

Bullers Wood School for Girls & Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers

Y9 TRIP TO THE OBSERVATORY, SCIENCE CENTRE AT HERSTMONCEUX

A trip to The Observatory at Herstmonceux been arranged for Year 9. This trip will take place on Thursday 29th September 2022. Students will be given a tour of the Observatory and talks on several telescopes, as well as being involved in a series of scientific problem solving team activities.

Students should arrive at school by 8.00am for registration (behind Inglewood) and will travel to Herstmonceux by coach, returning to school at approximately 3.30pm. Coaches must leave the venue promptly, any additional transport costs incurred if a student does not return to the coach at the time requested by staff may be charged to parents.

Students should wear sensible clothing for an outdoor day, including waterproofs if the weather forecast requires it. Students should bring a packed lunch and drinks. They may get an opportunity to visit the gift shop but we request that they do not bring more than £10 to spend.

The cost of the trip is **£25** which covers the entrance and coach travel costs. Payment should be made via School Gateway, by **Friday 16th September at the latest**. If you have any difficulty in paying this, please contact myself or Mrs Johnson by email as soon as possible – SJohnson@bwsmat.org as no student in the group will be omitted for financial reasons, however without adequate support the trip may not go ahead.

If your child receives Pupil Premium funding then the cost of this trip will be covered by the school, however you must log onto School Gateway (Under Payments) to give your permission for them to attend the trip. **Your consent must be recorded via Gateway or by email to SJohnson@bwsmat.org by Friday 16th September at the latest to secure a place.** Please also note that a packed lunch will be provided for those students in receipt of free school meals.

If your child has a music lesson on the day of the visit they should notify their peripatetic teacher in advance. We also request that students do not bring valuable articles with them. Staff cannot be held responsible for any loss of personal belongings.

Yours sincerely

Dr J Carlyle
Science Department

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PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

All medical and emergency telephone numbers which we invite you to update every year and which we will use for the trip will be generated from school records. Please ensure that any changes in the information held are provided as soon as possible to office@bwsgirls.org

If your child requires any medication for the trip please put this in a transparent bag marked clearly with your child's name plus medication enclosed, the dosage amount and times to be taken. Please hand to a member of staff on the day of the visit.

Payment signifies the commitment by the payer to membership of the party and therefore the cost of the visit is **non-refundable** except in the case of serious illness, when a doctor's certificate will be required (or proof of a positive PCR test if the student has Covid). Payments are used to secure firm bookings with the companies whose services are engaged for the visit. Please note you are entering into a contract with the event company, hotel, travel or airline company, not the school. Please ensure all payments are made on-line as described by the due date.

Please note the school reserves the right to cancel the place of any student whose behaviour prior to the trip does not meet the school expectations, or whose attendance record is unacceptable. In this event Parents/Carers are advised that no refund will be made. This sum is non-refundable in the event of your son's absence on the day.