



Tuesday 10th October

Dear Parents,

Yr 8 Science Trip to Christmas lectures at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History

The Science Department are delighted to offer **100** Year 8 students the opportunity to attend the **Christmas Lectures and activities** at the Museum of Natural History in Oxford on **Wednesday 10th December 2025**.

We are thrilled to invite students to take part in this inspiring event, which explores the wonders of life on Earth. In *Evolution Revolution*, museum scientist **Sarah Lloyd** will take us on a fascinating journey through the story of evolution, revealing how life has changed and diversified over millions of years. In the second talk, **Dr. Ross Anderson** will transport us back 500 million years to uncover how fossils — even those preserving the softest tissues — help scientists piece together the earliest chapters of life's history. Together, these engaging talks promise to spark curiosity, deepen understanding of the natural world, and bring science vividly to life. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the museum and take part in a range of hands-on activities.

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>)

Places are limited to 100, therefore if you wish your son or daughter to go on the trip, please make the payment of **£8** via Parent Pay **by midday 21st November**. After that date, should there be more people wanting to go than there are places available, names will randomly selected to determine who attends. If your son/daughter is not selected at this stage, they will then go on a waiting list.

Kind regards,

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