

Report on the third York Schools Science Quiz

On Monday 7 March nine schools from in and around York came together for the third York Schools Science Quiz. Nineteen school teams competed along with two teacher teams (put together from the teachers who brought the pupils along from the various schools) for the trophies and prizes. Each team consisted of two Lower Sixth and two Fifth Form pupils or four Fifth Form pupils for those schools without Sixth Forms. The schools represented included The Joseph Rowntree School, Huntington School, Archbishop Holgate's School, Fulford School, Millthorpe School, Ermysted's Grammar School, Bedale High School, Bootham School and St Peter's School. The event took place as part of the York ISSP and also the York Schools Ogden Partnership, with a large thank you to the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Institute of Physics for some of the prizes, the Rotary Club of York Vikings for the water bottles and the Ogden Trust for the 8 GB memory sticks and Amazon Voucher prizes.

The quiz was put together and presented by Sarah McKie, Head of Biology at St Peter's School, and consisted of Biology, Chemistry and Physics rounds alongside an Observation Challenge and a Hitting the Headlines round amongst others. At the end of the quiz the teams waited with bated breath for the results to be announced.

Schools without Sixth Forms:

1st Place 'Total Borons' Millthorpe School

2nd Place 'Millthorpayne' Millthorpe School

3rd Place 'Bullets' Bedale High School

Open Competition:

1st Place 'Creationists' Fulford School

2nd Place 'Jerry and the Pacemakers' St Peter's School

3rd Place 'Planck' Archbishop Holgate's School

I was delighted with the positive support from the schools of York and I hope that the competition continues to grow. Many of the questions were very demanding: the answers from the pupils were impressive and no doubt much science would have been learned on the evening. Congratulations to Fulford School and to Millthorpe school for their success.