



Dear parents and carers,

Year 7 Educational Visit to the National Space Centre

We are delighted to announce an exciting educational visit for our Year 7 students to the National Space Centre on **Tuesday 13th October 2026**.

During the autumn term, students will be studying **Space** as part of their curriculum. This visit has been carefully planned to enrich their learning and provide a memorable, hands-on experience that brings classroom concepts to life.

During the day, students will have the opportunity to visit the centre's spectacular **full-dome 360-degree planetarium**, where they will watch an exciting, animated astronaut film exploring what it is like to travel into space. This immersive experience will help students develop their understanding of space exploration and the challenges faced by astronauts.

In addition, students will participate in an engaging workshop entitled "**The Great Rocket Challenge**." Working in teams and with a limited budget, students will be challenged to design, construct, and launch a rocket capable of reaching the moon. This activity will encourage collaboration, creativity, problem-solving, and practical engineering skills.

Trip Information:

- **Date:** Tuesday 13th October 2026
- **Location:** The National Space Centre, Leicester
- **Departure from school:** 8:00 AM
- **Return to school:** Approximately 4:00 PM
- **Travel:** Poynters coach company
- **Cost:** £37.23 (includes coach travel, entry to The National Space Centre, and workshop participation)
- **Lunch:** Students should bring a packed lunch and plenty of water
- **Clothing:** Pupils must wear their school uniform.



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Please be aware that there are **only 80 places available** for the visit to The National Space Centre. Should the number of interested pupils exceed this limit, **names will be randomly selected to allocate places.**

Please complete and return the attached permission slip, along with payment, by Monday 21st September 2026. Reply slips can be returned to reception. All payments must be made through your MCAS account.

We believe this will be a fantastic opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of space and experience science and engineering in an exciting and interactive environment.

If you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Sewell

Head of Science
St Thomas Becket Catholic School

Reply Slip

I give permission for _____, to attend the trip to The National Space Centre and will make my payments via MCAS.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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