



18th October 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Year 10 STEM trip to Center of the Cell

We would like to offer year 10 pupils the opportunity to visit the Centre of the Cell <https://www.centreofthecell.org/> students will be chosen at random after the payment deadline.

Centre of the Cell is a science education centre at Queen Mary, University of London. It is the first science education centre in the world to be located within working biomedical research laboratories.

They have two distinctive learning Pods based at the Blizard Institute in Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, so **students can see research scientists at work** as they enter. Once inside, our students will learn about the amazing world of cells, the human body and the latest medical research

The visit will take place on Thursday 11th November with students leaving school at 9:15am. The plan for the day will be:

STEM Pod Experience	10.00-11.30
Break	11.30- 12.00
Invasion! Infection and Immunity workshop	12.00-13.00
Return to school	13:00

We will be travelling to and from the venue by underground so students will need to bring their oyster cards or a contactless card to pay for travel with sufficient credit to pay for the return journey into zone 1.

The trip will cost a total of £13.00 which is payable through ParentPay. **This needs to be paid by Monday 1st November to secure your child place on the trip.** This is a voluntary contribution, should you feel that, for financial reasons, you are unable to fund all or part of the trip, please contact finance@rodingvalley.net. We must emphasise that if we do not receive enough of the voluntary contributions and the trip is financially non-viable, it will be cancelled.

Students will need to be in full school uniform and will need to provide their own lunch as there is nowhere to buy lunch on site. There is a small gift shop which will be open at the end of the visit. Please complete the online consent form as soon as possible, the deadline for completion is Monday 1st November 2021. It has been sent to you via Evolve.

If you have any questions about the trip, please do contact me at dharris@rodingvalley.net.

Yours faithfully,



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