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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Support for Schools to Encourage Interest in Technology**

At Don Whitley Scientific Ltd we have always put engineering design at the core of our business so sponsoring the Rotary Schools Technology Tournament 2009 was seen as a way of helping to encourage tomorrow's designers. On 4 March, 20 school teams from the Bradford area entered the event, entitled The Space Capsule Launcher, at Richard Dunn Sports Centre. The occasion was attended by the Lord Mayor of Bradford and the Mayor of Keighley.

There were three age group categories and the winners in each were as follows:

Foundation - Bradford Grammar School

Intermediate - Holy Family (Team 2)

Advanced - Bradford Grammar School

All teams were asked to build a launcher for a 'space capsule' with a variety of materials provided (funded by our sponsorship), including an air golf ball, strips of balsa wood and a plastic cup. Different age groups were assigned different levels of task. The Advanced Category teams were required to launch their capsule using a trigger release mechanism operated from a distance of over 1 metre; ensure the

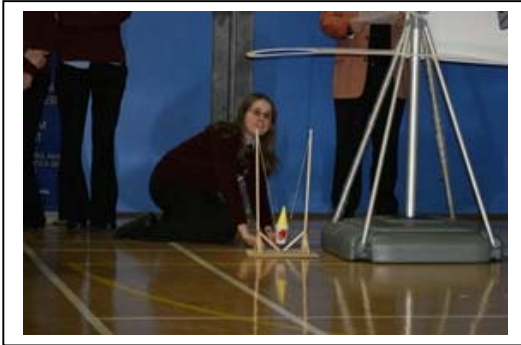
capsule reached a height of at least 3 metres with its carrier vehicle; cause the carrier vehicle to separate from the capsule and for the capsule to descend by parachute as near to the launch site as possible. Marks were awarded for teamwork, communication, construction, design and innovation as well as for the actual test flight.

The full day of activity was enjoyed by everyone taking part. The sponsors were thanked for making it possible to hold the event.

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The winning team in the Advanced Category, from Bradford Grammar School



One student tests her team's launcher



The judging and presentation

### Editor's Notes

Don Whitley Scientific Limited is an independent family owned business founded by Don Whitley in 1976. It has rapidly grown to be a leading supplier of innovative equipment to the microbiology and cell culture industries and has a leading microbiology contract laboratory on site. The company sells to both public and private sectors throughout the world from its base in Shipley, West Yorkshire.

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