

***Advancing Physics* Coursework Prizes**

The Institute of Physics will award prizes for excellent coursework in the new *Advancing Physics* AS/A level.

Prizes will be awarded annually for each coursework component.

- **Physics in Practice** (AS) – Instrumentation Task, Materials Presentation and Making Sense of Data
- **Practical Investigation** (A2)
- **Research and Report** (A2)

Each prize will be awarded to a student who has produced an outstanding piece of work that gained maximum (or near maximum) marks.

The selection process

Teachers should identify the work of any candidate that they consider to be outstanding. As the three tasks in the Physics in Practice portfolio are quite different, it is unlikely that many candidates will perform at an outstanding level in all three tasks. For this reason teachers should consider nominating candidates whose work is outstanding in one area whilst the other two tasks are very good.

The Centre must send the work to the Moderator in addition to the sample requested by the moderator. They must indicate on the coursework Cover Sheet with a large M (merit) next to the total mark that this piece of work is being nominated for a prize. There should only be one nomination in each category from a centre.

In addition to identifying the candidate on the Cover Sheet, the teacher should complete a nomination form, which includes a summary of why they have nominated the candidate.

Moderators will forward the best nominations to the Principal Moderator, so those short-listed will not be returned to the Centre with other work at the end of the moderation process.

The best of the nominations from the January examination session will be retained for the final selection process at the end of the June session. After that process is complete scripts will be returned to centres.

Awards

The prize-winner in each category will receive a book token, plus a citation from the Institute of Physics. The Head of Centre will receive a letter congratulating the student and the Physics Department.

Runners-up: the student will receive a letter of commendation from the Institute of Physics and the Head of Centre will receive a letter congratulating the student and the Physics Department.

Publicity

The prizewinners and commended students and their schools will be named in the *Advancing Physics* Newsletter and on the *Advancing Physics* web site; and also in *Physics World* and in *OCR News*.

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Nomination form

This nomination form must be attached to the Coursework Cover Sheet for the nominated work. The work should be sent to the Coursework Moderator in addition to the sample requested by the Moderator, if it does not form part of the sample requested.

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Physics in practice / Practical Investigation / Research report *	* delete as appropriate
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Candidate name	Candidate number				
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Centre name	Centre number
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Centre address

<p>Reason for nomination</p> <p>In not more than 50 words, support the nomination of this coursework as an outstanding piece of work.</p>

Name of nominating teacher (in block capitals)

Signature of nominating teacher
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Signature of moderator
