



# The Big Bang

UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

**The Big Bang is the landmark event celebrating science and engineering talent. It bursts onto the scene from the 4th to 6th March 2009 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London – so please do consider adding it to your academic calendar.**

It will feature compelling and exciting shows, workshops and presentations across the entire science and engineering spectrum; displays and demonstrations of leading-edge UK technology; and exhibition stands to showcase further inspirational projects.

The Big Bang also features the newly established National Science Competition. This is open to all 13-19 year olds who will compete alongside regional finalists from the British Association for the Advancement of Science (the BA) CREST Awards, and Young Engineer for Britain Competition. Details of this competition can be found at [www.nationalsciencecompetition.org](http://www.nationalsciencecompetition.org). A number of prizes will be awarded during The Big Bang, including UK Young Scientist of the Year and UK Young Technologist of the Year.

The Big Bang will be a focal point for the efforts of the science and engineering community to offer young people from all over the United Kingdom enrichment opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We want students to leave The Big Bang with a better understanding of the applications of science and engineering and to understand the breadth of career opportunities available.

Teachers will leave The Big Bang equipped to carry this message on to pupils within their schools, and career advisors will leave with a greater understanding of the varied and exciting career opportunities available. Parents are key influencers in children's educational and career decisions so The Big Bang also aims to inspire and influence parents. For employers who depend upon a flow of scientific and engineering talent, this is a key opportunity to show what they have to offer young people in terms of careers.

The Big Bang is supported by government, employers and the science and engineering community.

The Big Bang is all about excitement and enthusiasm, so join us in March 2009 for the inaugural event.

**The Big Bang is FREE to attend but spaces are limited. For more information about the event and on how schools can register to attend, please visit [www.thebigbangfair.co.uk](http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk)**

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