

14th September 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

ScienceLive A-Level Biology Lectures

On Monday 26th November 2018 the ScienceLive A-Level Biology lectures are being held in Manchester. ScienceLive is a nationwide series of lectures delivered by renowned scientists and aimed at A-Level students. The lectures cover a range of topics relevant to the A Level specification. The lectures will provide the opportunity for pupils to hear from some leading scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms. The 2018 guest speakers include; Prof. Robert Winston, Prof. Steve Jones, Dr Adam Rutherford, Dr Jennifer Rohn and Dr Hannah Critchlow. Talks include 'Demystifying the Human Brain' and 'Revenge of the Microbes'. The day is designed to be exciting and thought-provoking and will give students the chance to raise issues with the scientists. There is also a lecture from examiners looking at the expected responses to different types of exam questions.

As part of the A-Level course pupils are encouraged to participate in extra reading to widen their understanding and interest in the subject. This is valuable when constructing synoptic essays in the A2 examination and in participating in discussion at university interviews. We have attended the event in previous years and it has always been thoroughly enjoyed by pupils.

Places are open to Year 12 and 13 pupils. Please note places are limited and we only have space for 20 pupils. Places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Any pupils who apply after the 20 places are filled will be held on a reserve list.

The cost of the workshop is £25.00 per pupil. A-Level pupils will be expected to make their own travel arrangements to and from Whitworth Hall in Manchester for 10.15am, a packed lunch is advisable. The event is scheduled to finish at 15.30.

To apply for this trip please visit the Trips and Visits section of the school website www.agsb.co.uk and complete the online 'Day Trip Consent Form' using the title, **ScienceLive A-Level Biology Trip**. **Please note we cannot accept any applications entered before 6pm on the day the letter is issued.** Once all the applications have been processed and your son's place confirmed you will be asked for payment via ParentPay. Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains important information regarding medical conditions.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at award@agsb.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Ward