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Warming Up for Science Quiz

Dear students,

As the end of the year draws near, so does the battle for Brainiest Faculty of Science study association.

At the annual BetaBreak Science Quiz, lecturers from all disciplines will challenge the contestants with not-so-easy to answer brainteasers. Who will take over the title from NSA and claim the coveted cup and dinner at Restaurant POLDER this year?

Of course, the audience can join in and win a lunch for two at The Coffee Virus.

Join us on Wednesday, 12 December at 12:00 in the central hall of Science Park 904.

The BetaBreak committee is always on the lookout for new members. Do you want to develop your organisational and interviewing skills in a group of like-minded students who are passionate about science and look beyond their own field? Send an email to redactie@betabreak.nl or visit www.betabreak.nl.

Quiz Answers:
1. Parasite
2. Isaac Newton
3. Comet