



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

SXG/BDP

3 September 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Re: Year 7 Design and Technology Magna Trip

I am pleased to be able to offer all students in Year 7 the opportunity to join us on a visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre in Sheffield on Thursday 28 November, to support our curriculum as part of the Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 transfer in Design and Technology. This is not part of the curriculum, but is an optional extra which enhances the work we do, contextualising Design and Technology, builds on the great work by our primary feeders, and supports us going forward through Key Stage 3 and beyond.

Magna Science Adventure Centre is set in the former steelworks in Sheffield. It is a vast building, a third of a mile long and 150 feet high. Its four pavilions house over 100 hands-on exhibits themed on Air, Earth, Fire and Water, the 'elements' needed for making steel, where students can discover science, technology and the region's industrial heritage.

We will leave school at 9.15 prompt, travelling by coach to Sheffield and will be back for the buses at the end of the day. The day will be spent in their Earth, Fire, Wind and Water areas, taking part in a workshop and watch their 'Big Melt' feature. Lunch will be taken in Magna's lunch room. The trip will develop students' understanding of design, engineering and technology, as well as science, exploring issues and elements, which we will touch upon and refer to back in school.

Students should be dressed in their William Farr school uniform and look smartly dressed as they are ambassadors for the school. They should be on their very best behaviour and any poor behaviour will be dealt with back in school. Packed lunch should be taken with them in their school bag. If your child has free school meals, they will need to see Mrs Rawson, Catering Manager, in the dining room and she will arrange a packed lunch. This should be booked before the trip and collected on the morning of the trip. Mobile phones are not permitted, as per the school policy. There will be a gift shop so if your child would like to bring some money I would recommend £5-10 maximum, at your discretion.

The cost to the school to provide the trip is **£28 per student**, which includes transport to Sheffield and back on the coaches and entry to Magna and a workshop. In order for this trip to go ahead, we ask that all parents pay the cost per student.

It is hoped that parents will be willing to contribute this amount, since without parental backing the visit may have to be cancelled. We hope the visit meets with your approval and support. The reply slip and medical form should be sent, together with payment, to Mrs Williamson in the school shop (in the dining room) by **Thursday 3 October**.

I do hope you are able to support us.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Ben Price**  
**Head of Design, Engineering and Technology**  
**Associate Assistant Headteacher**



**Year 7 Design and Technology Magna Science Adventure Centre Trip – Thursday 28 November**  
**Reply slips should be brought to Mrs Williamson in the School Shop by Thursday 3 October 2024.**

**Parental Consent**

I give my child permission to take part in the visit to Magna Science Adventure Centre with the Design and Technology Department.

- I understand the supervision arrangements during the day and undertake to ensure that my child behaves responsibly.
- I have noted the start and return times for the visit and will make the necessary arrangements to ensure my child is at school for 9am and can be collected at 3.45pm.

**Financial Contribution**

I understand that the cost to the school to provide the trip is **£28 per student** and if insufficient voluntary contributions are received that the visit may be cancelled.

- I enclose the cost of £28.00.  
 (Cash or cheque made payable to William Farr School Fund with your child's name and form on the reverse.)
- I am unwilling to make a voluntary contribution.

**Photography**

Students on trips will be photographed and some of these images may appear on the school website. Please indicate below if you are happy for your child to be photographed.

- I give permission for my child to be photographed.
- I do not give permission for my child to be photographed.

**Medical Information about your child**

Any conditions requiring medical treatment including medication? If yes, please give brief details.

*Declaration*

I agree to my child receiving medication as instructed and any emergency treatment as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Emergency Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If you need to be contacted during the trip)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian