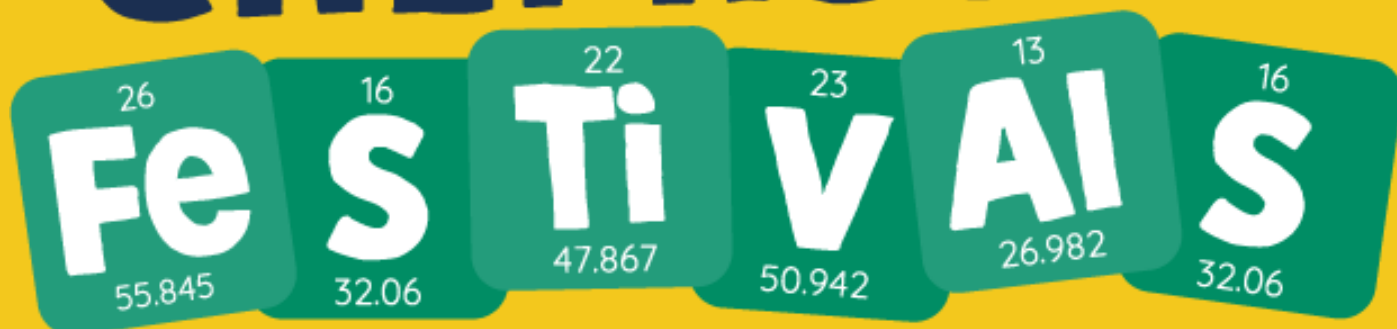


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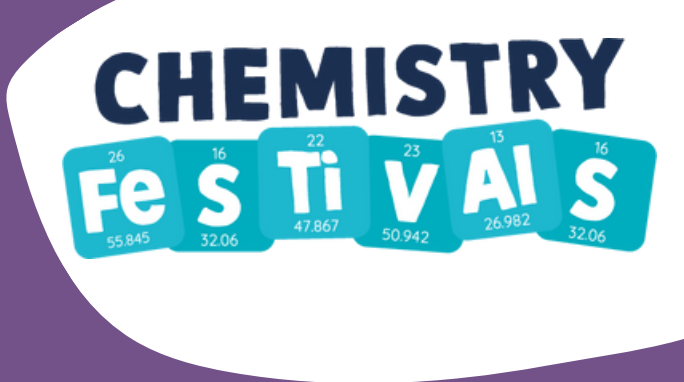
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INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

The Salters' Institute's Festivals of Chemistry consists of a hybrid approach to explore all that chemistry offers as a subject area and as a gateway to many careers.

This hybrid offering includes videos, classroom activities and day trips to universities.



All the resources can be found on the Festivals of Chemistry website:
festivalsofchemistry.org

What is included in the Festivals of Chemistry Programme?

Discover Chemistry Careers

Videos and careers lesson plans delve into chemistry as a subject, its applications and how chemistry leads to many career pathways.

There are currently 15 available in 2026 for use in the classroom. Topics covered include: Medicinal Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Green Chemistry, and Computational Chemistry.

These resources and videos link with Gatsby Benchmark 4.

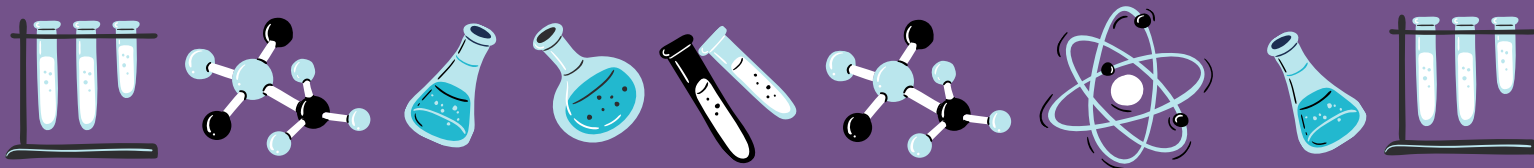
Discovery Days

Regional Discovery Days hosted at partner universities with an inspiring speaker, hands on practical chemistry and a careers panel. There will also be a teachers' science session for teachers attending.

Region	University	Date
East	University of Cambridge	24th & 25th March
Northern Ireland	Queen's University Belfast	27th & 28th May
Scotland	University of Aberdeen	11th June
Midlands	University of Nottingham	16th & 17th June

Discovery Days build on areas of curriculum including, but not limited to: the development of scientific thinking, experimental skills and strategies, and chemical analysis.

They also link with Gatsby Benchmarks 5 and 7.



Example Discovery Day Timetable

Time	Activity
09:15 - 09:45	Arrival
09:45 - 10:00	Welcome
10:00 - 10:45	Guest Speaker with Q&A
10:45 - 12:30	Aspirin Synthesis Practical Teachers' session
12:30 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 13:45	Campus tour*
13:45 - 14:25	Careers Panel with Q&A
14:30	Departure

* weather permitting



What are the costs?

There are **no costs** to participate in any stage of the Festivals of Chemistry. For state schools (England, Wales and Scotland) and grant-aided schools (Northern Ireland) there will be funding available for travel and teacher supply cover to ensure that the Discovery Days are accessible for all.

Pupils will be expected to bring their own lunch on the day.



Who can participate?

Festivals of Chemistry will focus on students aged **14-16 years old** i.e. Y10 & Y11 (England & Wales), Y11 & Y12 (Northern Ireland) and S4 & S5 (Scotland).

The programme is open to all schools. Spaces at Discovery Days are, however, limited. Priority will be given to state schools which match at least one of the following criteria:

Schools with 30% or more of students on Free School Meals (FSM); **or**

Schools with pupils from low income backgrounds and low socioeconomic groups, including schools situated in SIMD Decile 1-4, NIMDM Decile 1-4, WIMD Decile 1-4, IMD Decile 1-4; **or**

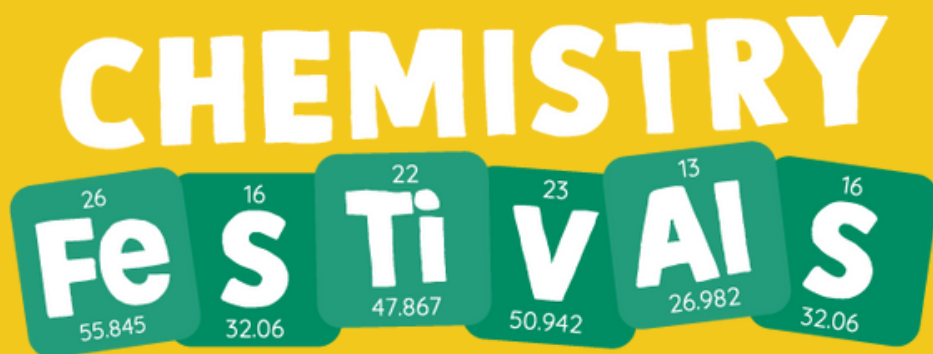
Schools from postcodes where participation in higher education is low, namely Quintile 1-3 in the POLAR4 categorisation.

We encourage students from all backgrounds and abilities to engage with our Festivals of Chemistry. This is an opportunity to inspire students with the potential of chemistry, motivate students to pursue the subject to an advanced level, and encourage your learners to see themselves working in and with science in the future.

How to apply?

Complete a registration form at
<https://saltersinstitute.org/programmes/festivals-of-chemistry/>

The deadline for applications for spaces at the Discovery Days is **Monday 16th February 2026**. Places for the Discovery Days will then be announced in early March.



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