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EPS/RMW

17th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Royal International Air Tattoo, RAF Fairford

The Science Department at Bradford Forster Academy is pleased to offer the first BFA trip to the Royal International Air Tattoo (RIAT) at RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire.

RIAT is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in aviation to see some of the world's greatest pilots showcase their skills at one of the largest air shows in the world. The event features both flying displays and static aircraft, including modern jets, helicopters, and classic aircraft from World War I and World War II. It is truly a stimulating and memorable experience.

Your child has expressed an interest in attending this trip. We will travel to Gloucestershire on Thursday 16th July 2026, stay overnight at a local Scout hut, and attend the air show on Friday 17th July 2026. We expect to return to school at approximately 10:00pm on Friday evening.

Thanks to heavily discounted tickets, we are asking for a contribution of £60.00. This covers the ticket, accommodation, meals, and transport via school minibus. Payment should be made via ParentPay, where an instalment option will be available.

Students should bring a packed lunch and refillable water bottle for Thursday. If your child is eligible for free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided. On Friday, students will have access to a picnic lunch, and there will also be food stalls at RIAT. If students wish to bring spending money, we recommend no more than £50. Please note that students are responsible for their own money, and most vendors accept card payments.

Please note that nuts are strictly NOT permitted on this trip due to allergies.

Students may wear their own clothes, but these must be appropriate for a school trip. Comfortable footwear is essential; flip flops and Crocs are not permitted. Clothing should cover shoulders and midriffs, and shorts should be of an appropriate length. In warm weather, students are advised to bring a hat, sunglasses, and sun cream.

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Students will need to bring an overnight bag containing a change of clothes, toiletries, and a towel, as these are not provided at the Scout hut.

On Thursday, students should arrive at school at the normal time of 8:15am, attend registration and their Period 1 lesson, and then go to the hall at 9:30am. We aim to depart school by 10:00am.

The Thursday evening will be spent at the Scout Centre, where students will have a group meal and take part in relaxing activities such as films or games. Students may bring their phones.

On Friday, we will travel to RIAT to arrive at approximately 10:00am. We expect to return to school by 10:00pm. Please ensure the school has an up-to-date contact number, as we will send a text message in the event of any delays.

For more information, please visit:

- Cranham Scout Centre: <https://scoutcentre.org.uk>
- RIAT: www.airtattoo.com

Parental permission must be given via ParentPay at the time of payment. If you experience any issues, please contact the school reception.

Yours sincerely

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