

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

The Science Department are pleased to be able to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to take part in the prestigious Gloucestershire School's Christmas Lectures, taking place at the Bacon Theatre in Cheltenham, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

The two speakers this year are Ruth Perkins, from *Science Made Simple* and Mark Thompson, a renowned astronomer and presenter.

The lectures are designed along similar lines to the Royal Institution's annual lecture and look to enthuse, excite and encourage Key Stage 3 students into STEM subjects. It in no way replicates the school curriculum, however it is designed to be an inspiring look at science, maths, engineering and technology.

With this in mind, we would like to encourage those pupils who have a particular interest in Maths and Science, to register their interest in this trip.

As we are limited to 28 tickets, should this trip be oversubscribed, we will allocate tickets based on a random selected, as per our Trips Policy. If your child is not allocated a place, or there is insufficient interest and the school is forced to cancel the visit, we will return any monies to those parents who have already contributed.

We will be leaving school at **9am** and returning in time for period 5. Pupils will need to wear school uniform, and bring a packed lunch and their books for the last lesson. Please also ensure they have a warm, waterproof coat. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided.

The cost of this trip is **£9** per student, which is payable via the School Gateway by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Download the app:** If you have a smartphone, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android or iPhone).

**OR**

**Visit the website:** [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log in to School Gateway.

If you have any queries regarding the payment for this trip, please contact the Finance Office:  
[finance@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:finance@thomaskeble.gloucs.sch.uk)

Please return the attached permission form to the school office by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

Children who normally carry a prescribed asthma inhaler should take this with them. Please check that it is effective and up to date. If children need other medicines please inform the school office as normal.

***Please note, places on trips are privileges and as such, any student who is placed at Stage 3 of the school discipline code or higher, will automatically lose their place on the trip and any monies paid will be non-refundable. This is to ensure the highest standards of behaviour from anyone taking part in such an enrichment activity.***

Kind regards,

Miss Cole  
Science Teacher

To: School Office

Re: Year 9 Bacon Theatre STEM Trip – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Pupil name: ..... Tutor group: .....

I am happy for my child to take part in the above trip

I have made a payment of £9 via the School Gateway

Signature: ..... Parent/Carer

Please also complete the form below.

**THOMAS KEBLE SCHOOL  
EDUCATIONAL VISITS MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM**

In order to comply with Thomas Keble’s Health and Safety and Visits policies, please complete the attached medical information form for your child. This form must be completed even if there are no medical conditions.

As medical needs often change, we require that all parents return a completed medical form for their child / children regardless of whether the information has been previously supplied. Please note that students who do not return a medical information form will be unable to participate on any proposed excursion.

**STUDENT NAME:**

**TUTOR GROUP:**

**TRIP TITLE:**

Any Existing Medical Conditions	Medication of Action Required	Staff Support Required. Please Include Dosage / Timing Information
<i>Example 1: Asthma</i>	<i>Blue Inhaler</i>	<i>Inhaler to be carried by XXX who knows how to use it.</i>

I confirm that all medical conditions and medical needs are outlined above. I accept that actions requested in column 3 is a service that the school is not required to undertake.

I also undertake to provide the school with a completed medical care plan or managing medicines form if required. I note these are available from the school.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

**PLEASE NOTE:  
IF THIS FORM IS NOT RETURNED TO SCHOOL,  
YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE TRIP**