

September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are planning to run a 3-day Xpertise enrichment opportunity at Perins entitled "Target Mars - A Space Adventure for Creative Thinkers in STEM". This has already been offered to current year 8 students and we have ten places still available. These places are now being offered to year 9 students. If you would like your child to have the chance to take part, please sign up by the deadline of 9am on Friday 23rd September. If this is over-subscribed then we will hold a random draw to allocate spaces. Please note that this is the same course that was run last October so please do not apply if your child participated in last year's event.

This opportunity will be run by fantastic company Thinkers in Education and will run from Monday 17th October to Wednesday 19th October from 9-3pm at Perins School main hall. Students who benefit most from this type of opportunity are those who are self-motivated, keen to stretch and challenge themselves, enjoy STEM subjects and are willing to take on different roles as part of a team.

The race to Mars provides the backdrop to a spectacular Space Adventure event. Students undertake a thrilling mission to explore an alien planet through an adrenalin filled storyline that makes for an unforgettable real-life experience for participants. The carefully structured blend of hands-on physics, chemistry and biology activities will enthuse students to view science, engineering, teamwork and problem solving in a new light - as pioneers of the future. This specialist STEM activity is game-like in style, pitting teams of students against one another in a race to have the technology, skills and knowledge to colonise Mars. Teams will compete as nations, facing life and death situations (simulated!), money management, engineering, science, maths, team building and functional skill development challenges. More details can be found on their website:

<https://www.thinkersineducation.co.uk/space-adventure/>



Target Mars

CAN YOU SURVIVE?

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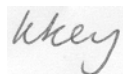
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How to register interest

This year the cost for students to attend 'Xpertise – Target Mars' will be £80 which includes all activities and an Xpertise t-shirt. If you would like your child to have the chance to take part in this, it is vital that you sign your child up to this on Scopay under Trips & Events and choosing 'Xpertise – Target Mars' by the deadline of **9am on Friday 23rd September 2022.**

Names will be drawn at random if this opportunity is over-subscribed and you will be informed if your child has been successful in gaining a space shortly afterwards. If your child is offered a place, then you will receive further information about the event and a request for the payment. If the participant is in receipt of free school meals or your financial situation means that you will not be able to pay the costs, please contact the finance team as we may be able to fund all or part of the place.

Yours faithfully,



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