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Dear Parents

**Year 11 GCSE Science Live! Event at Portsmouth Guildhall - Thursday 11 November 2010**

The Science departments, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, have joined forces to arrange a trip to attend the GCSE Science Live! event. Once again we are uniquely advantaged in that this is being held in Portsmouth, which gives us the opportunity for the whole of Year 11 to attend and to hear and see five of Britain's top scientists, all working at the cutting edge of their field.

The primary objective of the event is to generate greater enthusiasm for science amongst GCSE pupils and the scientists are carefully chosen for their ability to communicate with pupils of this age in a direct and exciting way. We hope that the event will show our pupils that science really does offer solutions for many of the world's greatest problems. Also, a lecture by an experienced examiner will also provide pupils with top tips on examination success.

The day will consist of fast-moving, exciting, and thought-provoking lectures. Additionally, pupils have the chance to raise issues with the scientists involved. Each pupil will receive a booklet with details about each scientist, the lectures and some general articles about studying science and working as a scientist - as well as a number of tips from an experienced chief examiner on success at Science GCSE.

The cost of attendance will be £15. Attendance will be in School uniform and all pupils will need a packed lunch and a drink. Pupils will be taken from school to the Guildhall and taken back to school at the end of the conference at 3:00pm. However, if you would prefer your son/daughter to be released from the Guildhall please sign the release form below.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend this conference please complete and return the form below to their Chemistry teacher.

**Dr M R Howson**  
**Head of Chemistry**



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Please return this form to your Chemistry Teacher as soon as possible

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Pupil Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for my son/daughter to attend the above event. Please add the amount of £15 to my school account.

I am happy for my son/daughter to be released from the Guildhall (please put your initials here) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian)