

11th October 2024

Dear all,

Y10 GCSE Science LIVE! Event, Brighton – Monday 10th February 2025

Your child has the opportunity to attend the GCSE Science LIVE! Event at Brighton's Dome, on Monday 10th February 2025. They will get to see and hear five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their specialisms and chosen for their ability to communicate with pupils of this age in a direct and exciting way. Included at Brighton's event is Professor Robert Winston, Professor Jim Al-Khalili, Professor Dave Cliff, Dr Hannah Critchlow and Dr Eleonora D'Elia. The day is fast moving and thought-provoking. Should they dare, pupils will have the chance to raise issues with the scientists.

Each pupil will receive a booklet with details about each Speaker, the lectures they attend and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists. The whole day's primary objective is to generate greater enthusiasm for science amongst GCSE pupils and help to raise their grades. (There is also a session with an AQA examiner on how to tackle exam questions and maximise their marks!)

After tutor time, we will walk to Chichester and catch the train to Brighton walking to The Dome.

After the event we will return to Chichester by train upon where we will dismiss pupils from the train station at approximately 1630, should consent be given on ParentPay (or alternatively being picked up from school at 1700)

Cost & Payment:

We have limited places for this trip and will work on a first come, first serve basis. If your child would like to take part, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£30.50** to cover the cost of travel and entry to the event itself.

Payment should be made on the school's ParentPay system, which will open on **Monday 14th October, at 6.30pm** where you can also give consent for your child to participate. On the 5th December remaining tickets will be offered to the remaining year group. ParentPay will close on 15th January 2025. Late requests after ParentPay has closed, will not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for a ParentPay activation letter.

If insufficient voluntary contributions are made, then it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but you have difficulty with making the contribution. The finance team can be contacted on finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Items to Take:

Everyone must come to school in their school uniform but, as there is a significant amount of walking, PE trainers are permitted. Please ensure outdoor garments suitable to the weather conditions on that day are also worn.

Please provide an adequate amount of food and drink for the day, please note that there is not a cafe to purchase food or drink at the venue. If your child is part of the FSM provision, a packed lunch can be collected from the school canteen prior to leaving.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Bodington-Howard
Science Teacher