



December 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Materials Science Outreach Project: Making Materials Matter

I am writing to let you know about Materials Science Outreach Project: Making Materials Matter, which is being run by the Materials Science departments at Oxford, Cambridge and Sheffield Universities and Imperial College London. Ten schools across the country have been invited to participate in the project that aims to increase awareness of Materials Science and support teachers in raising aspirations and inspiring their students to pursue further study of the physical sciences.

The project will launch with an event in Sheffield on 15 January 2019 and then investigations will be carried out by the students in school, from January through to May 2019. Students will work in small groups with support from university student ambassadors who will visit the school. The project will conclude with a mini conference held at The University of Oxford in June at which the students will present their findings.

The student investigations are designed and supported by the universities' Materials Science departments, drawing links between the Key Stage 3 curriculum and cutting-edge materials for development. **There is no cost to students to be involved in this project.**

Only ten students from Silverdale can take part in the project, so to give everyone the same chance to be involved all Y8 students are invited to apply. If your child is interested in taking part, please return the attached parental consent slip to me in the Science Dept by 1.15pm (end of lunchbreak) on Monday 10 December/ or alternatively email your consent to kbrown@silverdale-chorustrust.org by the date above and your child's name will be entered into the draw. I will then draw ten names at random to be involved and will then let them know the outcome.

Yours sincerely

D Jones

Mr D Jones
Head of Science
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Student Name _____ Form _____

I give permission for my child to take part in this project. Further details will be communicated in due course.

Parental Signature _____ Date _____

PERMISSION SLIPS TO BE GIVEN TO MR JONES IN THE SCIENCE DEPT BY 1.15 PM ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul

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