

# Formby High School

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29 September 2016

Dear Parent

**Re: 'Science Live' Symphony Hall, Birmingham – Monday 23 January 2017**

The Science Department is in the process of arranging a trip for Year 10 students to Symphony Hall, Birmingham on Monday 23 January 2017 to attend the 'Science Live' conference. This is an outstanding opportunity for your son/daughter to listen to five of the UK's top scientists give a lecture on their specialist subject. On the day they will be able to hear the following scientists speak:

Professor Lord Robert Winston	Human Fertility
Professor Steve Jones	Geneticist
Professor Dave Cliff	Research Scientist (Computers)
Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock	Space Scientist
Dr Kate Lancaster	Nuclear Fusion

Further information on these scientists can be found at [www.gcsesciencelive.net](http://www.gcsesciencelive.net). In addition to the scientists, the students will receive a well-produced booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists – as well as a number of pieces from an experienced chief examiner on success with Science GCSE.

We will be leaving school at 8:30am and will return at approximately 5:00pm (traffic permitting). Students will need a packed lunch and must be in full school uniform. Legislation prevents us from charging directly, so we have to rely on voluntary contributions. To ensure that the trip takes place a voluntary contribution of £36.00 would cover the cost of travel, insurance and entry into the event, if not enough voluntary contributions are received the trip may not go ahead. If a situation arises where there are more students expressing an interest than places available then a lottery will be used to allocate places.

To secure your child's place on the trip, please complete the attached reply slip and return it to Mrs McManus (A8) by **as soon as possible** and make a payment via ParentPay.

Our preferred method of payment is by ParentPay. This is very simple to set up and very easy to use and we would encourage all parents/carers to use this method of payment.

- Log on to ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) using your username and password (if you have not used ParentPay before please phone 01704 835940 for your login details).
- Click on the item description entitled '**Science Live 2017 – 23 January 2017**' and add it to your basket, then proceed to the checkout.

Yours sincerely



P Belford  
Director of Science



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Please return to Mrs McManus (A8)

Student Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....  
I would like my son/daughter to attend the GCSE 'Science Live' event at Symphony Hall on Monday 23 January 2017.

I have made a payment for £36.00 via ParentPay (please tick)

Signed: ..... Date: .....



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