



16th September 2026

Yr 9 Science Trip to The Annual Gloucestershire Schools' Christmas lectures in Cheltenham at the Bacon Theatre, Dean Close School, Cheltenham on Monday 7 December 2026

Dear Parent(s)/ Carers,

The Science Department are delighted to offer **28** Year 9 students the opportunity to attend the **Year 9 Trip to the Annual Gloucestershire Schools' Christmas lectures in Cheltenham**.

The Gloucestershire Schools' Christmas Lectures are spectacular STEM shows which bring the best of science to The Bacon Theatre to inspire and engage inquisitive young minds.

As well as enjoying interactive lectures covering some of the latest scientific themes, pupils will learn more about the benefits of studying science, technology, engineering and maths at GCSE and beyond.

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 **£12** 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 7th 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 **5th November** for those students selected to attend.

Kind regards,

Dr. Giulia Morieri
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