



Backwell School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 13 Biology Visits to We the Curious

I am arranging for our Year 13 Biology students to visit to We the Curious (formally known as @Bristol) for the workshop "A Question of Taste", where they will use the techniques of PCR and gel electrophoresis on their own DNA and investigate whether or not the ability to taste particular chemicals is genetically determined.

There are two trips planned; one on Friday, 28 September for students in classes 13C and half of 13B/1, and the other on Monday, 1 October for students in 13B/2 and the other half of 13B/1. If, for any reason, your son/daughter is unable to attend his/her allocated workshop, he/she must let me know as soon as possible and I should be able to arrange a swap.

Students will be expected to make their own travel arrangements to and from Bristol, ensuring that they meet in the foyer of We the Curious by 10.00 am; the X1 bus from Backwell to Bristol stops outside. Students wishing to drive should be aware that there is an underground car park, although this is not cheap. If there are any problems with travel arrangements, please let me know.

Students should bring either a packed lunch or money to purchase a snack at the café or something more substantial in Bristol City Centre. They will be free to leave by 3.30 pm. A mobile phone would be useful, but not essential.

The cost of the day's activities is £16.50 per student. Please visit www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system as soon as possible, to give your consent, provide an emergency contact number and make payment. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941.

In cases of financial assistance, please contact Mrs Gumm, the Business Support Manager, who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of free school meals or whose parent/carers receive Child Tax Credit, or Universal Credit.

Yours sincerely

L Griffiths
Teacher of Biology