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Dear parents/guardians

GCSE Science in Action - Tuesday, 27th February 2018 at The Emmanuel Centre, London

I have booked 48 places for the above event, which is an exciting science day specifically geared to GCSE Science pupils. The day offers the chance to see and hear talks from five of Britain's top scientists, who have been carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with GCSE students in a direct and exciting way. The speakers are:

- **Marty Jopson** will explain dangerous equations **or** how to use the Laws of Physics to avoid probable death.
- **Helen Pilcher** will explain how advances in genetics and cell biology have already made de-extinction a reality; and how the re-appearance of woolly mammoths, baby-burping frogs and other animals will soon put an end to the dogma that extinction is forever
- **Carole Mundell**, Professor of Extragalactic Astronomy and Head of Astrophysics at the University of Bath, will explore the unknown universe.
- **Greg Foot** will describe his scientific adventure diving to 1000ft in the deep ocean in a high-tech submersible.
- **Steve Mould** will explain how to be a scientist.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £35 towards the cost of the event, which includes the entry fee, a coach to and from central London and insurance. **As places are limited, they will be offered on a "first come, first served" basis.** The coach will leave school at 8.30am and will return by 5.30, depending on traffic. Please make payment using your Wisepay account. Please can you also complete and return the attached OV7 Parental Consent Form to Mrs Eyre in the school office. Please note that if insufficient voluntary contributions are received then the trip may not go ahead.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. It will be an excellent opportunity for our pupils to be inspired by scientists working at cutting edge of their specialisms. Further details of the trip will be given closer to the date.

Yours faithfully

Ms Walsh, Head of Biology

