

Forewords

I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this inaugural edition of *Insider Imprint*, a student journal developed, and run by students, for students. The idea for this new initiative was developed by Dr Fabia Allen with a team of PhD students in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences and I hope that all of the readership enjoy the scientific and special interest articles that make this a very varied and interesting read.

Insider Imprint is a great opportunity for undergraduate and postgraduate students to develop new skills, whether that be as an author generating a research or topical article, or a member of the Editorial Team, receiving, editing, proof reading and generating this publication. These different roles enable students to understand how the scientific peer review process works and the intricacies of journal publication, thus enabling them to demonstrate to prospective employers that they have a highly developed set of work-related skills.

Finally, please enjoy this first issue of *Insider Imprint* and if you are interested in submitting an article or being part of the Editorial Team, I am sure the editorial team will be very happy to hear from you.

Well done to everyone involved on a wonderful achievement!



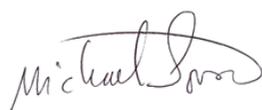
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It is an utter pleasure to celebrate the publication of the first issue of *Insider Imprint*. At life sciences at Liverpool we work hard to give our students opportunities to develop the skills that will serve them well in the world after graduation. *Insider Imprint* is a fantastic way for our students to practice communication, to express complex ideas in compelling and creative ways. It's really great to see such enthusiasm for Science in our students.

I'd like to personally thank Fabia Allen, the founding editor, who had the vision and tenacity to bring *Insider Imprint* into life. Fabia has assembled a superb editorial board and sincere thanks are due to them, and to the authors themselves.



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