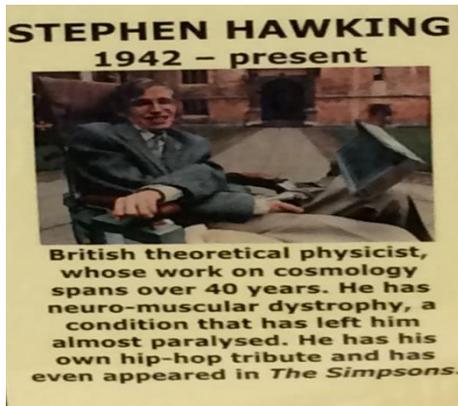# Headline: Stephen Hawking has died

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Professor Stephen Hawking was born on 8th January 1942 in Oxford and died 14th March 2018 in Cambridge. According to hawking.org.uk, at eight years old, he and his parents moved to St. Albans school then on to University College, Oxford (1952), his father's old college. He wanted to study mathematics, although his father would have preferred medicine. However, mathematics wasn't available at University College, so he pursued Physics instead.

In October 1962, Stephen arrived at the University of Cambridge and applied to do research in cosmology and Mathematics.

He later published his own book, "The Large Scale Structure of Space-Time", With George Ellis.

Professor Stephen Hawking has worked on the basic laws which govern the Universe.

Stephen has thirteen honorary degrees. He was awarded CBE (1982), Companion of Honor (1989) and the presidential Medal of Freedom (2009). He has many awards, Medals and Prizes, most notably the fundamental Physics prize (2013), Copley Medal (2006) and the Wolf foundation prize (1988). He is a fellow of the royal society and a member of the US National Academy of Sciences.

In 1963, Stephen was diagnosed with ALS, a form of **Motor Neurone Desease**, Shortly after his 21st Birthday. He had a special wheel chair with a computerized voice system for communication.

We interviewed a science and maths teacher at Whitecross High School, and he had this to say about Professor Hawking: "I liked his courage, determination, sense of humor and his desire to learn. I didn't really dislike anything about him; however he has inspired me to be a mathematician, to open up to possibilities, taught me that there is always more to learn. Without maths, his discovery's would not be possible".

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