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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Yr 10, 11 & 12 NASA Educational Tour, Space Trek, Florida – October 2019

The Physics Department is planning an overseas field trip for Year 11 and Sixth Form BWS students studying or intending to study A Level Physics, (present Year 10, 11 and 12). The trip is to visit Florida over the Half Term in October 2019. This is the second time this trip is being offered, having been extremely well received by all who took part first time in 2017. ("Best week ever" one Year 12 student was overheard saying after the trip). The format will therefore be the same or very similar - please see the attached flyer for more information. The dates for the trip have not yet been finalised, and at the moment we wish to ascertain if there is enough interest in the trip to make it feasible.

The provisional plan at this stage is that the trip will take either seven or eight days including travel time. The first three days in Florida will be spent at The Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral where students will take part in engineering tasks as well as other enrichment activities. The following two days will involve visiting Universal Studios Orlando. The day before departure will be a day trip to the Everglades.

There is a range of activities incorporating a wide spread of the physics syllabus, from forces and projectile motion to engineering, practical and analytical skills. There are opportunities for team work, competitive sessions, as well as exploring the unique Everglades and the opportunity for travel and exploration. For more details of the proposed plans please see the attached flyer or visit the company's website <https://easchooltours.com/teacher-zone/bishop-wordsworth-nasa-tour>; to log in please use the password:

October 2019.

The logistics will be organised with the assistance of Educating Adventures, a company with a successful track record of organising similar trips. A representative from this organisation will be present every day in Florida to help the trip run smoothly.

The estimated cost for the trip will be around £2500. This will include all travel (to and from a London Airport, flights and transport whilst in the USA) in addition to accommodation and food (except lunch at Universal Studios and the Everglades), entry fees for exhibitions etc. and insurance. We will be using good quality, fully catered hotel accommodation. I will be able to confirm a more accurate costing once the flights are booked.

Because of the restrictions on entering the USA all students will need an ESTA (visa waiver program) and e-passports (passports with an integrated chip). Passports with the chip have the symbol below.





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In order to ascertain whether or not this trip is viable could I ask that if you are interested in your son taking part, please could you return the reply slip below by 7 December 2018.

At this point there is no commitment although once we decide to go ahead then we will need confirmations and deposits (amount to be decided nearer the time, due early January 2019).

More details about cost will be distributed as soon as we have the information. If you have any further questions about the trip then please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

Richard Melville
Teacher of Physics

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Reply Slip: **BWS NASA Educational Tour, Space Trek, Florida – October 2019**

To be emailed to Dr Melville rjm@bws.wilts.sch.uk or handed to Dr Melville at school.

I am interested in my son taking part in the BWS NASA Educational Tour, Space Trek and Florida in the October Half Term 2019

Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

Signed (Parent/Guardian): _____

Date: _____