**Has science entered a black hole?**

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## Stephen Hawking. A household name everyone knows, or should we say everyone knew. The physicist was known to have a rare disease called Motor Neuron Disease, which left him paralysed for the rest of his life. Alumni of prestigious universities Oxford and Cambridge, Hawking changed the world of science. He exceeded a life expectancy warranted by doctors and lived until the ripe old age of seventy six and died on the 14th of March 2018.

## Hawking was a man of many talents but his main job was being a father. He had one daughter called Lucy and two sons called Robert and Timothy. His career was built upon around being a profound physicist. His accomplishments were mainly focused around the fields of cosmology, and quantum gravity; in particular black holes.

## Suffering with this disability didn’t hold him back, if anything he was more determined than ever. Armed with a motorized wheelchair and a speech machine, he was ready to roll and take over the world. Diagnosed around age seventeen, Hawking took the opportunity in his grasp and went on to study at university. He wanted to develop the world of science and make it accessible for everybody. He was a hugely competitive individual.

Keen Physics student Toms, when asked about the death of a legend quoted “*I am deeply saddened by the death of this legend. He has inspired me my whole high school life to go on and study physics. What he managed to do whilst suffering from ALS was amazing and the world of science owe a lot to him. Dying in British Science Week is poignant and it should be dedicated to him in the future.”*

Alongside his publication *A Brief History of Time*, he inspired a nation of individuals. The release of the Eddie Redmayne film *The Theory of Everything*  opened up many eyes to the life and times of Stephen Hawking. Science owes him a world of appreciation and his death has left a black hole that no one can fill.