

Monthly Report

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[1] Lab Work

I am working at Mishima lab, the Mechanochemical Cell Biology Building, the University of Warwick (Fig 1-4). His research field is mainly at cytokinesis, and I started doing the basic projects, such as isolation of plasmids, PCR and Gibson Assembly. This is the first time for me to work in the lab and to do experiments by myself, so every day is a new experience. Dr. Mishima teaches me so kindly that I want to be of service to his lab to repay his kindness.



Fig 1-4. Pictures of the lab

[2] Tap water

Whether we can drink tap water in foreign countries is a big problem. Japanese tap water is very good and safe, so we usually do not care about this problem. However, when we go to foreign countries, we should take great care about this not to fall sick. I think tap water in the UK is relatively safe, so I use this for coffee, tea, noodles, soup or brushing my teeth. However, I have a little resistance to drink this water directly without boiling and I drink mineral water bought at shops. By the way, we can buy things at supermarkets in the UK easily comparing the prices; that is, they show the prices per unit such as litre or metre (Fig 5-6). This system is very helpful for me, so I think Japanese stores should introduce this system.



Fig 5-6. Display of price per unit