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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 National Space Centre Visit – Friday 12th February 2027

We are delighted to inform you that a school trip has been organised for our Year 7 students to visit the **National Space Centre in Leicester**. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of space and science in an engaging, hands-on and inclusive environment. The trip will also take place during National Science week, when we will be exploring a range of science themes throughout the week.

The trip is planned for **Friday 12th February 2027**. This will be during the school day, with an estimated return-to -school time of 4pm. Further information regarding timings of the day and logistics will be sent out nearer the time.

During the visit, students will:

- Participate in the **"Surviving Mars" workshop**, exploring what life might be like on the Red Planet.
- Attend the **"Journey Through Space" planetarium show**, offering a fascinating insight into the universe pitched at a KS3 level.
- Explore the wide range of exhibits at the Space Centre, with activities and competitions.

The total cost of the trip will be **£33 per student**, this covers the cost of:

- Entrance to the National Space Centre
- Both the workshop and planetarium show
- Coach travel to and from Leicester.

As this is a curriculum-related trip and is during the school day it has been planned on the understanding that all parents of students participating are prepared to meet voluntarily costs involved. Unfortunately, if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then the trip may have to be cancelled**.**

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During this trip there may be occasions when students will not be directly supervised. However, they will be in groups of no less than three students and will be given emergency telephone numbers. They will also have to meet with staff at specific periods and locations.

If you child is currently a Pupil Premium student, you will get the trip at a reduced cost. Please choose this option on WisePay.

Should a student cancel their place on a school trip, and a replacement cannot be found, then they will lose any payments made. If a trip placement is cancelled through illness, then each case will be considered on an individual basis.

Our method of payment is via the school's secure online payment facility, WisePay, which can be accessed from the link our website www.ashbyschool.org.uk . You must only use the WisePay account for the student who is attending the trip. In the case of twins, you must use a separate WisePay account for each child.

Unfortunately, we can only take a maximum of 180 students and where trips are over-subscribed, all students' names will go into a draw to give all students an equal chance to access this trip and a refund will be processed to unsuccessful applicants.

If you are still within the time frame of the booking period but there are no more spaces appearing on WisePay, please email SpaceCentre@ashbyschool.org.uk and we will ensure your child is in the draw for a place.

The deadline for the payment is Friday 27th November 2027

If your child has a medical condition, it is **your responsibility** to ensure they have any medication they require/may require on the day of the trip. The school would look to parents to make certain that all medicines are 'in date' eg. inhalers / EpiPens etc. otherwise it may result in your child not being able to go on the trip. If you do not disclose their medical condition, you will be expected to collect your child in the event they become ill and to pay any expenses incurred as a result.

The school's insurance policy is available to view on the school website.

We believe this trip will be an inspiring and memorable experience for our Year 7 students, and we very much hope that your child will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,

The Ashby School Science Team