



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Year 9 Trip to Christmas Science Lectures, Cheltenham  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Year 9 students at Maidenhill have been presented with the opportunity to attend the Gloucestershire Schools Christmas Science Lectures at the Bacon Theatre in Cheltenham. The two lectures are entitled 'X-tra factor' and 'Award winning spectacular science show' and are presented by renowned science presenters Ruther Perkins and Mark Thompson respectively. This is a great opportunity for students to engage with science outside of the classroom and be inspired by leading science communicators.

The trip will take place on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**, leaving school at 9.00am and returning to Maidenhill at 1.00pm.

Unfortunately, the number of places is limited. If your child would like to be considered for a place, please respond to the QR code here or sign up through the weblink below:

**The deadline to sign up is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

Please do not make payment at this stage. In the event of the visit being over-subscribed, priority may be given to students with good attendance, an excellent behaviour record (based on numbers and nature of any C3s), and positive attitudes to learning (based on their most recent review point). Then, a random draw may take place to determine which students will attend. If your child is allocated a place, I will contact you to let you know by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

The cost for this trip is £10 which covers coach transport, insurance and all activities/tuition for the day. This will be due by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. **If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium funding, there is a reduced cost of £5.** Payment should be made via ParentPay,



[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qjfWx7T-Y0qmMtm\\_ickMFuzKG48\\_uz9Jsrb5OuVTu51UNTRJRjRWTIJLWkFWQkswSVZaNzNUNFBUTy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=qjfWx7T-Y0qmMtm_ickMFuzKG48_uz9Jsrb5OuVTu51UNTRJRjRWTIJLWkFWQkswSVZaNzNUNFBUTy4u)

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where you will also be able to provide consent and other essential information on your child. If you have any issues with your ParentPay account and require assistance, please contact the finance office by telephone or email: [finance@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk).

As you are aware, we have high expectations regarding students' behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance and punctuality. A place on a visit organised by school is a privilege and students/parents need to understand that if a student makes poor choices regarding behaviour/attitude, or if their attendance/punctuality is poor without good reason, they may not be allocated a place, or their place may be withdrawn. If a student's place were to be withdrawn there would be no reimbursement of any payments made, and parents would be liable for the cost in full unless a suitable replacement student can be easily found.

**Please note that students who are currently on 'Stage 2' as outlined in the Maidenhill Behaviour Policy are not eligible to attend educational visits.**

Finally, please read the Terms and Conditions document at the end of this letter before signing up. Please refer to the school website for further information.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Norman  
Teacher of Science  
Maidenhill School



## **Educational Visits at Maidenhill School Terms and Conditions**

The following terms and conditions apply for all educational visits at Maidenhill School. When parental consent is given for a visit, the parent/carer agrees to these in full:

- Payments for trips and activities must be made using ParentPay. Parents/carers must contact the Finance Office if they are not registered, or have difficulty using the system
- At the point at which a parent is requesting a place on a visit, they are committing to payment in full
- Any applications received after any published deadline will only be considered if places remain available
- Numbers on some trips may be restricted. In the event of a visit being oversubscribed, the visit leader will refer to incidences of C3s and attitudes to learning in deciding on students to attend. Then, if the numbers applying still exceed places, students may be selected at random. A reserve list will be held in case places become available at a later date
- Any student on 'stage 2' or higher as outlined by the Maidenhill Behaviour Policy is **not eligible to attend educational visits**
- For students eligible for Pupil Premium funding, financial assistance will be offered. The level of financial assistance will be determined by the assigned 'category' of each visit. See the Educational Visits policy for more details
- Payments must be made in accordance with the payment plan issued to enable the school to pay third parties
- We have high expectations regarding students' behaviour, attitude to learning, attendance and punctuality. A place on a visit organised by school is a privilege. If a student makes poor choices regarding behaviour/attitude, or if their attendance is poor without good reason, they may not be allocated a place. **In addition, should the school have concerns about any of the above prior to the visit taking place, their place may be withdrawn.** If a student's place were to be withdrawn, there may be no reimbursement of any payments made unless an appropriate replacement can be easily found
- Once a deposit and/or payments have been made, if a student is unable to attend the trip for any reason, the remaining balance of the fee will still be required, unless a suitable replacement student can be easily found. If the student's inability to participate is due to a medical reason, the parent/carer may be able to make a claim against the trip insurance. Otherwise, the responsibility for paying the full fee remains with the parent/carer. This applies to medical reasons as well as circumstances beyond the control of the student or their family.
- Where a student presents with a medical or other significant issue, and it is the parent's wish for the child to continue to attend, the EVC in conjunction with the

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Headteacher will assess the level of risk posed to the student as well as to other students, staff and the community at large. Where a decision is reached that a student is unable to attend a trip or visit, the Headteacher's decision is final. The remainder of the fee will still be payable, and no refunds will be issued unless an appropriate replacement can be easily found, or monies can still be redeemed

- Visits may be cancelled if insufficient numbers of students apply, making it uneconomic to run. In this instance a full refund will be made of all monies paid towards the trip.
- Parents/carers are responsible for all documentation required for entry into foreign countries. Students must have their own passport, valid for the dates of travel plus any validity beyond that required by the entry requirements for the country being visited
- Any damage to property or third parties caused by a student through misconduct or carelessness during an educational visit is the responsibility of the parent/carer
- Students are responsible for their own personal belongings, including cash, unless specifically agreed otherwise
- If any student is poorly behaved on an educational visit, the parent/carer may be expected to arrange for their collection. Poor behaviour may additionally lead to non-acceptance onto further visits. All incidents of poor behaviour will be dealt with in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy which applies in full when students are undertaking a trips/visit organised by school
- The consumption of alcohol or use of any prohibited substances will not be tolerated and any students found in possession will need to be collected by their parent/carer immediately
- Students are expected to be in school following any trip unless previously agreed. Non-attendance may lead to non-acceptance onto further visits.

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