



6 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: MOD Shoeburyness QinetiQ**

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to attend the QinetiQ event being held at MOD Shoeburyness on two separate days; Thursday 15 November and Tuesday 4 December 2018.

QinetiQ is a British multinational defence technology company and the event is designed to show exactly what a STEM job would look like in the defence industry. Throughout the event students will take part in a number of activities organised to help them in their studies. Students will take part in the Trebuchet Challenge. Working in small teams, they will be assigned to their very own trebuchet, an ancient siege weapon, under the watchful eye of QinetiQ mentors. More information about the event can be found at:

<https://shoeburyness.qinetiq.com/community/stem-academy.aspx>

The itinerary for the day will be as follows:

- 7.30am - Students meet Mr Spencer at Shenfield station
- 9.00am - Approximate time of arrival at event
- 3.00pm - Depart event and travel back to Shenfield station
- 4.30pm - Approximate time of arrival back at Shenfield station

Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined area or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit although staff will remain within the designated areas so they are available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they become separated at any time.

The cost of entry to the event is free but students should bring sufficient funds for return train travel to Shoeburyness, suggested £8.00, and they should bring a packed lunch and drinks. The group will be led by myself, Mr J Spencer. If you are interested in your son or daughter participating, please complete and return the consent form to the Finance Office by Monday 12 November. QinetiQ is providing 16 places for this event on each day with a total of 32 students for both days, therefore should the trip be oversubscribed, places will be randomly allocated by computer to ensure fairness.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email [jspencer@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jspencer@st-martins.essex.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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