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On behalf of the whole team here at Ely Cathedral, thank you for participating in the recent Schools Art Project as part of the first Ely Cathedral Science Festival. The displays formed an important part of our exhibition and thousands of people visited the cathedral to enjoy them. The final displays were just incredible and a real inspiration bringing art and science together. We are acutely aware of the time and effort that has gone into the planning and installation to bring about such a professional finish.

One of the aims of the first, Ely Cathedral Science Festival has been to become a 'Cathedral for Science' and extend the outreach of the scientific community beyond Cambridge, allowing people who might not normally be able to access such resources to enjoy and appreciate them. This innovative project has provided an important space for eminent scientists from many disciplines to share their knowledge with thousands of people from the local community. In the course of the Science Festival we have welcomed over 14,000 visitors, 30 schools, and hundreds of children and families from the local community and beyond.

Ely Cathedral Science Festival has intentionally re-ignited the vocation of Cathedrals to be places of learning, wisdom and knowledge, places for community participation and education and expansive and generous thinking. Ely Cathedral has proved to be a magnificent venue for a Science Festival, where science, art, technology, engineering and medicine and have found a home.

We are very grateful to you for taking the time to participate in this project.

Yours sincerely

The Very Reverend Mark Bonney Dean of Ely