



Our Ref: VMX/sck

30th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: The Big Bang Fair – 14th March 2018 - Year 9

I am delighted to say that the Academy has been given an opportunity to attend the Big Bang Fair at the NEC, Birmingham. It is a huge interactive exhibition based around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths; it is a great opportunity to experience new scientific discoveries, lectures and demonstrations. This event is the largest in the UK, with several thousand students and visitors attending the hundreds of stalls and exhibitors.

The aim of The Big Bang Event is to encourage more students to study these subjects, as well as celebrating young people's achievements in science and engineering, through displaying their STEM projects and providing the opportunity to talk with engineers and scientists, face to face. There will be a great deal going on at the event, including shows which will amaze the students and workshops which provide a chance to get 'hands-on with engineering'. It ties in with the launch of the Bridge Programme at the Academy this year as our students will be able to see the types of STEM careers available to them.

We are confident that this will be a great experience for our students, which will hopefully encourage them to pursue careers and futures in a STEM field and provide them with an unforgettable experience. As such, we have made efforts to ensure that the trip is as affordable as possible, with a total cost of £20 per student.

We have been able to reserve 160 tickets for this event, and if interest in the excursion exceeds the amount of students we are able to take, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and only if both full payment and the attached completed permission slip have been received.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch for the day (this will be provided for students in receipt of free school meals). Students are also required to wear school uniform.

If you would like your child to take part in this visit please make payment, via Wisepay, cash or cheque (made payable to 'The Thomas Alleyne Academy'), and return the completed permission slip to Mrs Clark in Reception by 30th November 2017.

An outline plan of the day and approximate timings:

Wednesday 14th March 2018

08:00 Leave TAA.
10:00 Arrival and registration at Big Bang.
16:00 Depart Big Bang
18:00 Arrive back at TAA (depending on traffic).

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If you know your son/daughter suffers from travel sickness, may we ask you to purchase and supply appropriate medication before departure – it is imperative to indicate any medical details on the reply slip attached.

We are proud of our excellent record of exemplary behaviour on trips and visits. Students will be representing our Academy and we expect all to behave and act responsibly. If staff have any concerns about your child's conduct, their place on the visit will be reviewed.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me. We are looking forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours faithfully

V Maddox

**Mrs V Maddox
Science Week Coordinator**

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REPLY SLIP Re: Big Bang Trip for Year 9 - 14th March 2018

Please return to Mrs Clark in Reception no later than 30th November 2017

I confirm that my child in form

will adhere to the academy's behaviour expectations for trips and visits and give permission for him/her* to attend the above named trip.

I enclose cash*/a cheque*/payment has been made via WisePay on*

Any medical/additional information of which the school should be aware (i.e. allergies, medication, travel sickness etc.)

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Emergency contact name and telephone number:

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Signed parent/carer* Date

* please delete as applicable.