BNASS Report: Claire Richards
I would like to thank The Royal Society of Chemistry Atomic Spectroscopy Group for affording
me the opportunity to attend the 21
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 BNASS (Biennial National Atomic Spectroscopy
Symposium) September 2024 held at The Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington House,
London.
The grant I received gifted me the chance to present my work investigating the effect of cone
size on laser ablation ICP-MS data so early on in my degree. As a first year PhD student this was
a valuable experience to be able to practice both presenting to an audience in a relaxed and
welcoming atmosphere, and to engage with experts in my field in the context of my research. I
was particularly encouraged by the amount of interest my research received, a factor which has
given me great confidence.
Albeit the scope of the conference, I enjoyed being in an environment filled with likeminded
researchers who focus their work on atomic mass spectrometry. It is evident that the topic is
greatly overlooked in most other spectroscopy related meetings, thus I found the diversity and
extent of research topics within the field particularly fascinating. I wish to pass on my
commendations to the organising committee for putting together a well-structured event with a

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