## Year 10 to Cavendish Laboratory

## On the 22nd September, the Physics Department organised for 40 Year 10 students to be taken to the renowned Cavendish Laboratory, part of the University of Cambridge.

This was to attend their 'Physics at Work' exhibition, where we took part in many different workshops, each displaying different fields of study in Physics. These included Nanophotonics and Optoelectronics - which may sound like long complicated words - but they make much more sense having learnt a bit about them. It was a particularly breath-taking experience to participate in the superconductor workshop, where one of the university's postgrad students had set up a demonstration, replicating maglev (magnetic levitating) trains using liquid nitrogen, creating the conditions required for superconductivity. We were also lucky enough to have some hands-on experience with innovative technologies used in the medical field, such as programmes that help train surgeons and ultrasound scanners. Overall the trip was a remarkable experience, as well as educational of course and I hope that next year's Year 10s have the opportunity to visit the exhibition too.

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