

# TEXAS SPACE TRIP 2020

30 May 2019

Dear Student and Parent/Carer,

## Meeting

The first meeting for the 2020 Space School trip will be held in The Forum at The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries on Wednesday 12 June at 7 pm prompt. It is intended not just for those going but also for parents/guardians and it is **really important** that as many people attend as possible. We will give a short presentation so you can see what to expect from the trip and answer any questions you may have.

The main purpose of the meeting is to get **everyone** together so they can **get to know each other** (we have over 40 pupils from 10 schools across the Region) and do some activities. We would also like to get some fundraising activities organised by the group.

We don't expect the meeting to last beyond 8 pm.

## Payments

We have had several queries about the payment schedule for the trip and it is as follows:

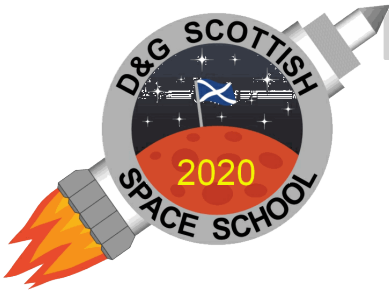
By 12 June 2019 we need to have received a total of £250 from every participant so we can pay the trip deposits. We will be happy to take payments at the meeting but only by cheque – no cash please. If you have been issued with a payment card please bring it with you.

Thereafter the schedule is:

26 August 2019	£200
07 October 2019	£250
18 November 2019	£200
10 February 2020	£150
30 March 2020	£300
05 May 2020	£350
15 June 2020	£300

It is vital that all payments are in by 15 June 2020 otherwise we will be unable to pay the final invoice from the tour company. If we are successful with fundraising this may reduce the overall cost of the trip and we will refund any overpayments once the trip is complete.

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## Travel Documents

We will require passport details by mid-May 2020 and if that is a UK passport it must be valid until after we return from the trip. Some passports from other countries need to be valid for 6 months after the end of the trip so please check with us if this applies to you.

Most of you will need to obtain an ESTA in order to get into the USA and that will also be required by mid-May 2020. We'll tell you more about this in a later newsletter as we don't yet have enough information about the trip for you to fill the application form in.

Holders of US or Canadian passports do not need an ESTA and should travel on those passports, even if they hold a UK one.

## Contact details

If you wish to be put on an email list to receive messages about the trip please send your address to [gw14hargreaveskennet@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw14hargreaveskennet@ea.dumgal.sch.uk) and you will be added. All emails will be blind-copied to recipients so that no email addresses will be circulated.

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