Birmingham Heroes Lecture: Music of the Stars - 16 May 2013

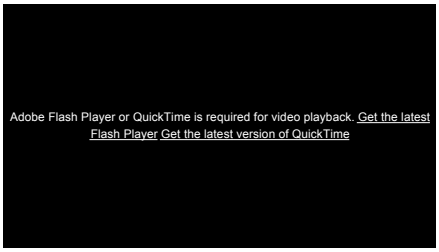
On Thursday 16 May, alumni and supporters of the University attended the second Birmingham Heroes Lecture featuring Professor Bill Chaplin (*1990 BSc Physics with Astrophysics, 1994 PhD Physics*), Professor of Astrophysics, at the esteemed Institute of Physics in London.

Hosted by Professor Andy Schofield, Head of School of Physics and Astronomy, Professor Chaplin delivered a stimulating lecture on asteroseismology (the study of the "music" of the stars), the leading role Birmingham has been playing in this area, and his exciting work with NASA's Kepler Mission. Following the lecture, guests were invited to participate in a Q&A session with Professor Chaplin; Professor Schofield; Dr Graham Smith, Director of the University Observatory; and Keelia Scott (*2011 MSci Physics with Astrophysics*), PhD Physics student.

In lieu of a ticket price, guests were invited to make a donation towards upgrading the facilities at the Wast Hills Observatory. Through their generous support, £660 was raised. This donation will go towards refurbishing the University's telescope, which will transform the face of undergraduate skills training at the University and increase public engagement in science within the West Midlands. More information about the future of the University's Wast Hills Observatory can be found on our **website (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/03/27-Mar-13-Student-observations-of-Comet-Ison-herald-a-new-era-at-Wast-Hills-Observatory.aspx)** .

Following the lecture, alumni and supporters were given an opportunity to network and personally speak with Professor Chaplin and the other panel members.

If you missed the lecture, you can watch it in full alongside the Q&A here:



This was our second academic lecture in London. We would like to hold more in the future and would greatly appreciate your input. Please email **alumnievents@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:alumnievents@contacts.bham.ac.uk)** with any ideas for future subjects.

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