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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Re: Year 9 - Futuroscope, France - Friday 14 February - Sunday 16 February 2025

To promote a curiosity and passion for science and engineering in students early in their GCSE course we are offering a school trip to visit Futuroscope, France on Friday 14 February to Sunday 16 February 2025. Futuroscope is a unique European theme park in France with over 40 attractions drawing on different educational STEM themes.

During the trip students will have the opportunity to explore Futuroscope over two days and be drawn into the power of a tornado, come up against electromagnetic fields and solar flares, lose their bearings in a zero-gravity environment and discover the secrets of a cosmonaut mission on Europe's largest 4K IMAX screen. As well as enjoying an evening show, The Key to Dreams, a display of 3-Dimensional aquatic effects, lights, and images. Students will also receive free study guides in advance of their visit covering the "Dances with Robots" and "Cosmic Collisions" attractions.

Students will travel by coach via the Dover - Calais Cross Channel Ferry to Hotel Du Futuroscope, where they will be staying for the duration of the visit. Accommodation is in multi-bed style rooms and food is included in the cost (except whilst travelling). The students will be accompanied by four members of staff.

The cost of this trip is £360.00 and below is an outline of the payments:

- Initial deposit of £100.00 by 30 September 2024 to secure a place on the trip.

Followed by 3 monthly instalments due on the following dates:

- £100.00 by 31 October 2024
- £100.00 by 30 November 2024
- £60.00 by 31 December 2024

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at [finance@wildern.org](mailto:finance@wildern.org).



**If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £100.00 by Monday 30 September 2024.**

**There are 40 places available on this trip.** In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

**Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.**

Yours sincerely

**Dr Griscti-Perry**

Director of Learning - Science