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Our ref: ASP/aln/office/trips/2025-2026/Science/ObservatoryScienceCentre

12th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Year 7 Trip - Observatory Science Centre & Museum, Herstmonceux, East Sussex**  
**UV side Monday 13th July 2026 (Forms 7CAP, 7SHB, 7RAC, 7VXD)**  
**WX side Tuesday 14th July 2026 (Forms 7KEB, 7CMC, 7MBB, 7SLH)**

The science department is organising an all-day trip for Year 7 students to the Observatory Science Centre & Museum at Herstmonceux in East Sussex, **on Monday 13th July 2026 or Tuesday 14th July 2026.**

The Observatory Science Centre & Museum includes a number of exhibits, activities and workshops centred on astronomy, space science and related science topics. As a part of KS3 curriculum we cover 'Space' topic at the end of Year 7. The trip will link nicely to lessons covered in last term and also be an opportunity for the students to see a telescope and obtain hands-on experience of astronomy and space and to develop their problem-solving and team-work skills.

This is an optional activity and therefore not essential for students to participate to fulfil course requirements. However, we believe it will enhance the students' understanding of the science and we would therefore encourage students to attend the trip. Students who are not taking part in this trip must attend lessons as normal.

**The cost of this trip is £30** which will cover travel and entrance costs. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch and drinks, there is a small onsite café but it may not be able to cater for all in allocated lunch time. Students may also choose to have some pocket money if they wish to visit a gift shop. On the day, we will be travelling by coach to and from the Science Centre, leaving Hayes School at 8.30am and returning by approximately 4.30pm.

To secure your child's participation, please **make the full payment of £30 by Friday 5th June 2026.** This will be non-refundable unless the trip is cancelled by the school. Please make payment via Parentpay; all parents/carers have been given a password and login for this.

The school reserves the right not to accept students or to withdraw students from this trip whose behaviour has been/is a cause for concern.

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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