biochemical Society to engage pupils with science, through meeting a real life scientist, working on cutting edge research.



The first genetic fingerprint



Sir Alec with (l to r), Jenny, Deputy Head Girl Georgia, Mrs Sims and Alexandra

Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys currently works on genetic variability and mutation in human and animal DNA. He is better known to most as the inventor of genetic fingerprinting.

Mrs Sims, Teacher in Charge of Biology, said ..." Sir Alec was a brilliantly engaging speaker and his lecture kept the whole audience rapt for an hour. The case studies of crimes, immigration and paternity disputes solved by DNA fingerprinting were touching and the case of the inbreeding Ibises was very amusing! Students remarked how Sir Alec had made the science feel relevant to them and how his enthusiasm had inspired them."

