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Dear Parents / Carers

## RE: Oxford Instruments STEM Day and Royal Grammar School Physics Talk

I am pleased to invite Year 12 Physics students on two very exciting visits which have become available to us. These visits are not compulsory.

The first will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** and is an opportunity to visit Oxford Instruments in High Wycombe. This is a company which works with academic and commercial organisations worldwide providing bespoke scientific equipment and expertise. They have organised a STEM day for local schools, where students will have the opportunity to observe some of their work, meet research scientists and professional engineers and take part in hands-on activities which support the A-Level curriculum.

We will be leaving school at 9am in the minibus and returning at approximately 3pm. Lunch will be provided by Oxford Instruments as part of the day's activities.

The second visit is to the Royal Grammar School in High Wycombe on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** where Dr. Anton Machacek, a distinguished Physicist from Cambridge University, will present a workshop examining the role of Physics in modern engineering solutions, followed by an overview of different career pathways post Physics A-Levels.

We will be leaving school at 8.30 am by minibus and returning before lunch at approximately 12.20pm. There is no food provided but the Sixth Form Café accepts card payments which students could access during a short break.

Students will be expected to catch up on any work missed during these visits and attend afternoon lessons after the RGS visit. They will be expected to wear business-like attire as usual.

It goes without saying that we expect the same high standards of behaviour from our students off site as we do when they are on site. In the unlikely event that a student fails to meet these expectations, they would be sanctioned as they would normally.

There is no cost for the trips.

If your child would like to attend the trips, you must complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay. **The deadline is Monday 24**<sup>th</sup> **February.** The trip will then be closed. Your child will not be able to attend the trip without this being completed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me on <a href="mailto:mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk">mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk</a>.

Yours faithfully

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