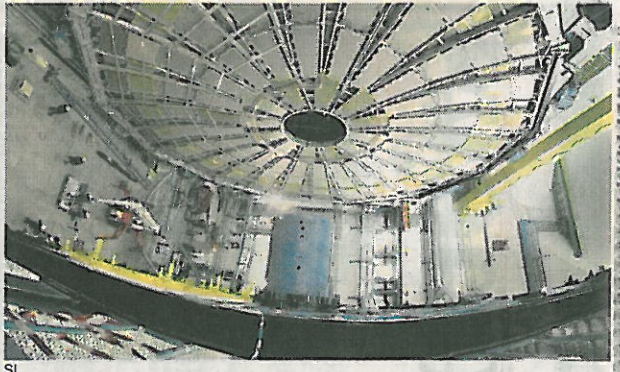


# Physics teacher's holiday hotspot with a difference



**CERN: The world's most powerful particle accelerator, built near Geneva in Switzerland**

AND this is what I did in the holidays... Science boffins will be impressed by a Luton Sixth Form College physics teacher's half-term trip to Europe.

John Clinch fulfilled a long-time ambition and got up close to the world's most powerful particle accelerator at the world's largest physics centre.

Mr Clinch visited the site, known as CERN, at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland, as part of an educational programme.

"The trip was one of the most exciting things I've ever done," the 41-year-old teacher said. "I first heard of CERN when I was

in my teens. It was amazing to actually see it after so many years of reading.

"I hope to be able to pass on my enthusiasm to my students and it will be great to be able to talk to them about cutting edge research from my own first hand experience."

The highlight of Mr Clinch's trip was descending almost 300ft underground to see the giant ATLAS detector.

Looking like the latest weapon for a James Bond super-villain, the particle accelerator is the height of a five-storey building.

Inside it are two powerful beams of particles which will be collided to create temperatures one billion

times hotter than the sun.

Mr Clinch said scientists, engineers and support staff from 111 nations were combining state-of-the-art science and engineering in one of the largest scientific experiments ever conducted.

Only a handful of teachers were offered the opportunity to visit CERN and from October all parts of the new detector will be off-limits except to employees.

**? What's the most unusual place that you've ever spent a holiday?** Let us know - our contact details are published on page 2.

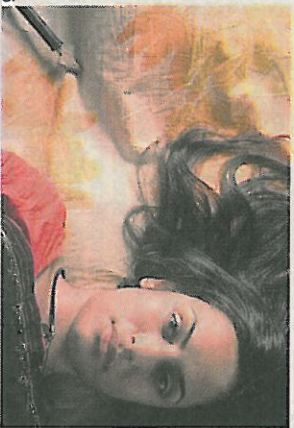
# Uni movie maestro

by **Andy Gayler**

A YOUNG Luton university graduate has become the first Bangladeshi film maker in the country to be included in the renowned British Film Catalogue.

Writer and director Zakir Hossain's educational movie *The Auction*, about forced marriages, was shot on 16mm film and with the help of a Luton's Mitalae youth group.

The 86 minute-long feature, from which a still is printed, right, was made as part of a three week youth exchange programme in Bangladesh.



Mitalae's Ashuk Ahmed, who took the 16 youngsters to the country last year, said: "The post production works is now

complete and we are hoping to arrange a premier show in Luton in the next few weeks.

"We are also producing several thousand copies of DVD and working towards promoting the film at different film festivals in the UK and outside the UK."

To see the film's brief, please go to [www.britfilms.com](http://www.britfilms.com) then click the British Film Catalogue tab and print *The Auction* in the search bar.

>> For more news about Luton film-makers making strides in the industry, check out Andy Gayler's *Beyond The Galaxy* column in this week's Luton News and Dunstable Gazette, on sale now.

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