

TEXAS SPACE TRIP 2018

27 March 2018

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

Fundraising

Thanks to all who have participated in the fundraising so far, the total stands at just under £4000. The Gin tasting event at Lockerbie raised a further £1200 but we don't have the final figure yet.

The next event is on Sunday 20 May - an afternoon tea at Moffat Town Hall organised by Lynda Halley. She really needs contributions of lots of home baking and also "waiting staff" so please sign up with us as soon as you can commit to the day.

We should know the outcome of our bid to the Hollywood Trust by early next term and will pass on the news as soon as we know.

A clothes/shoes collection bin is now in place at the front of Lockerbie Academy and funds raised by this will go to Space School until October. A further source of funding for us is via <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dumfgallss> or by scanning the QR code so please consider using this when you are shopping online.



Paperwork

Passports

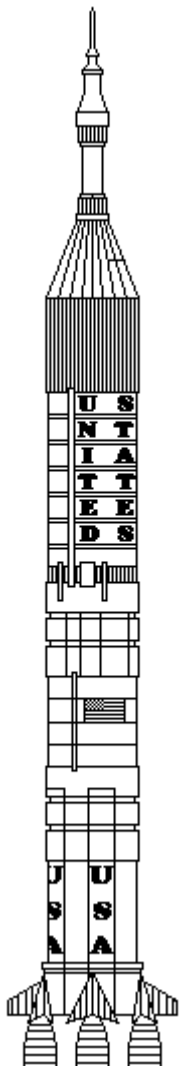
All students must have a valid passport. If you do not have a passport please apply for one NOW. Most of us will be travelling on our EU passports but if you hold a US passport then you must use this for your travel even if you already have an EU passport.

Last time we travelled passports had to be valid for 6 months after the last date of travel, but the US Embassy now says this isn't necessary. If you already have a valid passport then please bring it in to Mr Hargreaves so he can make a copy of the photo page or send a photocopy to him via internal mail.

If for any reason your passport changes you must let us know the details as soon as possible otherwise there is a risk you won't be allowed to board the flight.

ESTAs

All those travelling on a non-US passport must also obtain an ESTA. These are valid for 2 years so please apply for one as soon as possible and, again, let Mr Hargreaves have a copy as soon as possible. Applications are made at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/> and cost \$14 per person. If you have any queries about this please contact either of us.





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Scuba Diving

We hope to be able to include the scuba diving activity in Space School this time and there will be some paperwork associated with this which we will sort out next term.

Travel & Accommodation

The flight times were sent out in the last newsletter and we are arranging travel to the airport. More details will follow on this.

We have been told that the hotel will be:

Springhill Suites Houston NASA, 1101 Magnolia Ave, Webster, TX 77598. You will need this address to complete your ESTA application.

This is the hotel we stayed at last time and is comfortable with decent food and a small swimming pool (which was extremely popular last time).

Meeting

We aim to have a meeting early next term and would like all participants to attend so we all get a chance to meet each other before we travel. More details on this will follow.

We also hope to organise a group activity day with staff from Prestwick Space Port so we can learn to work together as a team.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Hargreaves.

Yours sincerely,

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