Willingdon
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been invited to GCSE Science Live at the Brighton Dome on Tuesday 26th January 2027.

This event is a chance to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. The scientists have been carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with students of this age in a direct and exciting way.

We hope this event will help improve students Science GCSE results with top tips on examination success from an experienced science examiner.

GCSE Science Live shows students that science really does offer solutions for many of the world's great problems, increasing the chances of GCSE students considering science subjects at AS and A2. The day will be fast-moving, exciting, and thought-provoking and will give students the chance to raise issues with the scientists.

Each student will receive a booklet with details about each of the 5 scientists, the lectures they will give and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists.

Remember: not all science jobs need a degree or a PhD. And there are so many cross-curricular areas e.g. food technology, IT, first aid, the NHS and veterinary work where your science will be an asset.

The cost of the trip is £32.33, which will cover the cost of the return train journey as well as the entry fee to the convention. Payment should be made via ParentPay. We will meet in the school canteen at 08:30am and then walk to Polegate train station to depart for Brighton. We will aim to arrive back at Polegate station at approx. 4:10pm ready for parent pick up. Please indicate whether students will be picked up or make their own way home on ParentPay.

There are only 40 spaces available to all our triple science students in Y10 and Y11, and the trip will go live on ParentPay at approx. 3pm on Friday 6th November, therefore, spaces will fill on a first come, first served basis.

We would not want financial hardship to disadvantage your child, therefore if you would like a place for your child but are not able to make this payment, please contact Mrs Ellis at rellis@willingdonschool.org.uk.

Students will need to wear their full school uniform and should bring a packed lunch for the day. If your child has free school meals, please indicate this on the google form below.

GCSE Science Live Google Form

Poor behaviour/low attendance will not be tolerated at Willingdon Community School. Therefore, we reserve the right to cancel a student's participation in a trip if behaviour /attendance does not reach our expected high standards. I hope you agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for our Y10 and Y11 triple science students to learn more about the latest STEM research from some of the world's leading scientists, and we hope that your child will be able to join us.

Kind regards,
Mrs R Ellis
Science Department