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Dear Parent/Carer

We have the opportunity to take a group of students to the Great Hall Exeter to attend the GCSE Science Live talks on 3rd February 2027.

The day is aimed at students studying for their GCSEs and includes talks from leading scientists such as Professor Robert Winston and Professor Dave Cliff. These scientists along with their colleagues are at the cutting edge of their specialisms and have been chosen for their ability to communicate with students in a direct and exciting way. The day also offers the opportunity for students to hear from a top GCSE examiner who will be offering top tips for examination success.

The day will be fast-moving, exciting, thought-provoking and will give students the chance to raise issues with the scientists. Each student will receive a well-produced booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as scientists, as well as a number of pieces from an experienced chief examiner on success with Science GCSE.Current attendees are listed as:

ProfessorJim Al-Khalili (Physicist and Documentary presenter)
Professor Dave Cliff (Computer Wizkid)
Dr Eleonora D'Elia (Materials Scientist)
Professor Gilly Forrester (Psycology)
Professor Iain Stewart (Geoscience)

Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis. The cost of the trip is £36.50, (**£18.25)** for PP students) which will cover the cost of entrance/coach fee. Payment via the ParentMail app is required. **This will go live on Friday 2nd October at 8.00am.**

Students will need to wear their school uniform, and as they will be representing Budmouth Academy, we expect them to adhere to our very high behaviour expectations. If students are walking home by themselves, this must be agreed via an email from parents/carers by 20th January 2027.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch **(no nuts please)**. Students in receipt of free school meals will be catered for. Please email me any dietary requirements for this.

Leave Budmouth 8.15am approx
Arrive at Exeter Great Hall 10.15am
Science live talks 10.45am -3.00pm
Return to Budmouth Academy approx 5.00pm

We will use all contact and medical information directly from Arbor, so please ensure that your child's information is up to date via the parent app. Any concerns regarding this, please contact dbrown@budmouth-aspirations.org

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me: swiles@budmouth-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely

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