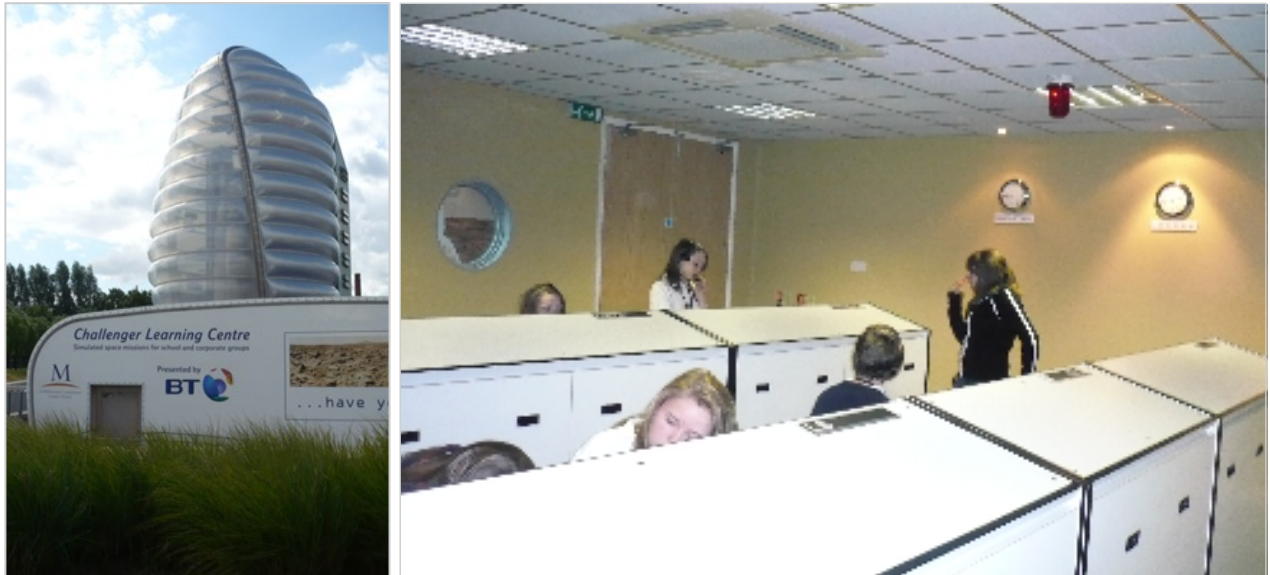


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The Space Centre Trip



It was an early start, we had to meet at school for 6.15 to set off at 6.30, the journey took 3 hours, to get to the Space Centre in Leicester. It was a long journey, but it was well worth it!

When we arrived at the Space centre, both forms were separated, one form went to the research area to look at the information and activities available, everything was very educational but it was done in a fun and interesting way, which helps you remember the information. There was a simulator which was great fun too, this cost an extra £1, but it was worth it! We then went into the space theatre, the information which was displayed on the ceiling, your chair moved backwards so you could have a better view. It was so interesting, this informed us about the different planets and who discovered them, the planets atmosphere, a question followed this to see how much you paid attention to it. To answer the question, you had to click a colour button which was on your right arm rest on your seat.

The other form went to the Mars mission and was split in half, everyone was allocated jobs. Each group were given the same jobs, so you could communicate to the other team and work together, some people had a partner and so they could work together, and the remainder had to work alone. The groups were taken to different rooms one with a spaceship and the other was



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taken to Chryse station, which was in Mars. The group who were in the spaceship were on a mission to help the people in Mars. The people in Mars were helping the people in the space ship directing them. When you got to your work area you were given instructions on your job. The crew on Mars have been living in a small self-contained environment for two years and were ready to return to Earth. Probes maybe launched to either or both of the two Martian Moons, Phobos and Deimos. These moons may contain minerals required for further construction and fuel manufacture as well as elements needed to sustain life for future crews on Mars. The people in Mars had a manual full of instructions and everyone had a microphone to talk to the people in the opposite team, the people in the spaceship had to listen very carefully to the instructions and to carry them out. Halfway through both groups swapped over, the group who were in Mars (Chryse station) went into the spaceship, and the people who were in the spaceship went to the Chryse station and finished off their jobs. This was good fun however; at times it was stressful and frustrating when things were not going to plan!

After finishing your first activity the forms swapped over, the day was really good fun, I extremely enjoyed the trip, when I got home I was so tired and went to bed straight away! But overall I wouldn't have missed this opportunity at all it was an amazing trip and would definitely go again!

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