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Ogden Physicist of the Year Awards 2018

On June 21st 2018, the annual Ogden Physicist of the Year award evening was held in the School of Physics & Astronomy. Nominated students from Ogden schools in Birmingham, Solihull & surrounding areas, together with their families and teachers, were invited on to campus to celebrate their achievements in Physics.

Each school nominated one of their Year 6 or Year 10 students. 47 students were put forward by their teachers, variously for their work ethic, outstanding academic achievements, enthusiasm, participation & involvement helping others, positive attitude, acting as an exceptional role model, intuitive thinking, mature attitude and generally being an excellent ambassador for the subject.

The evening began with a buffet supper and an opportunity for the guests to talk with university staff in the School of Physics & Astronomy, and see some interesting demonstrations set up in our Y1 undergraduate labs. Researchers and current undergraduate students were around to share their enthusiasm with the younger students.

The winners were presented with certificates and book tokens, by Ms Wendy Cox from The Ogden Trust and Prof Martin Freer, Head of the School of Physics & Astronomy at Birmingham.

Dr Jenny Watson, Regional Representative of The Ogden Trust, closed the evening with a talk on the physics of the very hot and the very cold, using amazing liquid nitrogen demonstrations.











We very much look forward to seeing these award winners on campus in the future. The Ogden Trust sponsors such awards across the UK and many Ogden Alumni are now benefitting from continued Ogden Trust support.

Comments from visitors:

“Following on from Thursday evening, we just wanted to pass on our thanks to all those involved for a wonderful time. Our son really enjoyed it and it has certainly given him even more enthusiasm for all things science!” “Thank you for sending through the photographs and also for a wonderful and interesting evening last Thursday.”