

September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: Years 12 and 13 – Science Live Trip to London**

An opportunity has arisen for the Year 12 and Year 13 students to hear and see five of Britain's top scientists who are all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. These include Nobel prize winning Professor Sir Venki Ramakrishnan, head of the molecular biology lab at Cambridge University, Dr Robert Winston, a distinguished scientist in the field of fertility, Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore an award winning neuroscientist and Dr Jenny Rohn who is a cell biologist from University College London, where she is head of a cell biology lab which looks at how the cells of our body interact with invading bacteria. 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.

The day is run by Science Live and is at the Apollo Victoria Theatre on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019**.

We will be leaving school at 08.30 and returning by 17.10 (approximately).

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £48.00 to cover the cost of the coach fare, Science Live costs and insurance. 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](mailto:n.hopkins@holt.wokingham.sch.uk). In the event of difficulties using this system, please telephone Mrs Simmons, the School Finance Manager.

Payment for the trip will be deemed as you giving consent for your son/daughter to participate.

We have places for **30 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/son to go on this trip, then please reply by **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**.

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.

Please check and amend the data that we hold for your child using the SIMS Parent App. Please ensure this is always kept up to date.

Yours sincerely



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