



John Colet School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 Trip to the European Space Centre, Belgium; Monday 8th July – Thursday 11th July 2019

Mathematics and Science are combining to take students to the European Space Centre in Transinne, Belgium. This trip will help bring classroom study alive for students, relating what they have learnt to the world. The opportunity to apply mathematical calculation to a real life project will undoubtedly stimulate and focus class work.

Students electing to go on this trip will travel to Belgium to learn about space exploration and experience a range of astronaut training activities. These include a moon walk simulation, multi-axis chair, zero gravity wall and a simulated team space shuttle mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Students will also have the opportunity to build and launch their own rocket. There is also a castle torch lit tour included in the trip on the Wednesday evening. Students that attend this trip will also be involved in an evaluation and presentation day on Friday 12th July 2019 at the school.

The cost of the trip based on **40** students is **£550.00**. The cost includes full board accommodation, space centre activities, Castle Tour, insurance and administration fees. Please note that the trip is unlikely to proceed unless parents undertake to pay the £550.00 in full. If you have any further questions please speak to me directly.

Students will require a current passport and the plastic health insurance card which can be obtained free of charge on the internet at: www.direct.gov.uk

If you would like your son/daughter to take part on this trip, please complete the reply slip and return it to the Finance Office between **8.00-8.30 in the mornings** along with your deposit of **£75.00** by **Thursday 4th October 2018**. The preferred method of payment is via **www.pmx.parentmail.co.uk** using a debit or credit card by selecting '**Euro Space Centre 2019**' under the shop/payments section. Alternatively, cheques should be made payable to **John Colet School Fund**. It would also be helpful if you could write the student name, tutor group and 'Space Centre' on the reverse of the cheque.

The remaining balance of £475.00 will be payable in the following instalments: £75.00 by Friday 2nd November 2018, £80.00 by Friday 7th December 2018, £80.00 by Friday 4th January 2019, £80.00 by Friday 1st February 2019, £80.00 by Friday 1st March 2019 and £80.00 by Friday 5th April 2019.

Please note:

It is essential that the reply slip is returned to the Finance Office by Thursday 4th October 2018 to ensure your son/daughter is included in the selection process.

Deposit cheques will not be banked until sufficient numbers to make the trip viable have been confirmed.

Should the trip be oversubscribed, a draw will take place and those not selected will have their payment returned and be placed on a reserve list in the order in which they were drawn.

Once places are confirmed, deposits for the selected participants will be non-refundable.

Any student who is placed on report may be withdrawn from the trip at the schools discretion and will have any monies paid refunded providing another student is able to take their place.

In the event of your son/daughter withdrawing from the trip, payments will only be refunded if another student is able to take their place.

We would not want any student to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances, therefore, if you are eligible for Pupil Premium funding please contact Mrs Abslom at labslom@johncolet.co.uk

Yours Sincerely

Mrs A Passaro
Trip Leader

European Space Centre 2019

Please return to the Finance Office between 8.00-8.30am by Thursday 4th October 2018

Name:..... Form:.....

I agree to’s participation on the trip.

I have paid via Parentmail (PMX)

Please find enclosed deposit cheque for £75.00 payable to John Colet School Fund, with student name, tutor group and Space Centre on reverse of cheque.

I also agree to pay the remaining balance of £75.00 by Friday 2nd November 2018, £80.00 by Friday 7th December 2018, £80.00 by Friday 4th January 2019, £80.00 by Friday 1st February 2019, £80.00 by Friday 1st March 2019 and £80.00 by Friday 5th April 2019.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date