

9<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**A2 Biology – University of Manchester’s PCR Workshop Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Dear Parents/Carer,

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in the above event which is taking place at the Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 9.45am - 3.00pm.

This workshop offers a valuable opportunity for students to use genetic research techniques to carry out the polymerase chain reaction using their own cheek cells as the DNA source. It will cover the structure of DNA, the mechanism of PCR and data interpretation. In addition, it will give every student the chance to utilize specialised scientific equipment not available in schools.

Students are expected to make their own way to and from the venue and will need to arrive by 9.45am. Miss Porter will be at Brooklands metrolink station at **8.45am** to accompany students travelling by tram. Food will **not** be provided, so students will need to either bring a packed lunch or sufficient money to purchase lunch.

I hope that you will agree that this is a valuable opportunity for your son/daughter. The cost of the visit is £12.75 and the expectation by the school is that you will make full contribution, however if you are unable to fully contribute you are invited to contact the Business Manager in confidence.

There are 16 places available on a first come first served basis. Payments are to be made using **ParentPay** or **PayPoint**. Once we have received the attached reply slip **and** payment, we will confirm that your son/daughter has a place on the trip.

We reserve the right to withdraw the place if the behaviour of any student gives cause for concern.

If you wish your son/daughter to attend please return to attached reply slip by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss O Porter**  
**Biology Department**

**Mrs A McPartland**  
**Business Manager**

**A2 Biology Visit - PCR Workshop, Manchester Museum, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, M13 9PL on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 9.45am – 3pm**

**Reply slip: Please return to Mrs Bristowe by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we agree for our son/daughter to attend the A2 Biology – PCR Workshop at Manchester Museum, University of Manchester M13 9PL on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.
- I/we understand that our son/daughter will be required to make their own way to and from the venue.
- I/We understand that there is a charge of £12.75 and will make the payment via **ParentPay**.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Please provide contact details below:

CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER/S: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Please detail any medical conditions/medication that your child has/is taking.

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Carer)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_