

23 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Particle Physics Masterclass at The Rutherford Appleton Laboratory on Thursday 9 March 2023

The Physics Department is delighted to be able to offer Year 12 students the opportunity to visit Particle Physics Masterclass at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Didcot, on Thursday 9 March 2023. It is an extremely popular visit, and we are excited to have secured places this year. Although the visit is not compulsory to the A-Level Physics course, it is a fantastic opportunity to further enhance the students' knowledge of Electric and Magnetic Fields, Particle Physics and Quantum Mechanics, as well as practical applications in a working laboratory. The day also includes workshops to introduce students to how data is collected and used to further our understanding of Physics, including the practical advantages it has given. We would hope that all the students studying the A-Level Physics course will attend.

We will leave school at 7.00am and return at approximately 7.00pm. As the start and return time is before and after the end of the school day, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to arrange transport to and from the Academy.

The total cost of the trip is **£15.50**, and the payment deadline is **Thursday 2 February 2023**.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. The trip will be **available on ParentPay from 9am on Thursday 26 January 2023**. **If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.** If you are unable to pay online you can pay by cash at a store showing the Paypoint logo. You will need a Paypoint letter which is available from the school office. The letter has a barcode which is unique to this trip. ParentPay is also used as acceptance of your parental consent confirming that you are satisfied with the arrangements outlined above. Reply slips for consent are no longer issued. Please ensure that we have your up-to-date emergency contact details and any relevant medical information for your child, as this information is taken from our school database. Payments are non-refundable. Should your child withdraw from the trip, we are only able to offer a refund if their place can be filled by another student.

The visit will be covered by the Academy Insurance Policy. Please be aware that:

- Except for visits abroad, insurance arrangements are the same as those for students in the Academy, i.e. only provides cover if negligence is proven or accepted by the Academy and/or its employees.
- You should consider making your own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for your son/daughter for Academy activities in the UK.
- As parent/carers you have fully understood and are satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activities. You agree to your son/daughter taking part in it and know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

As with all Academy trips, students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy and, therefore, exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the trip and in the lead up to the trip. All enrichment activities have a short meeting prior to the date of travel, and the date and time of the meeting will be circulated via Tutors and Firefly. It is essential all students attend these. If you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy on 01934 742608 or email me on tjames@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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