

DAY OF ARCHAEOLOGY AS A MASTERS STUDENT

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I am a Masters student studying Archaeology and I have spent today writing parts of my dissertation as well as adding some new posts to my group I recently created on facebook called 'Archaeology Lancaster' where I post information about events in Lancaster and other archaeology related news.

My dissertation is on the Roman site of Vindolanda and I still have until September to finish it but I still have a way to go yet! I have done several modules this year as part of my MA- Neolithic Britain, ritual and religions, research module and archaeology of gender which were all really interesting.

I have also been busy with other bits recently – I took my CSCS test and got IFA membership. I have also been volunteering at the local museum and went on a conservation course with them and I am doing a scuba diving course on underwater archaeology soon.

I always wanted to be an archaeologist from as far back as I can remember but I don't know where this interest came from. I decided to study Ancient History and Egyptology as my degree and then I went on my first excavation in Swansea. After this I looked for more to volunteer on and found one at Vindolanda and then most recently ones as part of the festival of archaeology. I also love being in Museums and collecting books on archaeology.

As part of the festival of archaeology this week I have been to several talks run by Oxford archaeology North in Lancaster – one called 'what the Romans did for us' and the other 'community archaeology' and I went to a surveying day using a total station in the park. I also went on an excavation at the Senhouse Museum in Maryport and one at Swarthmoor Hall in Ulverston as part of the festival.

At some point in the near future I hope to get a job in archaeology or a related discipline.