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[South-West 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-West this year include Weston- Super-Mare and Clevedon.

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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