Lauren - Senior Technician

From a Saturday job to saving lives. Lauren's medicine helps give children a fighting chance.

"I first started out in pharmacy when I was 16. I had a part-time Saturday job." Lauren was never too keen on science at school, but working in the field sparked an interest.

"When I left school I realised I found pharmacy really interesting and decided I wanted to do pharmaceutical sciences at college."

Two years ago, Lauren completed a student technician course. Now she's making medicines to help save the lives of vulnerable babies in the paediatric intensive care unit at Guy's and St Thomas.

"Every morning I go to the unit to see what medicines we need to make for the day. Seeing the babies and children really puts my job into perspective."

Not everyone who works in pharmacy is a pharmacist. Lauren is a technician. "A lot of people assume we're pharmacists but we're not. There are so many roles in this area that could interest anyone."

Two years down the line, Lauren's made giant leaps in her career and recently bagged a promotion. She's determined, and hopes to head her own team one day.

"Looking back, I wouldn't change a second of it really."

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2008
Started working part time in Sainsbury's Pharmacy

2010
Left school with 3 A Levels in English Language, Psychology and Law

2012
Started working as an assistant in Rowlands Pharmacy

2013
Started as a pre-registration trainee Pharmacy Technician at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

2015
Qualified as a Pharmacy Technician and started working as a Rotational Technician at Guys and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

2016
Appointed as a Senior Pharmacy Technician specialising in Aseptics at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation trust

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