



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

TRIP526 YR8 BIG BANG FAIR 2025

We are running a trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC, Birmingham on 19th June 2025.

The Fair gives young people the chance to hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies and find out about the opportunities available in science and engineering. Students will be encouraged to join a **voyage of discovery of virtual reality, medicine, marine biology, film and TV, space exploration, explosive chemistry, crime-solving, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and more. At the show, there will be:**

- High-octane theatre shows
- 150+ interactive stands and workshops
- Inspiring science and engineering projects
- Careers information, resources and activities

This trip is open to Year 8 only. Places are limited to **66** students. Should the trip be over-subscribed, places will be issued strictly on a random draw basis.

On 19th June 2025, the coach will depart The Ecclesbourne School at 7.30am and aim to return for 1.30pm (depending on traffic). Students will need to bring a packed lunch.

The cost of the trip is £17.00.

If your son/daughter is interested in attending 'Big Bang Science Fair', please return the reply slip below by 7th March 2025 at 4pm.

If your child has a place, we politely request payment to be made by 25th April 2025 via Parentpay.

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of **£17.00** towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we will not be able to run the trip out of school funds. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding and you would like to be considered for financial assistance with this trip, please complete the reply slip below to the Finance Office post box and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence. The school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties. If you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please return the reply slip below to the Finance Office post box and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this trip, every effort will be made to find a replacement. If this is not possible then we regret that any monies already paid will not be refundable.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small

financial surplus. When this occurs, refunds are given for sums of over £5.00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will revert to the Hardship fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system by 19th May 2025. When payment is made using ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agree to any conditions stated in this letter.

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete the reply slip below to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay at any local store participating in the PayPoint system. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcoded letter is required for all other payments.

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

In the interests of legality and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

Photography consent

The Big Bang Fair has official photographers who are permitted to capture images for marketing purposes.

Visitors have the option to opt-out of photography by ticking the option below however please note that The Big Bang Fair is a very busy public event and many visitors will have phones and cameras with them. EngineeringUK has no control over photographs or videos taken on these devices. However, all exhibitors and official photographers will be easily identifiable and will be aware of those visitors who have opted out of photography for safeguarding reasons (via the opt-out lanyard process).

Photography and video recording of young people (and adults) will be used for marketing and promotional purposes by The Big Bang Fair and their partners only (partners include exhibitors at the event). The material may be broadcast through radio, television and all digital channels as well as through print media.

If you wish to opt out of onsite photography/filming, please tick the relevant box on the reply slip.

Please ensure you notify the School Office of any changes to emergency contact details, medical conditions, medications, Allergy/Dietary requirements, and Doctor contact details.

If you have any questions, please contact me at trips@ecclesbourne.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

C Maunder

Mrs C Maunder

Teacher of Science

REPLY SLIP

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£17.00

Please return to Mrs C Maunder/Science Department by 7th March 2025.

I would like my child to be considered for the above trip and if successful in gaining a place, I agree to make payment of **£17.00** via ParentPay/PayPoint by **25th April 2025**.

Please issue a barcoded letter to allow payment via PayPoint ☐

I would like to be considered for financial assistance through:

Pupil Premium ☐

Hardship Fund ☐

Photography Consent – please tick if you wish to opt out of onsite photography/filming ☐

My child is eligible for free school meals, and I would like to request a packed lunch for this trip ☐

Student Name:

Form:

I consent to my child taking part in this trip and I agree to the conditions stated in the trip letter.

Signature of Parent/Carer: