How does Holly make a difference?

I’m an Associate Scientist for Pharmaceuticals at AstraZeneca, where I develop and scale up chemical reactions to produce compounds that are used in medicines.

What’s involved?

- Dissolving compounds to create ingredients for medicines
- Reducing development time, so medicines reach people faster
- Working with a range of scientists

Skills
- Communication
- Working in a team
- Analysing data

Minimum qualifications
- Undergraduate science degree
- Apprenticeships are also available

Salary
- Starting salary £18,000 – £30,000 a year
- Industry median salary £56,200 a year

Life spans have increased by 40% in the past 50 years.

The demand for medicines and drugs is increasing as the world develops, because they help us live longer and healthier lives.