



27 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We are running a trip to a local observatory to receive a lecture from one of the astronomers and to use the large optical telescope. This will take place on Tuesday 19 December 2023. We will be leaving school at 3.30pm and returning at 7.30pm.

We also hope to visit the observatory next year, where a series of guest lectures will be given by experts. These lectures will be linked to the Astrophysics module our current Year 12 students will be examined on in their A Level exams.

In terms of transport, 4 teachers will be driving students in their cars with a total of 17 spaces available. The rest of the spaces are in some of our Year 13 students' cars, who have kindly offered to make their own way there. If you do not feel comfortable with your child being transported by another student then please contact me via email: thomasjames@heanorgatespencer.com.

We feel the observatory is an excellent opportunity for our students to experience hands-on science and to interact with expert astronomers who have years of experience.

If you are happy for your child to attend, please login to ParentPay to give your consent.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me via email at thomasjames@heanorgatespencer.com

Yours sincerely

Mr James
Teacher of Science