

## D&T Prestigious Arkwright Award 2010

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I felt very pleased being entered for the Arkwright Scholarship, as I was the only person in this year to be entered by the school.

In February I completed an Aptitude test paper at school which I felt went reasonably well. Then in

April I went to Cambridge for an interview. I was lucky and was one of the first to be interviewed, which I felt went well as the interview lasted twice the allowed time. During the remainder of the day we were given a team project to build a bridge and also a tour of the Engineering Department.

The scholarship was awarded at the Institute of Engineering & Technology in London. This is a very impressive building set next to the Savoy Hotel on the Embankment. The actual presentation took part in the Lecture Theatre which seated about 500 people with comfortable seats and finished with panelled walls.

Speeches were made by various people, but two previous Arkwright Scholars also made speeches which gave an idea of what opportunities could exist and what can be achieved. Listening to what other winners had achieved made me feel very proud and pleased to be part of the whole occasion.

Unfortunately I have not been told who my sponsor is. However, I have already spent about £50 or the £250 I get each year on technical books to help with my D&T studies. Only 0.1 % of the student population in the UK get such a prestigious award so I feel that this is the greatest achievement yet. This year over 2000 students applied for the award and only 250 were given.