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Dear Parent/Guardian

Science LIVE Trip – Tuesday 5th November 2024

We are excited to inform you about an upcoming trip for our Year 8 students to the Science Live event on 5th November 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a deeper appreciation for science and see how their classroom learning connects to real-world applications.

About the Event: Science Live is a fast-paced, thought-provoking event aimed at generating greater enthusiasm for science among KS3 students. The event is designed to help students understand the importance of scientific inquiry, evidence, and communication, and how these skills apply across biology, chemistry, and physics.

Through engaging lectures from leading scientists, our students will:

- Learn the significance of asking questions and challenging existing ideas.
- Discover how studying STEM subjects can lead to future educational opportunities and employment.
- Develop key skills in practical science and inquiry. Each student will receive a high-quality booklet with information about the scientists, lectures, and articles on studying science and pursuing careers in the field.

Times: **Students will need to be at school for 7:30am and return for 3:00pm**

Students will be expected to wear school uniform. Please ensure that the students are dressed for the weather conditions while still looking smart representing the school (coats/waterproofs etc if needed). Mobile phones are allowed on the trip; students will be reminded about expectations in regards to sensible use and social media. Students should bring their own lunch and form of contactless payment if they wish to buy other refreshments or souvenirs. Students who are entitled to Free School Meals will have their lunch provided by the school.

The school budget cannot fund the cost of the activity and we are therefore inviting parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£22.00** per child to cover the cost, which will cover the cost of entry and travel to and from the event. Students in receipt of Free School Meals may make a payment of **£11.00. This will need to be paid on ParentPay by Monday 30th September 2024.** Payments not received by this date may result in your child not being able to attend this trip. By using ParentPay to pay for this trip you automatically give consent for your child to attend.



Due to the limited availability of places, we have 14 tickets total, we are asking parents to register their interest on ParentPay by **Monday 23rd September 2024**. After the registration deadline, students will be randomly selected to ensure a fair chance for everyone. If your child is selected, we will confirm their place and payment can be made via parent pay.

If a significant number of parents are unable, or unwilling, to make a voluntary contribution the activity will be cancelled to prevent the school incurring financial loss. However, the school would not wish to exclude any child from taking part on the grounds of financial hardship. If you cannot afford to make payment at this time, please email affordableschools@stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk in confidence with a brief explanation of your circumstances.

The organisation of all trips includes a comprehensive risk assessment. Please be aware that the medical information and contact details for your son/daughter that you have supplied for The Stonehenge School records are printed and taken on the trip by the trip leader and their deputy in case an emergency arises. The printouts are destroyed once the trip is over. If your child is either asthmatic or anaphylaxis, they must ensure that they always carry their inhaler or EpiPen on them during the trip. By applying for a place on the trip, you are giving your consent for this information to be used for this purpose.

Students must understand that their behaviour around school and in lessons will be taken into account when deciding if they are suitable for the trip, as good behaviour and co-operation is necessary when taking part in a school trip. If we deem your child's behaviour serious enough to be excluded from the trip you will not be refunded.

We believe this will be an inspiring experience that adds real purpose to your child's studies, and we hope they can join us for this exciting event!

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Miss B Jones
Teacher of Science
Key Stage 3 Coordinator

