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Dear Parent

Visit to Fratton Park by NASA Space Shuttle Crew on Monday 28 June 2010

On Monday 28 June the crew of the latest NASA Space Shuttle Mission, STS-132, will be giving a presentation to up to 21,000 local school pupils at the Fratton Park stadium. PGS is playing a leading role in organising this visit and we intend to take all of our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to this inspirational occasion.

The event will include a talk by the astronauts and the screening of a specially commissioned film made by them whilst in orbit. There will be additional contributions from local companies such as EADS Astrium who will be demonstrating the Lunar and Mars Rovers they are building for the European Space Agency. There will also be the opportunity for pre-selected pupils to pose questions to the astronauts via a PA system from the stands. Potential questions should be sent either to myself or Alasdair Akass, PGS Development Director, at our PGS e-mail addresses j.thomas@pgs.org.uk or a.akass@pgs.org.uk.

PGS pupils will travel to Fratton Park by coach, departing from school at 11:15am. They will return to school by the end of the normal school day if there are no unforeseen delays. Pupils should therefore dress in normal school uniform and **bring a packed lunch with them**. The event will go ahead if it is raining on the day, so a suitable, **waterproof coat** should be brought if that is the case. There will be no charge for this event due to the generous sponsorship of local companies such as BAe Systems, EADS Astrium and Portsmouth City Football Club.

Please could you sign the permission slip below to enable your child to take part in this trip and return it to me via their tutor **as soon as possible**. Please could you also encourage your child to submit an interesting question for the astronauts!

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy P Thomas
Deputy Head of Physics



To: J Thomas, Physics Department, The Portsmouth Grammar School, High Street, Portsmouth

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Pupil Name: _____ Tutor: _____

I give my permission for my child to participate in the visit to Fratton Park on Monday 28 June

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)