

AFI/BigBangFair/LH
March 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

The Big Bang Fair – Thursday, 5 July 2018

We are aiming to take 79 students across Year 7, 8, 9 and 12 to visit The Big Bang Fair Eastern event at the University of Hertfordshire on Thursday, 5 July 2018. The fair is for secondary school students aged 11-18 years and aims to inspire future scientists and engineers. The idea is to engage students and foster a love for these subjects, as well as celebrating young people's achievements in science and engineering. The event will play host to an array of companies allowing students to ask questions and get some practical experience. These will range from **GLAXOSMITHKLINE** offering some hands-on bio-chemistry experiments as well as giving students the opportunity to find out more about the pharmaceutical industry, to **The Army, Royal Navy Engineering, Royal Marines & RAF** providing activities, including designing a fan blade for a turbine, equipment packing and leadership tests. The full list of what will be on offer can be found using the following link: http://nearme.thebigbangfair.co.uk/view/?eve_id=1830

Students that attend will be given first priority when the school enters the competition next year, where they will be tasked with designing and presenting an experiment of their choice at next year's fair. With the chance to win a vast array of prizes at both the regional and UK wide level it really is an opportunity not to be missed.

ParentPay will open for payment from 9.00 am on Wednesday, 21 March. If your child would like a place on this trip, please pay £13.50 via ParentPay as soon as possible from this time; places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and the option to pay will be withdrawn on Wednesday, 28 March or when all spaces have been filled, whichever is sooner. If you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37.

We reserve the right to not take any student whose behaviour is considered in any way antisocial or unsafe. The Academy is required to undertake a risk assessment for all trips and visits. We cannot allow any student to take part in an activity unless any risk involved is assessed as being low. Deposits for those removed from the trip for bad behaviour cannot be refunded unless an additional student can be found to take their place

If your son/daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, you may be able to access financial support for this purchase. Pupil Premium funding is available for students who have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years, are looked after or have parents in the armed forces. Further advice on eligibility for Pupil Premium funding is available on our website. If you are not eligible for Pupil Premium but are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Academy may be able to support you. If you wish to apply for Pupil Premium or discuss current financial hardship, please write to or email Mrs F Smith (fsmith@longsands.cambs.sch.uk). If you are applying for financial support, please pay a £5 deposit to reserve a place on the trip and then contact Mrs Smith immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

We hope that your son/daughter will be able to participate in this exciting opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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