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Dear Parents / Guardians

11<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Re: **STAG Lecture – Gravitational Waves**

The Physics department has been able to secure 27 seats for the annual STAG lecture at Nuffield Theatre in Southampton University. This year the talk is entitled “Probing the Universe with Gravitational Waves” and will be delivered by the 2017 Physics Nobel Prize Winner Rainer Weiss who worked on the LIGO experiment that last year made the first detection of the collision of two neutrons stars. This talk should be a fantastic opportunity to take the learning of astrophysics beyond the classroom and as it matches most closely with our year 13 content we are prioritising your sons year group first.

Date	Visit to	Contribution	Details of visit	Times	Requirements
03/10/2018	Nuffield Theatre – Southampton University	£4.50 for minibus travel only	STAG Lectrue on Gravitational Waves	Leaving school at 1.15 – return no later than 5pm.	School attire. Pen & paper

There are 27 places available for this trip and receipt of the deposit will be taken to mean you wish to take up a place on the trip. However in the event that the trip is oversubscribed, 27 names will be drawn randomly and those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list and their deposits refunded. Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment of the deposit should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

### **Deadline for payment: 21 September 2018**

**Please pay online:** Via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com). If you need a link code please email [mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk)

No pupil will be barred from the trip on account of non-payment, but if total payments do not cover the cost of the trip then regrettably it will have to be cancelled.

Your son will be covered by the school’s insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward [sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk) to update your son’s information.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Thorne,

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