



KH09AT

December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**UK Space Design Competition National Final, Imperial College London  
Friday 7 March to Sunday 9 March 2025**

Following the success of our team at the regional heat of the UK Space Design Competition in October, we are delighted to invite your child/ward to the National Final of the competition which takes place at Imperial College, London in March 2025. If successful, a selection of students from the winning team in the final will then be invited to NASA to take part in the international final in July 2025. Over the years, WKGS has entered this competition 4 times and on 3 occasions we have had students reach the international final. The competition itself runs from 8.30am on Saturday 8 March and finishes at about 3.00pm on the Sunday 9 March. It will be an intensive challenge and we hope the students thoroughly enjoy taking part.

The team will be travelling by train, leaving school at 9.15 on Friday 7 March and returning to school by about 9pm on the Sunday evening. The team will be supervised by Dr Hill and another physics teacher (tbc) throughout the event. As part of this trip, we are hoping to organise a short tour of Imperial College and a short visit to the Science Museum (which has no admission charge). Accommodation for the two nights will be at YHA Earls Court.

Students should bring a packed lunch and, if possible, a laptop or other device for research. They will also need money for meals on Friday evening, Saturday lunch, Sunday lunch, and Sunday tea. Breakfast will be provided at the Youth Hostel on both Saturday and Sunday, and the UKSDC will provide pizza for Saturday evening. Please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance. The accommodation is within walking distance of Imperial College.

The cost of the trip £137, which includes covers the transport and an extra night at the Youth Hostel. All other costs are covered by the organisers of the UKSDC. If you would like your child/ward to participate, please pay via scopay, a deposit of £40 by **Monday 16 December** so that the advance train tickets can be purchased, (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to [office@wkgs.net](mailto:office@wkgs.net)). The final payment will need to be paid before Friday 14 February 2025. Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate addition information directly to myself (staff organising trip).

The team is also planning some fund-raising activities next term, which may go towards the cost of their food over the weekend or in a reduced cost per student. If you have any questions, please email me: [khill@wkgs.net](mailto:khill@wkgs.net).

Yours sincerely

**Dr K Hill**  
Head of Physics

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