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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **RE: NASA Educational Tour, Space Trek, Florida – October 2019**

The Physics Department is thrilled to report that there has been significant interest in the planned NASA trip to Florida and as such we look very likely to secure the deposits needed for the trip to run as scheduled and on budget. Houston, we do not have a problem!

As such it would be excellent for the Physics Staff to meet with you and discuss the trip itinerary as well as payments and other logistical points before moving ahead. We are also fortunate in that the tour operator is currently holding competitively priced direct flights for us, which would be a big advantage over the previous trip. However to secure these, we will require an initial holding deposit of **£75.00** payable by **Midday on Monday 17 December**, with the remainder of the first deposit (an additional **£350.00**) to be paid in January as planned. We trust you will agree this is worth doing.

**Trip Cost:** The estimated cost for the trip will be around **£2500**, subject to the number of boys that sign up to the trip.

There are **limited 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, the names will be drawn randomly. Those pupils who are unsuccessful will be placed on a reserve list and their deposits refunded.

### **Payment:**

- The **£75.00** deposit is non-refundable (with the exception of an oversubscribed trip) and can be paid online via [www.scopay.com](http://www.scopay.com), deadline for payment is **Midday on Monday 17 December**.
- The next payment of **£350.00** payable by **Monday 21 January 2019**, if your son is successful in gaining a place on the trip.

If you need a link code please email [mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mxl@bws.wilts.sch.uk) (link codes are only needed for online account set up), Parents/Guardians who may find it difficult to meet the deadline for payment of the deposit should contact the Finance Office on ext 260.

There will be a meeting at 5pm in the Sixth Form Common Room on Thursday 13 December where you will be able to ask any questions you may have as well as listen to a short presentation detailing an outline of the trip. We therefore advise that your son should also be in attendance. We appreciate this is a fast turnaround so should you not be able to make this meeting but wish for your son to participate then please pay the deposit via and if you have any questions please contact myself on ([mxt@bws.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:mxt@bws.wilts.sch.uk)).

We look forward to meeting you shortly and in the words of Neil deGrasse Tyson "*The Universe is under no obligation to make sense to you... but it's nice to try anyway*".

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