University of Birmingham runs 'Meet the Scientist' at Thinktank

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University of Birmingham students will run a one-off event at the Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum this week for families to 'meet the scientist' during the half term break. Enthusiastic young scientists are invited to visit Thinktank for fun hands-on activities with professional scientists.

Highlighting the exciting research that takes place at the University of Birmingham, this is a unique opportunity for visitors to learn about what it's like to work in a lab and get involved in the types of experiments run in laboratories.

Biomedical science experts and PhD students from the **Centre for Physical Sciences of Imaging in the Biomedical Sciences (PSIBS) (/research/activity/psibs/index.aspx)** will introduce visitors to the real world of research. Around 50 researchers will be taking part over these two days to engage young minds in a wide range of scientific studies.

Dr Hamid Dehghani from the **School of Computer Sciences, (/schools/computer-science/index.aspx)** who will be at Thinktank on Thusday and Friday said "This is a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase some of our work, specifically those concerned with our EPSRC funded Doctoral Training Centre in Physical Sciences of Imaging in the Biomedical Sciences. We have a large number of activities planned for the visitors, including the chance to build a microscope and look at cells, as well as learning more about the properties of light and looking at some exciting aspects of liquids and fluids. We are all looking forward to this opportunity to interact with school children and teach them about our work through actively taking part in these demonstrations."

Notes to editors

Meet the Scientist is open from 11am to 4pm from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2013. For more information please visit the Thinktank website: **http://www.thinktank.ac/ (http://www.thinktank.ac/)**

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