



Ripon Grammar School

Jodrell Bank Observatory – Educational Visit

21 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to advise you of an upcoming school trip to Jodrell Bank Observatory, Cheshire. You may be more familiar with it as the backdrop of the BBC's Star Gazing Live with Professor Brian Cox.

The trip is open to current Y11 GCSE Astronomers and A-Level Physicists.

The trip is planned for **Tuesday 7 November 2023, leaving school at 7:15am and returning at approximately 6pm** dependent on traffic.

Parents are requested to provide consent for their son/daughter to attend the trip by paying a voluntary contribution of £34 using ParentPay no later than 24 October. The trip will be cancelled if insufficient funds are collected.

The voluntary contribution will cover the entrance fee at the Observatory, an educational workshop run by staff from the University of Manchester, a show in Jodrell Bank's new Space Dome, in addition to coach transportation.

Students will require a packed lunch.

I do feel this trip will be invaluable, especially for these year groups in support of their observational astronomy and astrophysics topic in GCSE and A Level respectively. We were last able to run this trip prior to Covid and the feedback from those who attended was exceptional.

Yours sincerely

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