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Practical science at Sittingbourne School, as part of the school's Partnership Grants project.

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Dr Ashleigh Griffin, University Research Fellow (right) with post-doctoral researcher, Melanie Ghoul (left). Melanie has been working on 'chemical warfare' between different strains of bacteria infecting the lungs of patients with cystic fibrosis. Her paper on this work has recently been published in *Proceedings B.*