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Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday 18th March we will be taking Year 7 and 8 pupils to the NEC in Birmingham to visit the BIG BANG FAIR 2016. This is the UK's largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths for young people. This award winning event brings together leading business and industry with exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits, and excellent careers information, resources and activities to bring science and engineering careers to life with a bang.

The event aims to inspire our future scientists and engineers through exciting hands on activities and interactive exhibits. Pupils will have the opportunity to meet engineers and scientists from large multinational corporations and a range of diverse and unique UK companies. Through receiving dedicated careers advice, we know that young people go away with a fresh, new perspective on where their school subjects can lead them.

Even the most well-informed school pupil will find something new to explore at The Big Bang Fair. A showcase like this is crucial in encouraging the next generation of scientists, engineers and mathematicians. Pupils will be able to discover careers they hadn't previously heard of and meet people with exciting careers in science, technology, engineering and maths.

From games to planes and from fashion to physics, **The Big Bang Fair will take your child on a journey to discover the best they can be.** We therefore consider this opportunity to be an invaluable experience for our Year 7 and 8 pupils and as such the total cost for this visit will be subsidised by the school. **There will be no cost to parents.**

Although this visit is open to all Year 7 and 8 pupils, the school reserves the right to refuse participation to any pupil whose behaviour is judged unacceptable.

We will **depart at 8.40am** (as soon as the schoolbuses have arrived) and return to school in time for the end of the school day. **If your child does not catch the school bus please ensure they arrive at school in time for our 8.40am departure.** Pupils will be expected to wear normal school uniform and will require a packed lunch and snack for the day; however nuts, glass bottles and fizzy drinks are not permitted. If your child is eligible for free school meals please ask your child to inform Mrs Gascoigne, Catering Supervisor, if they would like the kitchen to provide them with a packed lunch.

Yours sincerely

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