

WTU3A SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY TRIPS 2026

WHEN	2 nd July and 3 rd and 17 th September 2026
WHERE	A tour along the Elizabeth Line.
WHAT	<p>Elizabeth Line (Crossrail) - An east-west railway</p> <p>Formal plans for a railway across the middle of London were first proposed in the 19th century, but never realised. Just after World War II, another attempt under the Abercrombie Plan also came to nothing. It wasn't until the 1974 London Rail Study that 'Crossrail' got its name. Sixteen years later, in 1990, British Rail and London Transport got Government permission to start making plans for the east-west railway, including a section built under Central London. However, cost concerns kept the project on hold for another decade.</p> <p>The real momentum behind the project started in 2001 when what was to become Crossrail Ltd. was formed under a joint sponsorship between TfL and the Department for Transport. In May 2009, Crossrail marked the formal start of construction with an event at Canary Wharf attended by the then Mayor of London and the Rail Minister.</p> <p>2022: HM Queen Elizabeth II formally opens the line on 18 May 2022. Elizabeth line service starts on Tuesday 24 May 2022, bringing together a brand new section with 10 stations under central London with existing TfL Rail services to create the new railway.</p> <p><u>The itinerary.</u> From Taplow station we Travel to Paddington for a behind-the-scenes tour. We then Ride the train to Westbourne Park sidings. From there we visit the Canary Wharf station and Roof Garden for lunch and a talk about the environmental policy and practises of the CAW(?) management to reduce carbon emissions and introduce zero waste in an urban city area</p>
LOCATION	Start at Taplow Station
FACILITIES	<u>Maximum number will be 35 for ech trip.</u>
TIMING	Coach pick-up in Weston Turville at Chandos for 8:45am & shops for 9-00am for arrival by 10-00am at Taplow to catch the train into London. For return we expect to leave Taplow at 2-30pm on the coach.
COSTS	The train trip will be free. Coach fare will be £18.
OTHER ACTIVITIES	None