



# Backwell School

An Ofsted Outstanding School  
A National Teaching School

Station Road, Backwell,  
Bristol BS48 3BX  
Tel: 01275 463371  
mailbox@backwellschool.net  
www.backwellschool.net

Headteacher: Jon Nunes MA

October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Aviation Day : Thursday, 30 November**

Year 9 and Year 10 students with an interest in engineering, mathematics and science are invited to take part in an Aviation Project, to be held at Backwell School on Thursday, 30 November. This one-day workshop will be run by a group of volunteer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) specialists and aerospace engineer ambassadors.

Students will spend the day building model test gliders and powered radio-controlled model aeroplanes. They will work in teams, developing confidence and presentation skills before an evening 'Air Show', staged by the students, that will demonstrate the success of their team projects and recognition of the 'best in show'.

The whole day will be held in the Sixth Form Theatre (SFT). Students will attend registration or assembly as normal, then meet the visiting team outside the SFT at 9.10 am. There will be the usual break and lunchtime slots before the workshop part of the day ends at 3.30 pm (i.e., end of the teaching day). Students would be expected to go home as usual at 3.30 pm and return in time for their demonstration 'show', which will begin at 6.00 pm in the SFT. The show itself is scheduled to last until 7.30 pm. Students are invited to bring parents/carers, family and friends to the show to watch the aircraft fly on a tether, perhaps touch wingtips in breathless 'dog-fights' and even force a challenger down to obey the laws of gravity!

Places for this exciting day are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Students **must** be able to attend the evening 'Air Show' presentation as well as the daytime workshop. **School uniform should be worn as usual during the day at school and for the evening presentation, please.**

We would gratefully ask for a contribution of £11 per student to cover the costs of the event.

.../cont

Please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), the school's online cashless payment system, **by Friday, 17 November, to give your consent, provide an emergency contact number and make payment.** If you have any queries regarding ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, we will pay the cost of the Aviation Day from your personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding. In this instance, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the Finance Department by Friday, 17 November.

Yours sincerely

G Brees  
Head of Technology

✂ .....

**If your son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals, please return this slip to the Finance Department by Friday, 17 November.**

NAME OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ TUTOR GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

My son/daughter is in receipt of free school meals. I give permission for him/her to take part in the Aviation Day on Thursday, 30 November. Please make payment of £11 on his/her behalf from my personal allocation of Pupil Premium funding.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Carer

Emergency contact number(s): \_\_\_\_\_