



February 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our accelerated Key Stage 3 Science course I am delighted to inform you that we have been able to secure a day of activities at the Science Museum in London on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Year 7 students will be able to spend the whole day focusing on the Science component of their Key Stage 3 studies, and we propose to use this unique day to take **every student** in the entire year group to the Museum.

The trip is a valuable opportunity for students to see many dynamic, up to date, interactive exhibitions which complement and enhance the understanding of the Science National Curriculum. One of the key galleries we will be visiting is *The Launch Pad* which enables students to have hands on experience in key areas of the curriculum where misconceptions are common. They will be encouraged to take part and experiment in exhibits by playing and doing.

To finish off the day we will be watching a documentary at the incredible IMAX 3D cinema which has a screen taller than four double-decker buses and uses technology which really transports the students deep into the action.

Entry to the Museum is free; however we do need to raise adequate funds to cover the cost of transport, entrance to the IMAX cinema and insurance. We are therefore requesting a contribution of £13 per student. Payment may be made by WisePay (our preferred option) or by cheque made payable to Ashlyns School. Please complete and return the attached reply slip by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. If the trip or activity is linked to the National Curriculum, as in this case, contributions are voluntary, but if contributions are insufficient the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Mrs Wilson in the Finance Office in confidence.

Students will be registered in the **Chapel at 8:00am** as we will leave school at 8.15am. We plan to return around 4:30pm depending on traffic. Please arrange for your child to be collected from school at this later time if necessary.

Students are required to wear school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch. **Writing equipment is not required as we want students to concentrate on interaction, thinking, teamwork and problem solving skills.**

There is a shop at the museum where students may wish to purchase gifts, however students will be expected to take responsibility for any money or valuables that they bring with them.

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If you would like any more details regarding the trip feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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**Please fill in and return this slip by Friday 13th February 2015.**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Form : \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my child to take part in the trip to the Science Museum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

☐ I enclose a cheque for £13 made payable to Ashlyns School.

☐ I have paid by WisePay (our preferred option).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Carer) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Details of any medical condition: \_\_\_\_\_