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30 October 2017

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Trip No: 4048 - Optional Trip During Term Time to Parmiters School on 28th November 2017 – Year 9 (Named Students Only)

The Modern Foreign Languages Department is organising a day trip on Tuesday, 28th November 2017 to Parmiter's School for a one day version of the International Space Challenge. This is a Business Language Champions initiative, generously supported by the National Space Academy. It is a cross-curricular event showing how the combination of languages and science can open up opportunities in future careers.

Overview:

Russia is working on launching their first space hotel. The challenge will be to design a space hotel for a European consortium to compete with the Russians. The overall design will have to be smart and practical, and the hotel needs to be full of innovative ideas that have real potential to work in space. Furthermore, teams will have to work in a foreign language with continental material suppliers and make a presentation to the European investors in French, German or Spanish. This is an opportunity for students to put their science and languages into context in a fun environment, improving their employability skills along the way.

Outline of the Day:

- A language and science/engineering challenge for which there will be a prize for the winning team.
- Keynote talk by Paul Hughes, ex-interpreter for the RAF and now CEO of pH Interim Ltd
- Introduction to the challenges of low-earth orbit by the Head of Teaching and Learning from the National Space Centre
- An introduction to marketing concepts
- Two presentations by the students, a marketing one in the target language and an engineering one in English
- A language taster in Russian

During the day, Business Language Champions and STEM ambassadors will be on hand to advise the students and help with engineering and language issues.

There is also a prize - the overall best team from the challenge will enjoy a fantastic day out at the National Space Centre including a Planetarium Show and a Space Master class.

Your child has been selected for this trip based on their ability and current performance in both languages and science.

Students will travel to the Parmiter's School by minibus. The dress code is smart school uniform. Please provide your son/daughter with a packed lunch and drinks for the day.

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip you are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £18.50 which will cover the cost of this visit. We must inform you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless parents who are able to pay are willing to contribute. If you are unable to contribute, you are invited to contact the Assistant Head: Director of Finance & Resources.

Please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website or return the slip attached to this letter indicating your preferred method of payment. Please note that all trips will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis, places will not be confirmed until your payment is received, therefore we recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. You will be liable for all costs incurred by the school up to the point of cancellation.

Please be aware that the school reserve the right to refuse a place on this trip for any pupil whose attendance falls below the acceptable level and/or their behaviour has been a cause for concern. In line with our School Trips Policy, if there is a need to contact your child while they are out of school, please phone Mrs Sally Pringle on 07938 225451 or Mr Oliver Price on 07925019743.

Yours faithfully

Miss E Golland

Subject Leader for German

Teacher of French German and Mathematics

Mrs S Pringle

Assistant Head: Director of Finance &

Resources

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Reply Slip

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If you wish to complete this reply slip electronically, then please complete the [consent and payment form](#) available to download from the school's website

Student's Name: _____

Form: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions? Yes No

Will this medical condition affect them taking part in the activities? Yes No

If yes, please give details including treatment that they currently receive for this/these medical conditions: _____

Enter any known allergies to drugs, medicines or food and/or special dietary requirements:

Has your child been immunised against tetanus? Yes No

Please provide us with two emergency contact numbers:

Number: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Number: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

For overseas visits only, please confirm that you have included:

Copy of Passport included Yes No

Copy EHIC included Yes No

Declaration

I agree to my child taking part in the above mentioned visit and to their participation in the activities to be undertaken during the day. I support the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on their part.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is not suffering from any medical condition that makes them unfit to participate in this visit. I agree to my child receiving medical treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Payment Method – £18.50

<input type="checkbox"/> Wise Pay (via Internet) ¹ Preferred payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque ² Cheques payable to The John Warner School	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash ²
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¹ If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance department in the first instance. If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please contact the Finance Department.

² If paying by cash or cheque, please put your payment in an envelope which should be labelled with the name of the trip, your child's name, form and the amount enclosed. We would appreciate your cooperation by requesting that your child places the response slip in the trips box, which is located at Student Services.

All outstanding payments must be with the school a minimum of four weeks prior to the start date of the trip unless an earlier payment date is stated on the original letter.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent / Carer