



15th November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

European Space Centre Trip to Belgium - Friday 4th October - Tuesday 8th October 2024

I am writing to advise you of a fantastic opportunity for your child. As a science department, we are organising a residential trip to the [European Space Centre \(ESC\)](#), situated in Belgium, from Friday 4th October 2024 until Tuesday 8th October 2024.

We plan to leave school late on Thursday 3rd October at midnight to travel to Dover in order to catch the early ferry on the Friday morning. We anticipate being back at school for around 1:30am on Tuesday 8th October.

The total cost of the residential will be £715, based on all places being filled. This price includes all travel, transfers, accommodation and meals whilst on site at the space centre. The only need for additional spending money will be for the visits to the chocolate factory and shop, the gift shop at the end of the castle tour and the onsite gift shop at the space centre. There are also vending machines to buy snacks/drinks should your child wish to take some euros for this. A sum of between €30-60 should be sufficient. It may also be worth sending your child with a small amount of British sterling to buy food on the journey to/from the space centre in Belgium; a sum of around £30 should be sufficient.

In order to secure a place for your child, we request a deposit of £100 per student. The deadline for the deposit is **Friday 15th December** and should be paid via the ParentPay website. Payment of the deposit does not guarantee a place on the trip as this is also subject to approval by the school. There is a maximum number of 60 places for this trip. If there are more students than this wanting to go, names will be selected at random. If you were unsuccessful for whatever reason, the deposit will be fully refunded.

Please note, participation in school trips is conditional upon satisfactory attendance and good conduct, including in the time up to the date of departure.

All students will need their own individual passport and GHIC/EHIC. If your child does not have a passport, it is essential that you apply for this in plenty of time.

There will be an additional letter after the closing date to inform you of whether your child has secured a place on the trip and to confirm payment deadlines. **If your child is successful in getting a place on the trip, please note all payments are non-refundable.**

Following the deposit, payments are due as listed below:

- £115 due by 31st January 2024
- £125 due by 31st March 2024
- £125 due by 30th April 2024
- £125 due by 31st May 2024
- £125 due by 30th June 2024

If you have any questions or need further information, please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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The logo for EURO SPACE CENTER, featuring the words "EURO", "SPACE", and "CENTER" stacked vertically in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A small white star is positioned above the letter "O" in "EURO".

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The main title for the event, "EUROPEAN SPACE CENTRE BELGIUM", displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background features a gradient from red to blue with faint technical diagrams and orbital paths.

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH 2024 – MONDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2024

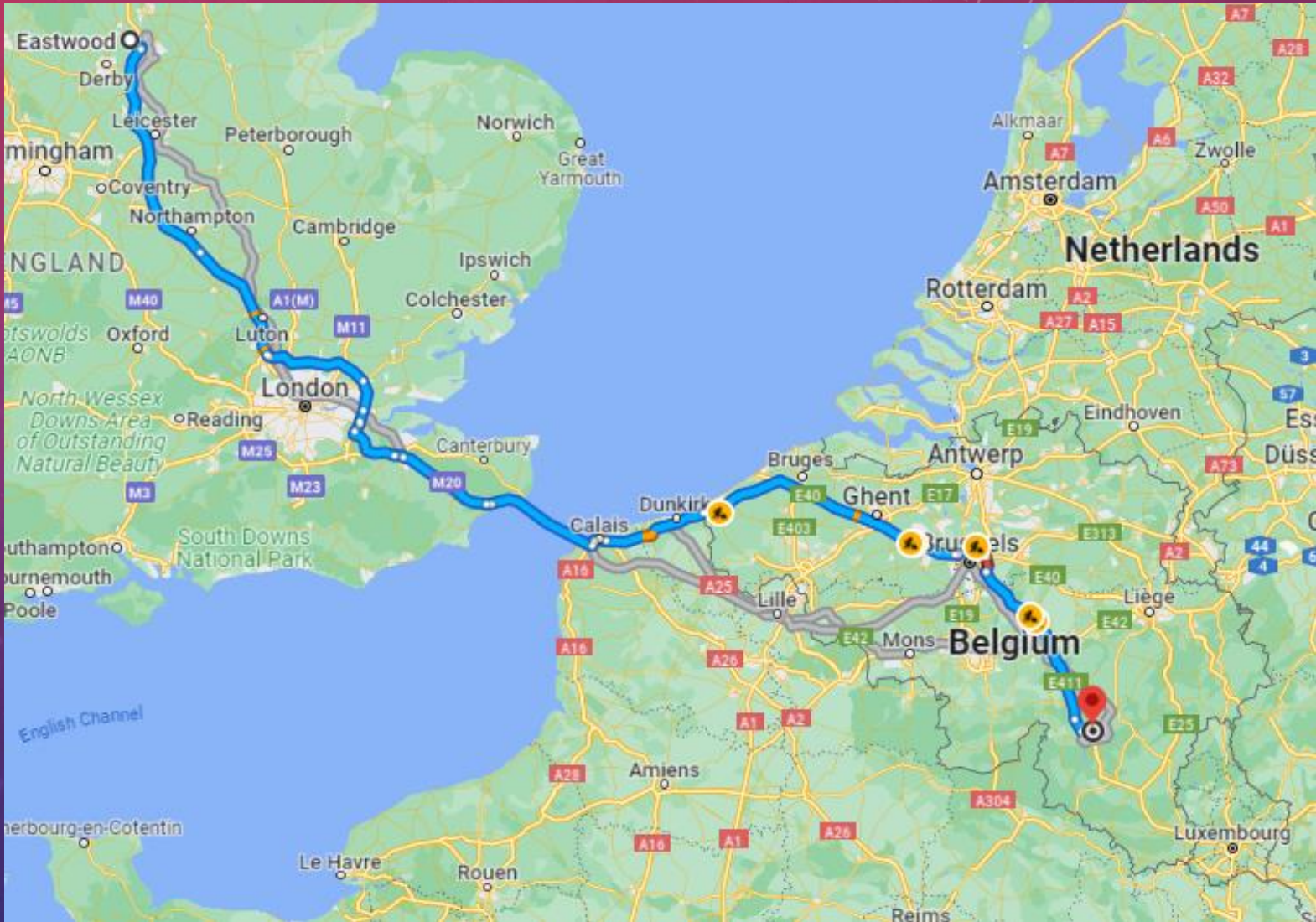
WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

- Train and live like an astronaut!
- Shuttle launch mission simulation
- Rocket workshops
- Moonwalk / Martian walk simulations
- Various multi-axis and rotating chairs
- Freefall simulation
- Anti-gravity wall
- Mars village, planetarium and many more activities...



ITINERARY – DAY 1

- Depart HPA at approx. 22:00 on Thursday 3rd October



ITINERARY – DAY 1 CONT.

- Depart HPA at approx. 22:00 on Thursday 3rd October
- Catch the early morning ferry to Dunkirk
- Visit the Han caves on route to the space centre
- Arrive at ESC for evening meal
- Get room ready after evening meal



ITINERARY – DAY 2, 3 & 4

- Day 2
- Full day of space activities breaking only for lunch and evening meal

- Day 3
- Full day of space activities breaking only for lunch and evening meal
- Evening spent at the medieval Bouillon castle for torch lit tour

- Day 4
- Wake, have breakfast and depart for the chocolate factory and shop
- Arrive back at school for approx. 10pm



