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Our Year 12 Women in Science winners 2009, V Golash and A Verma took a memorable day trip, in August, to see London's Natural History Museum and to examine some less public treasures in the archives of the Royal Society.

After close encounters with Dinosaurs, Darwin and Devastating Earthquakes at the NHM, we were shown around the library and members rooms and saw the original portraits of so many famous scientists who have passed through the Royal Society – there were relatively few photos of women scientists – who were only admitted to the RS since 1947

Our girls were admitted to the climate controlled basement archive of the Royal Society and allowed to read actual handwritten calculations and annotations made, by Sir Isaac Newton and a handwritten first draft of his book 'Principia Mathematica'

They also handled Leeuwenhoek's letters, microscope and drawings ... very carefully!

With some fascination they studied Malpighi's anatomical drawings of dissected corpses circa 1680 and even managed to squeeze in a little sightseeing at Big Ben and Buck' Palace too.

All in all, the day proved to be a terrific combination of science and history which the girls will remember.

Their adventures continue this term as they are due to spend a day with Lancaster University research scientists at their work.

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