



26 February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: The Big Bang Fair: UK Young Scientists and Engineers Fair

As we draw closer to the departure date I wanted to remind you of some key points.

On Friday 13 March 2020 students should gather in the South Hall at 6:00am where they will be assigned a group leader and informed which coach they will travel on. We are due to depart the school at 6:15am. To prevent delays to the majority we cannot wait for late individuals.

Students can wear non-uniform but this should be appropriate to participate in activities of the day. A map and schedule of the events will be provided to students on the day but I recommend that they look at the electronic map and schedule. I have enclosed the pre-trip meeting presentation, so they can plan the day. There will be a "Careers Cabin" at the venue for those that may want to discuss careers related to science and engineering.

Students may want to bring a packed lunch or bring a small amount of cash for purchasing food at the venue.

We expect to return to St Martin's for approximately 5:30pm.

There will be certain times when students are allowed free time. At these times they may be permitted to wander more freely, but in small groups of no less than four. 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 that they are available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group to be used if they get separated at any time.

Can I ask that you ensure your child brings their inhaler/Epipen with them if appropriate.

Cloakrooms are available at the event and charged at £1 per item. The halls can become quite hot when busy, so coats are not required. All activities are hands-on, so we recommend using a rucksack to keep your hands free.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238300 or jpeacock@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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