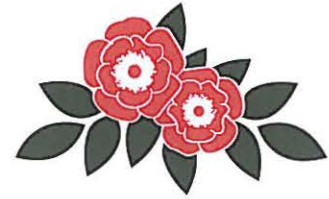


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Young brains battle it out in physics comp

St Wilfreds High School, Westholme School and Stoneyhurst College are among five north west schools who will battle it out this week for a place in the national final of the Institute of Physics Paperclip Physics Competition.

Six teams from across Lancashire and Cumbria will take part in the regional final of the competition at the University of Central Lancashire on Wednesday 5th March 2003.

Small teams of Year 11 and Year 12 pupils will each give a five-minute presentation on some concept, principle or aspect of physics, so that it can be understood by a non-scientist.

DJ Martin Greenwood of Rock FM is the man the teams need to impress. He is the non-scientist on the judging panel and is joined by professional physicist, Dr Ian Ferguson, and Mr Keith Snape, a physics teacher at Newman College in Preston.

Paperclip Physics is an annual event for schools in the UK and Ireland. The winner of this Lancashire and Cumbria final will compete in the final in London in April.

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Notes to editors:

1. Schools taking part in the regional final are:
 - Southfield Technology College, Workington
 - Kirbie Kendal School, Kendal (2 teams)
 - Stoneyhurst College
 - St Wilfreds CE HS, Blackburn
 - Westholme School, Blackburn

2. The regional final takes place in Maudland Building, University of Central Lancashire, Preston at 2pm on Wednesday 5th March 2003. Further details from Dr Peter Bates, Department of Physics, Astronomy & Mathematics, on 01772 893562, email: pabates@uclan.ac.uk