

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**WORKSOP COLLEGE TO TAKE ON FRENCH & AMERICAN FINALISTS IN INTERNATIONAL  
ROCKETRY FINAL AT PARIS AIRSHOW**

**Worksop College Team 2 beats 19 other UK finalists in UK Aerospace Youth Rocketry  
Competition**

A|D|S today (Tuesday) is delighted to announce that Worksop College Team 2 is the winner of the UK Aerospace Youth Rocketry Competition (UKAYRoC).

Held at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground in Lutterworth, Leicestershire 20 teams of 3 to 5 teenagers launched rockets in the competition to be fired up to 750 ft with a flight time between 40-45 seconds. , then return the egg and altimeter payload section safely and undamaged to earth using a single 15 inch parachute only. Worksop College Team 2 came first reaching an altitude of 758 feet in 44.6 seconds with their payload landing unbroken.

Worksop College Team 2 will now face finalists from the USA and France at the Paris Airshow 2011. The UK team will be seeking to regain the title having lost to the US challenger which won last year's competition held at the Farnborough Airshow 2010.

**Graham Chisnall, Managing Director AeroSpace and Operations of A|D|S, said:**

*"Today's display from Worksop College has been an inspiring display of innovation, talent and the application of classroom learning into a very demanding and tough competition. My sincerest congratulations to the team and also consolations to what has been an exceptionally high calibre of competitors from across the UK. After months of designing, building, trial and error, this result has been a very well deserved victory.*

*"The students gathered on the field today are an insight into the quality of tomorrow's advanced engineers, and have been able to witness some of creative aspects of engineering first hand. The benefit of such a competition brings to life the science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects which are an essential part to ensuring the continuation of the UK's advanced manufacturing success. A|D|S is proud to make an important contribution to their development through this exciting competition.*

*"The UK currently holds a 17 per cent global market share in Aerospace – making us the leader in Europe and only second to the US globally. We have a vibrant and rapidly growing Space sector in the UK with world class pioneers in satellite and communications technology. Judging by these contestants' collective talent and promise, such success looks set to continue and grow, which will be very much to the Aerospace and Space manufacturing sectors' benefit, as well as ultimately the UK."*

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**Notes to Editors:**

1. A|D|S is the trade organisation advancing UK Aerospace, Defence, Security and Space industries with Farnborough International Limited as a wholly-owned subsidiary. A|D|S also encompasses the British Aviation Group (BAG). It was formed from the merger of the Association of Police and Public

Security Suppliers (APPSS), the Defence Manufacturers Association (DMA) and the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC) in October 2009. For more information see [www.adsgroup.org.uk](http://www.adsgroup.org.uk).

2. For more information on the UKAYRoC see: [www.ukay-roc.org.uk](http://www.ukay-roc.org.uk)
3. The UK Aerospace Youth Rocketry Challenge was sponsored by Chemring, Rolls-Royce and Raytheon UK.

Competing teams were:

- 342 Ealing and Brentford ATC
- Abbeyfield School Team 1
- Abbeyfield School Team 2
- Boston Spa School Team 2
- Bradford Grammar School Team 2
- Dinnington Comprehensive Team 1
- Exmouth Community College Team 1
- Horsforth School Team 2
- Ipswich Academy (Holywells High School)
- Lostock Hall High School Team 2
- Lostock Hall High School Team 3
- Penglais School
- Perse School
- Royal Liberty School
- Southend High School for Boys
- The Community Science College @ Thornhill Team 1
- The Community Science College @ Thornhill Team 3
- Thomas Hardye School
- Worksop College Team 1
- Worksop College Team 2