Benenden School in collaboration with WISE would like to invite you to attend our inaugural WISE day to be held on 5th October, 2016.

WISE inspires girls and women to study and build careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Their goal is to achieve 1 million more women in the UK STEM workforce. Working with teachers and students, WISE hope to boost the talent pool from classroom to boardroom and drive economic growth. It is our hope that this exciting and innovative event will help improve the visibility of successful female scientists and engineers, both to encourage young women to pursue careers and reach top positions in these areas.

By helping students, parents and teachers understand more about the real opportunities in the sphere of Science and Technology; we hope to be able to open up young minds to a wide range of possibilities. The WISE day will provide pertinent, in depth and competent careers information, informative lectures and stimulating discussion, that will help students to see beyond some of the myths and gender stereotypes often associated with STEM careers for females.

By providing pupils with the opportunity of interacting directly with industry leaders, academics and scientists we hope to provide them with a platform from which to launch successful and fulfilling careers in STEM.

Our panel members will be drawn from some of the most respected and successful female and male scientists, engineers and technical experts from both industry and academia, most of whom students would not normally have the opportunity to meet.

The format for the day will be as follows and will run from 10am - 4.15pm.

Introduction and keynote speech.

Question time style panel discussion in the main hall.

Networking event and lunch in our science centre.

Question time style panel discussion in main hall.

Keynote speaker and close.

Campus tours on request.

We would like to extend this invitation to teachers, parents and students. Although the day is aimed at female students, it will be open to both genders. Numbers will be limited so please RSVP with estimated number of places you require as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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