

6th May 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

Technology Challenge 2011

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in taking part in this year's Technology Challenge. For the last few years Sale Grammar School has been entering teams for this Challenge and we feel that it provides students with a valuable learning experience.

This is a one-week, team project for post-16 students. It is an excellent opportunity for those who are continuing with Science and/or Maths to A-level, and especially for those who may wish to pursue these beyond A-level to gain experience of solving real life problems, working with real engineers and gaining the BA Silver Crest Award.

The event is being organised by the Greater Manchester STEM Centre - they work with many other reputable organisations to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Teams of three or four Year 12 students are given a challenging Engineering, Design & Technology based project. The projects are provided by both national and locally based companies, each of which provides experienced members of staff to mentor the team throughout the week.

It is being held at the University of Manchester from 4th – 8th July and so the students would miss a whole week of school (the work missed during this week would have to be made up as soon as possible). The students need to arrive at the University 9.00-9.30am each day and will be finished around 4.30pm. I enclose a copy of the provisional time-table for the week (it is usual for parents or carers to be able to attend as an audience for the final part and the prize-giving). As they are all at least 16 years old they will be making their own way to and from the venue.

A member of staff from School will try to be present at the start and end of the competition and will call in to see them during the week. However they will not be accompanied throughout the visit. They will need to get themselves lunch on the University campus.

If you are happy for your son/daughter to take part in this year's Challenge please fill in the attached form which needs to be returned to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M E T Elder
Head of Science

Mrs A McPartland
Business Manager

REPLY SLIP:- PLEASE RETURN TO: Mrs M ET Elder

Visit to Technology Challenge at University of Manchester 4th - 8th July 2011

STUDENT NAME: _____ **FORM:** _____

I/We give permission for our son/daughter to participate in the above trip/activity.

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.

I/We acknowledge that a member of staff from school will NOT be present at all times.

I/We acknowledge that our son/daughter will be allowed to leave the event during the day and are responsible for themselves during this time.

Signed _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Carer)