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**Bradford Forster Academy**  
A Church of England Academy



RMW/EPS

21<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Star Gazing Trip to Dalby Forest Observatory (including pizza dinner)**

The Science Department is organising a star gazing trip to the observatory in Dalby Forest, North Yorkshire. Your child has successfully secured a place on the trip.

The trip will take place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 3:30pm - 11:00pm.**

Students will arrive at school for 3:30pm to enjoy a pizza dinner together before departing approx. 4:15pm. Students that need to remain in school due to the distance from home to school can bring their change of clothes to get changed into after school and remain supervised in school between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

The event at Dalby Forest will start at 7:00pm and will aim to finish by 9:30pm. We should return to school between **10:45pm - 11:00pm**. A parent/carer must pick up their child from school. **Students will not be permitted to walk/travel home alone due to the late evening return to school.**

As the event finishes late your child has permission from Mrs Earles for a later start of 9am on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February. **Please ensure your child arrives to school for the start of their period 1 lesson at 9am.**

The total cost for the event is **£12.50**. Parent/carer will be able pay for the trip through ParentPay. **This should be paid by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at the latest.**

Students will enjoy learning about the night sky with astronomers from the Scarborough and Ryedale astronomical society at the Low Dalby observatory. Dalby Forest was designated a 'Dark Skies site' in 2020, making it the perfect place enjoy the night sky.

All students should wear warm clothing, including a warm coat (ideally waterproof) hat, gloves and strong footwear with warm socks. Students should also wear layers of warm clothing underneath, such as a t-shirts, jumper and warm jogging trousers or warm walking trousers. Students can bring a blanket if they wish to keep them warm on the minibus journey if the night is cold. Students do not need to bring torches as special torches with red filters will be used (this is to ensure night vision is not affected during the visit). Students will be allowed to bring their phones, but they will not be

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able to have them switched on at the observatory as bright lights causes a loss of night vision, thus diminishing the experience.

Students can bring a small number of snacks and a drink for the journey, but **snacks with nuts are not permitted**. This is to safeguard any students or staff that may have nut allergies.

Please indicate in the return slip if your child has any specific dietary needs to be accommodate at the pizza dinner. Return slips should be returned to school reception **no later than Friday 7th February 2025. Parents can also give consent online via ParentPay.**

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact school reception on 01274 302400. Alternatively, please email me directly on [ellen.parsons@bfa.bdat-academies.org](mailto:ellen.parsons@bfa.bdat-academies.org).

Your sincerely

*E Parsons*

**Miss E Parsons  
KS3 Science Progress Leader & Trip Leader**

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## REPLY SLIP

**Star Gazing Trip to Dalby Forest Observatory (including pizza dinner)  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 3:30pm -11:00pm**

I give / I do not give permission \* for my child to attend the above event.

(\* Please delete as required)

**Name of Student:** .....

**Dietary Requirements:** .....

**Known medical conditions:** .....

**Parent/Carer signature:** .....