For parents

A map of the invisible

Tuesday 26 January, 7.00pm – 8.15pm

Are you a parent who wants to give your children the gift of imagination? Our exciting new family activity event starts this January with an immersive, interactive talk, ‘Bakineering in space’. Join Mark Baker in conversation with Scotland’s Chief Scientific Advisor.

Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

Poetry and science at the Royal Institution

Tuesday 25 March, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

Gravitational waves and beyond

Tuesday 17 April, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Join us in conversation with Scotland’s Chief Scientific Advisor. Sheila Rowan was a major contributor to one of this century’s most significant breakthroughs and will share insight into her team’s cutting edge work on gravitational waves. Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

Making monsters? Ethical gene editing

Tuesday 24 April, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Joining Philip and a panel of scientists and policy experts as they discuss the latest developments in genetic medicine and the ethical considerations that arise. Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

February

The beautiful core

Friday 2 February, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

The body’s ability to fight disease and heal itself is one of the great mysteries and marvels of nature. Leading immunologist Andrew Smyth will discuss the scientific quest to understand how we achieve this and how new understanding is unlocking a revolutionary new approach to medicine and well-being.

Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

March

The origin of life

Tuesday 27 March, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Join pioneering physicist Jan Butterworth on a journey into the world of the unseen in search of atoms, quarks and electrons and the forces that hold them together.

Tickets: £16/£10 concession. Free for Ri Patrons.

The beautiful cure

Wednesday 31 January, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Join five scientists at the cutting-edge of pharmaceutical research to explore how we can harness the marvels of nature. Leading immunologist Kevin Laland and a panel of science historians and biographers will reveal how embracing paradoxical illusions and lies can help illuminate our understanding of the world around us.

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Family Fun Day: The language of life

Saturday 17 February, open 11.00am – 4.00pm

This half-term, join a panel of science educators as they discuss how the language of life can come alive in fun and exciting ways for children of all ages. They’ll share their secrets of teaching young minds.

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Discourse: Bakineering in space

Saturday 16 March, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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This V-day is all about vaginas. Join founder of the Vagina Museum, Val mRNA presents

Thursday 5 February, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

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Revealing the brain mechanisms behind emotion and memory.

Tuesday 20 February, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Dementia of the young

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This talk will reveal how the ability to associate new things with known concepts is the key to learning new things.

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From cryptography to molecular modelling. But how do quantum computers work?

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Sensory overload? How do we make sense of the world around us?

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