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Dear Parents and Carers

Royal Institute of Great Britain 11 July 2022

We would like to invite your child to the Royal Institute of Great Britain to attend a lecture on ***Thinking Better: the art of the shortcut***. The lecture will take place on Monday 11 July starting at 18:00 and ending at 20:00.

Students can make their own way there on public transport or join us on public transport. We will send out further details about transport arrangements closer to the event. Please find the introduction of the lecture below.

You have a choice. There's the long way: boring, repetitive, hard work. Or the shortcut: a cunning, less intuitive path to your goal. In this talk Marcus du Sautoy will provide you with the map to the fantastic shortcuts that mathematics has come up with over the last two thousand years to get to you to your destination in the most efficient and fastest manner. Shortcuts have enabled so much of human progress, whether in constructing the first cities around the Euphrates 5,000 years ago, using calculus to determine the scale of the universe or in writing today's algorithms that help us find a new life partner. Based on his new book, Thinking Better is a celebration of mathematics as the art of the shortcut.

Participation to this event is optional, however we strongly encourage students to attend. If you would like your child to attend, please can you sign the permissions slip below and return it to me, alternatively email confirmation at mneza@thomastallis.org.uk by Tuesday the 21 June.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mneza'.

Megi Neza
Exceptional Learner Coordinator
Teacher of Mathematics

Please return the completed permission slip to Ms Neza

Name of Trip: **Royal Institute of Great Britain 11 July 2022**

Name of Student:

Tutor group:

Please tick the correct column	Yes	No
I give permission for my child to participate in the above-named trip.		
I give permission for the teacher in charge to authorise any urgent medical treatment.		
My child has a medical condition (details below) which may affect them on this trip.		
I give permission for my child to travel independently to and from the Royal Institute of Great Britain		

Emergency contact number:

Signature of parent or carer:

Date: