

October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: Year 10 visit to GCSE Science Live in Oxford

An opportunity has arisen for Year 10 students to hear and see five of Britain's top scientists who are all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. These include Robert Winston, a distinguished scientist in the field of fertility, Prof Alice Roberts who is a clinical anatomist and Professor of Public Engagement in Science at the University of Birmingham, and Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock, a space scientist who presents BBCs 'The Sky at Night'. Additionally, an experienced science examiner will give top tips for exam success. The talks run between 10.45am and 3pm, with the opportunity for questions after each session. This is a great opportunity to hear scientists, who are passionate in a range of fields, talk about recent developments and what excites them about science.

The day is run by *Science Live!* and is at the New Theatre in Oxford on **Wednesday 29th January 2020**.

We will be leaving school at 09.00 and returning by 17.10 (approximately).

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35 to cover the cost of the coach fare and Science Live costs. Unfortunately, we cannot refund this trip if your daughter decides to withdraw at a later date. This is due to the price being based on a fixed number of students in the group. We reserve the right to cancel this trip if we don't have a large enough uptake to make it viable.

Payment for the trip needs to be made via WisePay; simply login to your WisePay account for details. If you need a reminder of your WisePay login please e-mail n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk. In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager

We have places for **60 students** to travel to the event. If the trip is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held to allocate places and a waiting list opened. If you would like your daughter to go on this trip, then please pay by **Friday 22nd November**.

In cases of severe financial hardship please contact Mrs Martin, Assistant Headteacher, who may be able to put you in touch with agencies that could help or to discuss the situation

By paying for the trip you will be giving consent for your child to participate. However, if the school receives Pupil Premium funding for your child, then please give your consent here [Pupil Premium](#) and do not make a payment.

Yours sincerely



Mrs G Whitehouse
Head of Biology