



## LAURA BENN

Communicator, Trainer and Service Provider

🗨️ The best part of my job is the variety of work - every project is different! 🗨️

Laura Benn, Physicist, Magnetic Shields

### What kind of person is Laura?

Laura is a very practical and curious person, which are great characteristics to have when your job is all about figuring out how things work! Being out-going and diplomatic is also handy because Laura spends a lot of her time working with clients.

### What is Laura's job?

Laura is a Physicist for Magnetic Shields, a company based in Kent, England that manufactures specialised magnetic shielding equipment that is used in science experiments and products within universities and a variety of industries. Laura mainly performs technical consulting: she liaises with clients, reviews their projects and advises them on the technical aspects of their product designs. She also tests customers' products and conducts her own research in her spare time.

### How did she get that job?

Laura wanted to be a doctor when she was young but realised she preferred solving mathematical problems and figuring out how things worked instead! She did A-Levels in Maths, Chemistry, Physics and English Literature before doing a Physics degree (with an integrated master's degree too) at university. She also took on two summer placements, which gave her loads of relevant experience. She earned £25,000 for her first graduate job.

### Why is Laura the 'Communicator', 'Trainer' and 'Service Provider'?

Laura fits the 'Communicator' type because she's good at explaining complex technical ideas to her clients. As a 'Trainer', she's also great at sharing her knowledge with those customers while helping them improve their products. Finally, as a 'Service Provider', Laura is very organised and has a great eye for detail, which she uses when she works on clients' projects. Laura thinks the 'People Like Me' quiz would have been most useful at university, because that's when she felt the least secure about her future! She hopes the quiz will get girls thinking early on about the subject choices that lead to interesting and fulfilling jobs.