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25 January 2018

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Trip No: 4086 - Residential UK Trip During Term Time Optional to Telford for VEX UK National Championships from 1st – 3rd March 2018 – Various Years (Named Students Only)

The VEX Robotics UK National Championship for the 2017 - 2018 In The Zone Season where the very best teams from the UK will battle it out over two days of competition to see who will be crowned National Champions, will take place on Friday, 2nd and Saturday 3rd March.

As in previous years, we are seeking through this event to support and encourage the development of young engineers by presenting teams with an exciting challenge which fully utilises the learning they have taken from Science, Technology and Maths lessons.

We would therefore like to invite your child to be part of the team to visit The International Centre Saint Quentin Gate, Telford, TF3 4JH on Thursday, 1st March to Saturday, 3rd March. The event will last throughout Friday and Saturday and students will stay locally at YHA Ironbridge, Coalport, Telford, TF8 7HT on Thursday and Friday night. All accommodation, travel and meals will be provided as part of the overall trip cost of £112.

We have arranged for a mini bus to take students from the school to the venue and would like students to meet at the school for departure 09:30 on Thursday, 1st March. We will then travel to the venue in time to check into the hotel and arrange for all the equipment to be transported to the The International Centre. If parent(s)/carer(s) or other relations would like to come along to support the team, the event is open to the public and spectators may come and go throughout Friday and Saturday.

The event is also classed as a National Final with the winners being given the opportunity to take part in the Vex robotics finals to be held in the USA later this year. The winning alliance will automatically qualify for this event held at the Kentucky Exposition Center, Louisville, Kentucky, United States.

As in previous years, we are seeking through this event to support and encourage the development of young engineers by presenting teams with an exciting challenge which fully utilises the learning they have taken from Science, Technology and Maths lessons. Although the majority of the trip will be funded through various sources, we will be asking for a contribution of £112 towards the cost of the accommodation, travel via minibus and food. Students may wish to bring a small amount of spending money with them otherwise all accommodation, food and transfers to and from school will be paid for in advance.

The itinerary for the trip, beginning Thursday, 1st March, will be as follows:

- Thursday, 1st March 09:00 - Arrive at The John Warner School to prepare equipment
- Depart at 10:00 and travel to accommodation at YHA Ironbridge, Coalport, Telford, TF8 7HT
- Friday, 2nd March depart hotel at 08:30 to arrive at The International Centre for 09:00 registration
- Qualifying matches
- Overnight accommodation close to The International Centre complex
- Saturday, 3rd March finals matches and award ceremony
- Depart The International Centre approximately 16:00
- Return to The John Warner School at approximately 19:00

If you would like your child to go on this optional trip, [please follow this link to complete the consent and payment form](#) (*website: Home/Parents/Forms*) 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; we therefore recommend that you respond as soon as possible. All cancellations must be provided in writing to the Finance Office. Once a place is confirmed, 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

Mr S Higham
Subject Leader for Engineering

Mrs G Knights
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](#) on 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: _____

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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 – £112

- Wise Pay (via Internet)** Preferred payment method. If Wise Pay is showing that the trip is full, please contact the Finance Department in the first instance.
- Debit or Credit Card.** If you wish to pay by Debit or Credit card directly rather than through Wise Pay, then please call the school 01992 462889 and ask to be transferred to the Finance Department.
- Cheque.** If paying by cheque, please ask your child to hand payments directly to the finance office. Cheques should be made payable to The John Warner School.
- Cash.** If paying by cash, we request that a parent/carer deposits the money personally at the school office during working hours and obtains a receipt. Cash will no longer be accepted from Students

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