

November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Question of Taste Trip to We The Curious – Wednesday 26 March 2025

The Biology Department is delighted to be able to offer Year 13 Biology Students the opportunity to visit We The Curious on Wednesday 26 March 2025. Although the visit is not essential to the Biology Course, it is a fantastic opportunity for students to obtain first-hand experience of biotechnology techniques that we cannot cover in school. Students will amplify their own DNA using the PCR technique. They will also use gel electrophoresis to identify their genotype in relation to the PTC bitter-taste allele.

Travel will be by minibus from Kings Academy leaving at 8.45am and returning at 3.45pm. The total cost of the educational visit will be £22.

The cost will include the following: transport and entrance to “We The Curious”, including the DNA workshop.

Not included: lunch. Students will not be allowed to leave the site during the day, so it is recommended that they bring their own packed lunch. There is a café onsite serving a small selection of foods.

The payment deadline for the deposit of £22 is Friday 6 December 2024. Please note that if the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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 pupils 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.

Payment for this trip must be made using the online ParentPay system. **The trip is now available on ParentPay.** 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 and barcode letters are also used as acceptance of your parental consent and 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.

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, the date and time of the meeting is 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 ldavies@kovessex.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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