

8<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear IB students,

We are organising a trip to the London TOK conference at St Helen's School, Northwood on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The day will include lectures by Andrew Fletcher who will be speaking on Relativity, the Big Bang, Quantum Mechanics and the Anthropic Principle from a ToK perspective as well as discussion groups. We recommend that all IB students attend as this will be an invaluable addition to their TOK studies.

The cost of the trip is £16 which includes lunch as well as coach travel. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet this cost from our own funds, and the visit will only be able to go ahead if parents are prepared to make a voluntary contribution of the relevant amount to school funds. It is entirely up to you whether you wish to contribute. However, if all parents are not prepared to make this contribution then the visit may not be able to take place for any of the students. Students will be accompanied by Mrs Mitchell and Mr Swain and should meet at Beaumont School at 8.15 for a prompt departure at 8.30. The conference closes at 3.15 and we would expect to be back at Beaumont between 4.15 and 4.30 traffic permitting.

Andrew Fletcher has recommended that students read articles in preparation. Two of the articles can be found on his website, [www.tokseminars.org](http://www.tokseminars.org), on the Science of the Day page, dates Friday 26 June 2009 ("Life Creates Time, Space etc.) and Sunday 18 January 2009 ("Why it's not as simple as God vs the Multiverse"). Please ensure you have read these in advance of the conference.

If you wish to attend please return the attached slip together with your payment, cheques to made payable to Beaumont School, by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to the box marked 'TOK Conference' outside the Finance Office.

Yours sincerely

M. McCrorie  
Deputy Headteacher

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Pupil's Name ..... Form .....

I do/do not\* wish my son/daughter to participate in the TOK Conference on 10<sup>th</sup> November.  
I am/am not\* prepared to make the contribution requested and enclose £16

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

**Emergency contact/medical details. Please list the following details:**

**Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Details**

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed ..... Father/Mother/Legal Guardian      Date .....