

February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stargazing Evening at Herstmonceux Observatory

I am running a trip to The Observatory Science Centre Stargazing Evening which will take place on the evening of Saturday 7 March.

We will get to look through the amazing historic telescopes at the site, as well as having the opportunity to wander around and engage with the science exhibits inside.

Students do not need to wear uniform, but should definitely bring warm clothing as it gets very cold there. They could bring a snack, or the café will be open if they want to use that.

Key information:

Arrival site / meeting point: Arundel Road site, just outside student reception, 6.30pm – travelling by minibus.

Member of staff to report to: Mr Kelly

Return time: Approximately 10.00pm.

Please indicate consent on ParentPay for your child to be dismissed at the end of the visit from school unaccompanied, or your preference for collecting your child

The cost for this trip is £7.10.

In the event of bad weather, the Observatory will still run activities linked to Astronomy, so we will still go.

If you would like your child to have a place on this visit, please express your interest and complete payment and consent via ParentPay at <https://www.parentpay.com> by 27 February 26. If the trip is oversubscribed, we will select names via a random ballot.

If you require a ParentPay activation code, or have any queries about ParentPay please email parentpay@seafordhead.org stating your child's name and tutor group and login details will be emailed to you.

Students who receive Free School Meals are allocated a £20.00 trip subsidy that can be used once per year to help towards the cost of a trip. To use your subsidy please email parentpay@seafordhead.org stating your child's name, and the trip you wish this to be applied to.

Please note that once a student's place on a trip or activity is confirmed you are entering a commitment to pay all deposits and instalments by the stipulated due dates. If a student withdraws from a trip no refunds will be issued until the trip has completed and only then if there is a surplus of funds available on that trip to enable a refund to be made.

If you have any questions, please email me at TomKelly@seafordhead.org

Yours sincerely

Mr Kelly
GCSE Astronomy Teacher