

# The Halley Lecture 2017

## Black holes, gravitational waves and more...!

Yesterday, some of our GCSE and A-level Physics students attended The Halley Lecture by Professor Rainer Weiss at the Department of Physics, University of Oxford.

Our students were accompanied by Cherwell College Oxford's Physics tutor and University of Oxford alumnus, Julian.

The talk was entitled 'Observation of the mergers of binary black holes: The opening of gravitational wave astronomy'. This captivating subject had our students engaged (and, at times, perplexed!), but was brilliantly and vividly delivered by Professor Rainer Weiss.

We also visited the Oxford Electric Bell, an experiment set up in 1840 that continues to run to this day!

We hope to continue to take advantage of public lectures offered by the University of Oxford, and see it as a wonderful benefit of being located in the beautiful city of Oxford!

