



16th September 2026

Yr 8 Science Trip to Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Dear Parent(s)/Carers,

The Science Department are delighted to offer 50 Y8 students the opportunity to attend Christmas lectures/ activities at the Museum of Natural History in Oxford on **Tuesday 8th December 2026**.

This visit offers an inspiring opportunity to bring classroom science to life within one of the UK's most magnificent museum settings.

During the visit, students will attend **two engaging live lectures** delivered by university experts, designed to spark curiosity and enrich their understanding of key scientific topics. Alongside the lectures, students will explore the museum's incredible collections, take part in interactive **hands-on activities**, and have the invaluable opportunity to **meet and speak directly with researchers and scientists**. This will give them direct insight into real-world scientific inquiry and potential future career paths in STEM.

The trip will depart from Farmor's School at 8:45 a.m., and students will return in time for their usual lunch break. They will then resume their normal lessons during Period 5.

As this trip is not an essential part of the curriculum, we are requesting a voluntary contribution of approximately **£8** per person to cover the cost of transport. Should insufficient contributions be made then the visit may not be able to proceed.

Students should wear full school uniform, bring a school bag containing the equipment needed for Period 5, and carry a coat in case of rain.

Farmor's School believes that all students should have equal opportunity to benefit from school activities independent of their parents' financial means. We endeavour to minimise the financial barriers that may prevent some students from taking advantage of these opportunities. Please look at the school's website for information about how to apply for help with the costs (<https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/free-school-meals-and-financial-help>)

If you wish your child to go on the trip, please **register your interest on Parent Pay** by **midday 14th October**. After that date, should there be more people wanting to go than there are places available, names will randomly selected to determine who attends. Payment will be requested via Parent Pay by **11th November** for those students selected to attend.

Thank you,

Dr. Giulia Morieri
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