

# St Crispin's School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The science department is delighted to share an upcoming opportunity for our students. On **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**, we will be holding a live star gazing session working with Pater Tickner from Reading Astronomical Society. This will be a 360° tour of the night sky highlighting the different stars viewable at this time of year. We hope it will be a clear night, unlike the Saturn and Jupiter conjunction that occurred at Christmas (the same astronomical event that may have also produced the “star of Bethlehem”) which was hidden away behind thick cloud! To ensure chances of success, we have arranged a back-up date of **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.

Whilst aimed at students, the whole family is welcome to join us. The session will take place in your own back garden (where else!) although you may like to find a suitable view of the sky in your neighbourhood that still meets social distancing guidelines. The 30 minute event starts at 7pm and students should log on with their **Teams account at 6.50pm**. We will send a virtual invite to those who sign up.

Despite light pollution, the night sky is particularly clear at present due to reduced air travel that ordinarily releases contrails that disrupt visibility. The tour will share how to navigate by the North Star, prominent winter stars and other interesting features.

If you would like to attend, please complete the online form linked [here](#). It will be helpful to indicate whether you have access to a pair of binoculars, but these are certainly not essential for the evening. We hope that you will join us, for whilst we might be locked down, we would like to grab hold of new opportunities and one year ago, I certainly would not have envisioned us holding a Teams conference call with our students to carry out an Astronomy lesson!

Once you have signed up, we will email you a Teams invite and share final arrangements.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Science

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Teacher of Physics

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