

## **YEAR 8 TRIP – LONDON SCIENCE MUSEUM - STEM SKILLS FAIR**

**Tuesday 21st November 2023**

4th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are arranging a visit to the London Science Museum for the 2023 STEM Skills Fair. Students will have the opportunity to visit the museum, meet employers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and take part in lots of fun interactive activities.

The coaches will be leaving from school promptly at 7.15am, so students will need to arrive and register with staff in the canteen at 7.00am. Please consider how your child will get to school, as the coaches have to leave Willingdon before the school buses arrive.

We anticipate arriving back at school at approximately 5.30pm. If your child will be getting home by any other means than parent collection, then please indicate this when you make your payment on ParentPay. We will not allow students to go home with their friends or with other parents unless written consent is received of the named person collecting the student. Students may take their phones to use on the coach though they will be asked to put them away when we are walking and studying.

Students are expected to wear their school PE kit so that they are easily identifiable and so that they have comfortable walking shoes for the museum. A packed lunch will be required. If your child is entitled to free school meals, please indicate this when you make your payment on ParentPay and this can be collected before we depart.

If your child suffers with travel sickness that requires medication not currently held in school, they will need to take the medicine before they travel in the morning and you will need to provide the medication in a named box, to be administered by a member of staff, before we travel back. If medication is required, please indicate this when you make your payment on ParentPay. Students with asthma should carry their inhalers with them.

The cost of this trip is £30, which covers all travel and venue costs. To confirm your child's place on this trip would you kindly make your payment via ParentPay as soon as possible. This was a very popular trip last year and we expect it to sell out quickly again this year, therefore places on the trip will operate on a first come, first served basis.

We would not want financial hardship to disadvantage your child, therefore please let me know if you would like a place for your child but are not in a position to make this payment.

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 Year 8 to experience STEM first hand in one of the world's greatest museums! Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Kind regards,

Mr F Smith  
Assistant Head of Science