

AFI/Space/LH  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 8 Trip to National Space Centre in Leicester

As part of the 'Space' topic in Science, the department is organising a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester on Tuesday 25 April. We shall leave Longsands Academy at 8.20 am and return at approximately 5.00 pm.

Students will experience a virtual rocket launch from an astronaut's perspective and explore the amazing world of inner and outer space during a show in the 360° Planetarium. They will also participate in 'Our Earth Under Threat' workshop in which they will form a crisis team to help avert disaster on Earth, concluding with the creation of a replica comet. They will spend the remaining time at the Space Centre looking at the visitor attractions.

The cost for this trip is £31.00, and there are 50 spaces available for students and we will allocate on a first come first served basis and once places have been filled the facility to pay will be withdrawn. ParentPay which will open for payments at 9.00 am on Monday 6 March and all payments should be made by Tuesday 14 March. Should you have any difficulty accessing your ParentPay account, please contact the Finance Department on 01480 223336/37. Please note: we ask that you provide an emergency contact number for the day of the trip, as well as relevant medical information in the mandatory notes section.

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 E Simpson ([esimpson@longsands.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:esimpson@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 Simpson immediately to discuss the remaining payment.

We reserve the right to not take any pupil 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.

Students will be expected to wear school uniform and they will also need to be provided with lunch (including a drink) in a named lunch box or bag as there is no access to refreshments at the Space Centre. Please ensure you are able to make arrangements to collect your son/daughter from Longsands on his/her return at 5.00 pm.

Last year's trip with Year 8 students was a great success and I am looking forward to giving the current Year 8 students the opportunity to experience a visit that is both fun and educational.

Yours sincerely

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