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[South England version]

Cambridge Hands-On Science (CHaOS)

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“WOW! SCIENCE IS FUN!”

Make mini-explosions, get covered in cornflour, build bridges, extract the DNA from kiwi fruit and meet a skeleton called Boris- all at a venue near you during July. This summer over 50 Cambridge University students will visit locations in the East, South and South-West, bringing a fun science Roadshow to excite and engage children and parents alike.

Venues in the South of England this year include Ringwood and Blandford Forum.

Young people often view science as something done by odd people with crazy hair wearing white coats; the keen volunteers on the CHaOS Roadshow want to show the public that this isn't true, and that science is something that they can understand and have a go at for themselves!

CHaOS uses exciting hands-on experiments to provide their own unique brand of science that has something cool to show all of the family. They believe an interactive approach to science can make a real difference to how children learn, as one of the Roadshow organisers explained:

“We think that Science is about much more than white coats and labs; it's about thinking for yourself and trying out new ideas. We want to show people that science is fun and relevant for all of us. The CHaOS Science Roadshow provides a unique opportunity to get your hands on exciting science with lively and friendly students to explain what's going on.”

Lia Chappell, CHaOS president 2009-10

The roadshow route:

Monday 28th June- Thursday 1st July:	Visiting schools in Bedfordshire (Not open to the public)
Saturday 3rd July	Free public event, 12-5pm Commemoration Hall, Huntingdon 39 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3AQ
Sunday 4th July	Free public event, 12-5pm Newmarket Leisure Centre Exning Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 0EA
Tuesday 6th July- Thursday 8th July	Visiting schools in Essex (Not open to the public)
Saturday 10th July	Free public event, 12-5pm Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Letchworth Norton Way South, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 1NX
Sunday 11th July	Free public event, 12-5pm Eaglestone Activity Centre, Milton Keynes 8 Harrier Court, Eaglestone, Milton Keynes, MK6 5BZ
Tuesday 13th July- Thursday 15th July	Visiting schools in Portsmouth (Not open to the public)
Saturday 17th July	Free public event, 12-5pm Greyfriars Community Centre, Ringwood 44 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 1DW
Sunday 18th July	Free public event, 12-5pm The Corn Exchange, Blandford Forum Market Place, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7EB
Tuesday 20th July – Thursday 22nd July	Visiting schools in Cheltenham (Not open to the public)
Saturday 24th July	Free public event, 12-5pm Corpus Christi Church Hall, Weston-Super-Mare 14 Ellenborough Park South, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1XW
Sunday 25th July	Free public event, 12-5pm The Barn, Clevedon Great Western Road, Clevedon, BS21 6HB (opposite Morrisons)

More information:

CHaOS has over a decade of experience in organising public science events and visiting schools. CHaOS run a number of events every year around Cambridgeshire.

Each summer we take a van-load of our experiments to areas around the country less well-served with science events.

The 2009 roadshow visited Cambridgeshire, Kent, Cheshire, Lancashire, Cumbria and Lincolnshire and was a huge success, reaching over 4000 visitors in 4 weeks. Here are examples of comments we received last year from children and their parents:

“...it was really cool with all the different activities...”

“Science isn’t so hard after all!”

“One of the best places I’ve ever been to!”

We are a non-profit student-run society at the University of Cambridge. The 2010 CHaOS Roadshow is kindly sponsored by: University of Cambridge Isaac Newton Trust, Institute of Physics (East Anglia Branch), the Royal Society of Chemistry (Mid-Anglia branch), the Physiological Society and the Medical Research Council.

The CHaOS website has more details about what we do: www.chaossience.org.uk

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