



NATIONAL  
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# National Space Centre

## VISUAL STORY

This visual story provides images and text to help you prepare for your visit to the National Space Centre.

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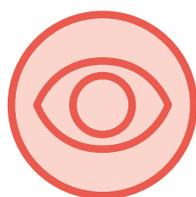
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**See**



**Hear**



**Smell**



**Feel**

# Coming on a school trip

If you come by coach, it will park in the Coach Park. You can see the Rocket Tower from here.



A member of Space Crew in red uniform will get on your coach to talk about the things you will be doing and the things you shouldn't do.



Members of staff will take you to the Space Centre's Entrance.



You will put your lunch/bag into one of these grey trolleys. They are noisy when they move.

This is the room you will eat your lunch in. There may be a lot of other schools and visitors, so it might be noisy.



Groups of people moving around.



People talking, shouting or laughing.



Sometimes there might be a queue to get in.

# Travel

You might spot brown signs like this one on your way to us. There is a welcome sign to show that you have arrived.

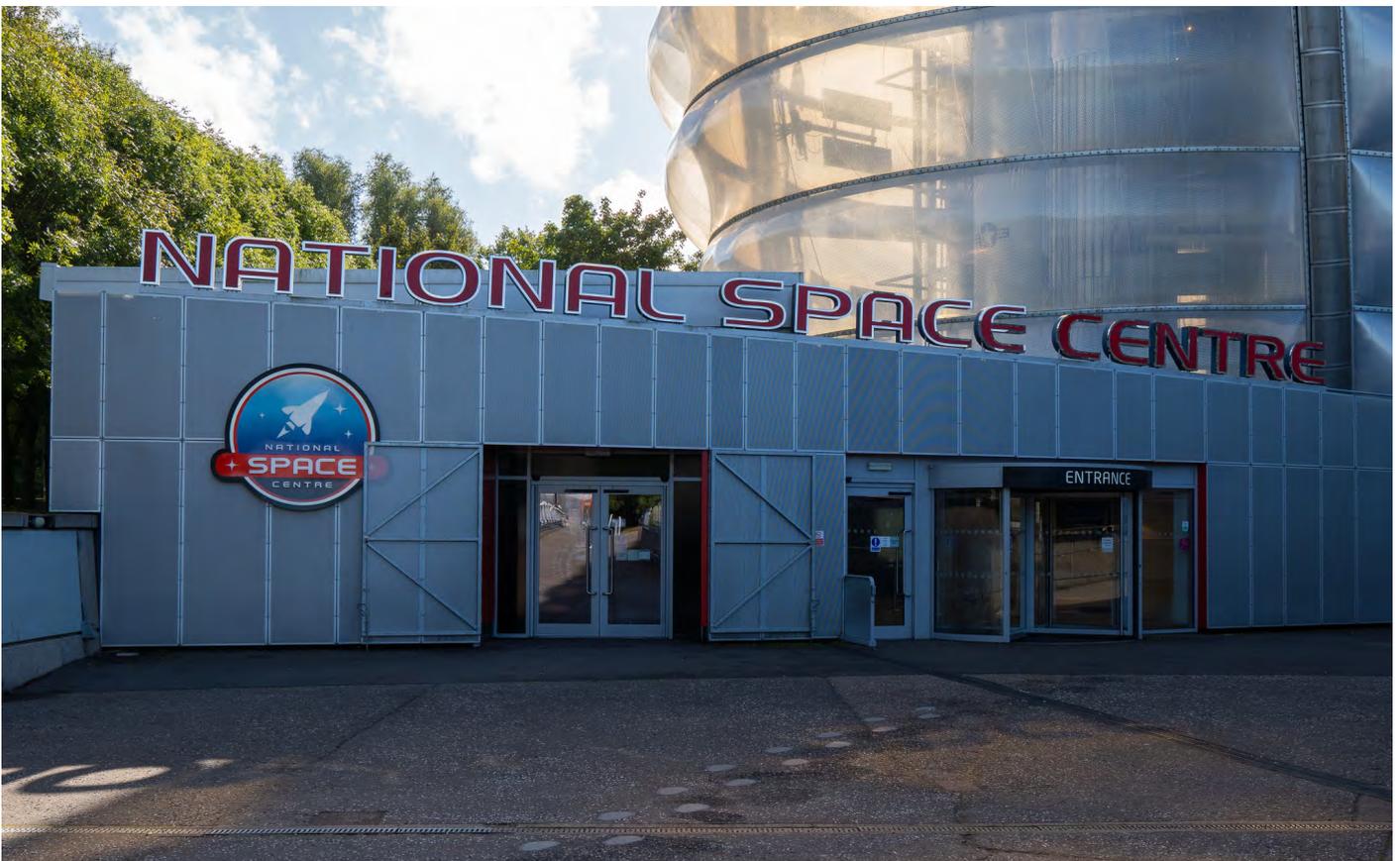


# Entrance

You will go past an astronaut statue, then walk along the astronaut footprints.



Our entrance has a push button activated door and a revolving door. There are also doors on the left of this we use on weekends, event days and school holidays.



# Toilets

There are toilets next to the Shop, and another set of toilets inbetween Live Space and the Home Planet gallery.



Our sinks are automatic. They dispense soap, then water, then dry your hands like a hand dryer. This is noisy.

There are normal sinks in the accessible toilets and baby changing.



Loud sounds.

# Changing Places Toilet

Our Changing Places Toilet is between Live Space and the Home Planet gallery.



The Changing Places Toilet includes:

- An adult sized changing bench
- An electric hoist
- A privacy curtain

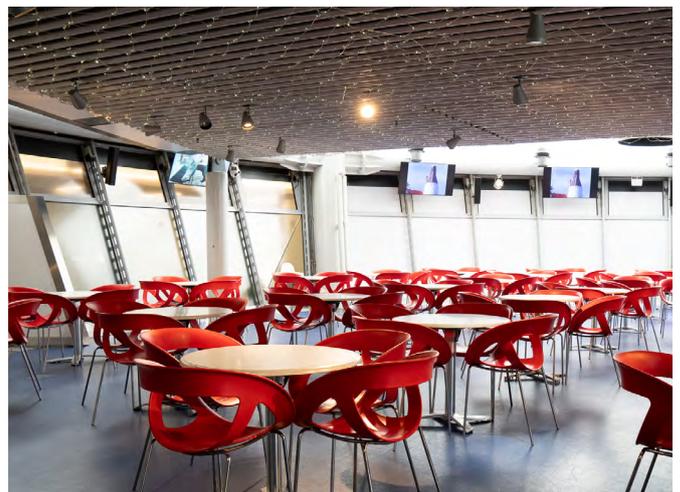


# Boosters Café

Our Café is on the left when you go through to the Welcome Hall.



There is a seating area next to the Soyuz spacecraft and one at the bottom of our Rocket Tower to the left of the Café.



Sometimes there is a red button you can press that will simulate the Thor Able Rocket launching. This is loud and produces fake smoke.



Groups of people moving around.



People talking, shouting or laughing.

# Shop and Exit

The shop has lots of different souvenirs and gifts you could buy. The Exit is located next to the Entrance near the Soyuz module and Boosters Café.



# Planetarium

You might see a show in the Planetarium. You may have to join a queue before you are let in. It is quite dark. The show may be loud.

Planetarium shows are around 25 minutes long. You can ask a member of staff what to expect during the show.



There are light up tea lights available to borrow during the show, ask a member of staff for one before your show begins.



Low light levels and dark spaces.



Flashing Lights.

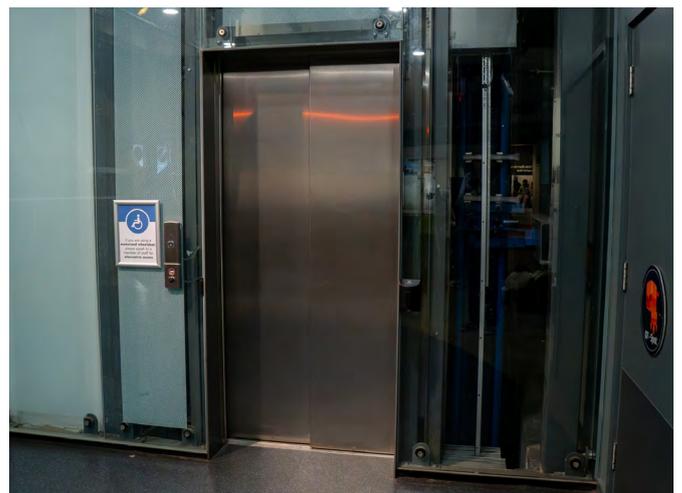
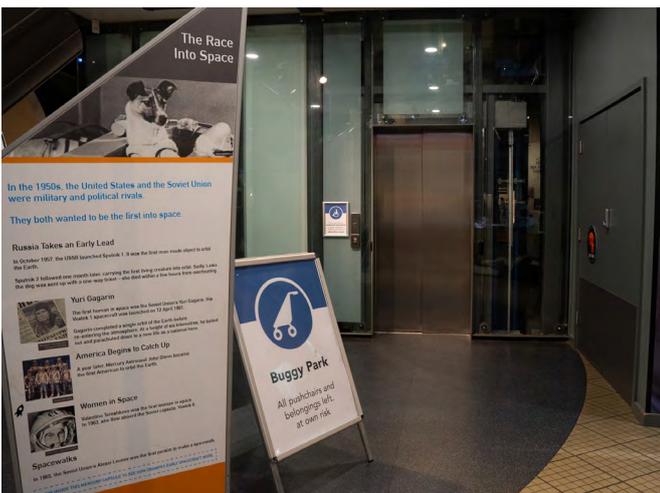
# Galleries

There are 5 main galleries on the ground floor.

There are 2 sets of stairs that take you up to the Mezzanine Level before reaching the Rocket Tower.

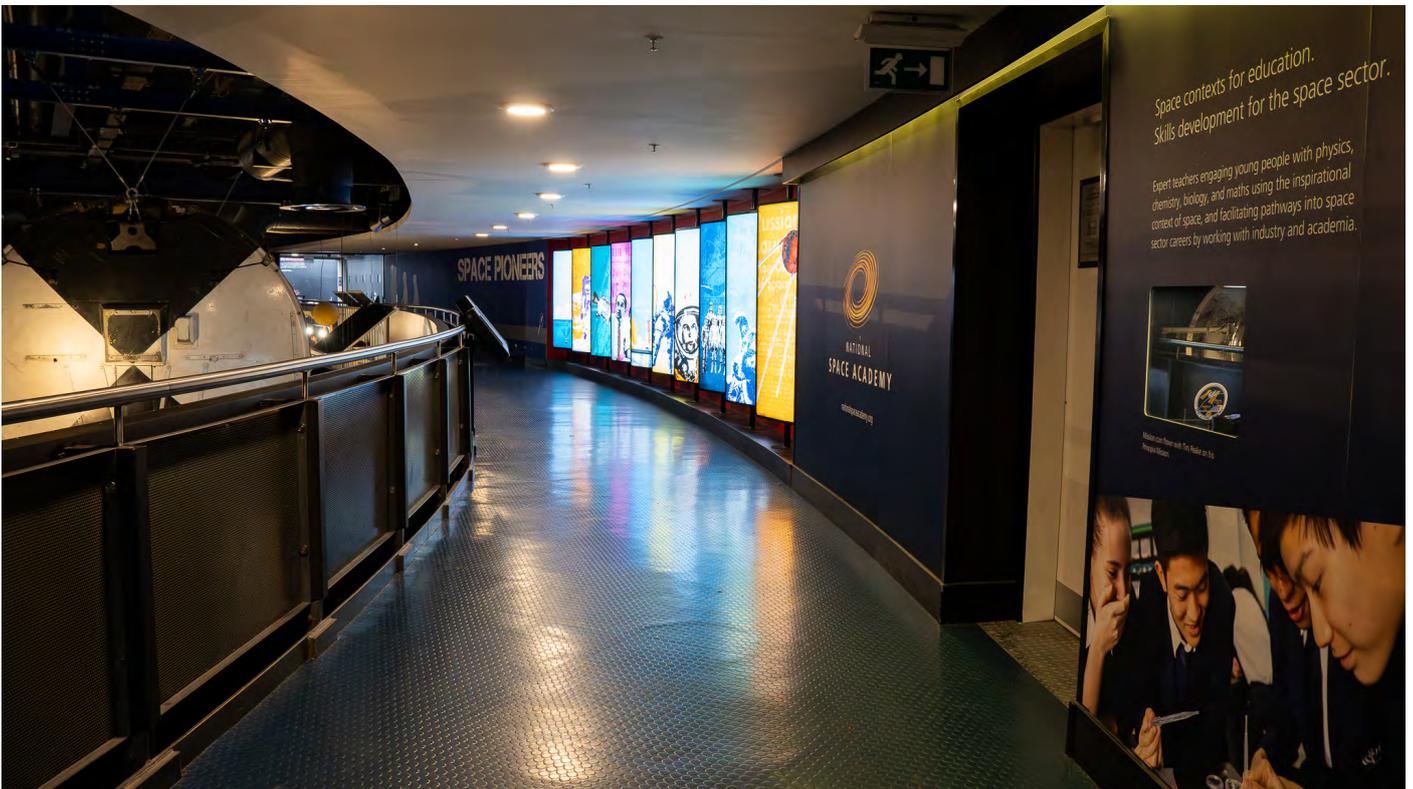


There is a lift in the Into Space gallery to take you to the Mezzanine Level.



# Mezzanine Level

Follow the walkway and you will reach the Rocket Tower Deck 1.

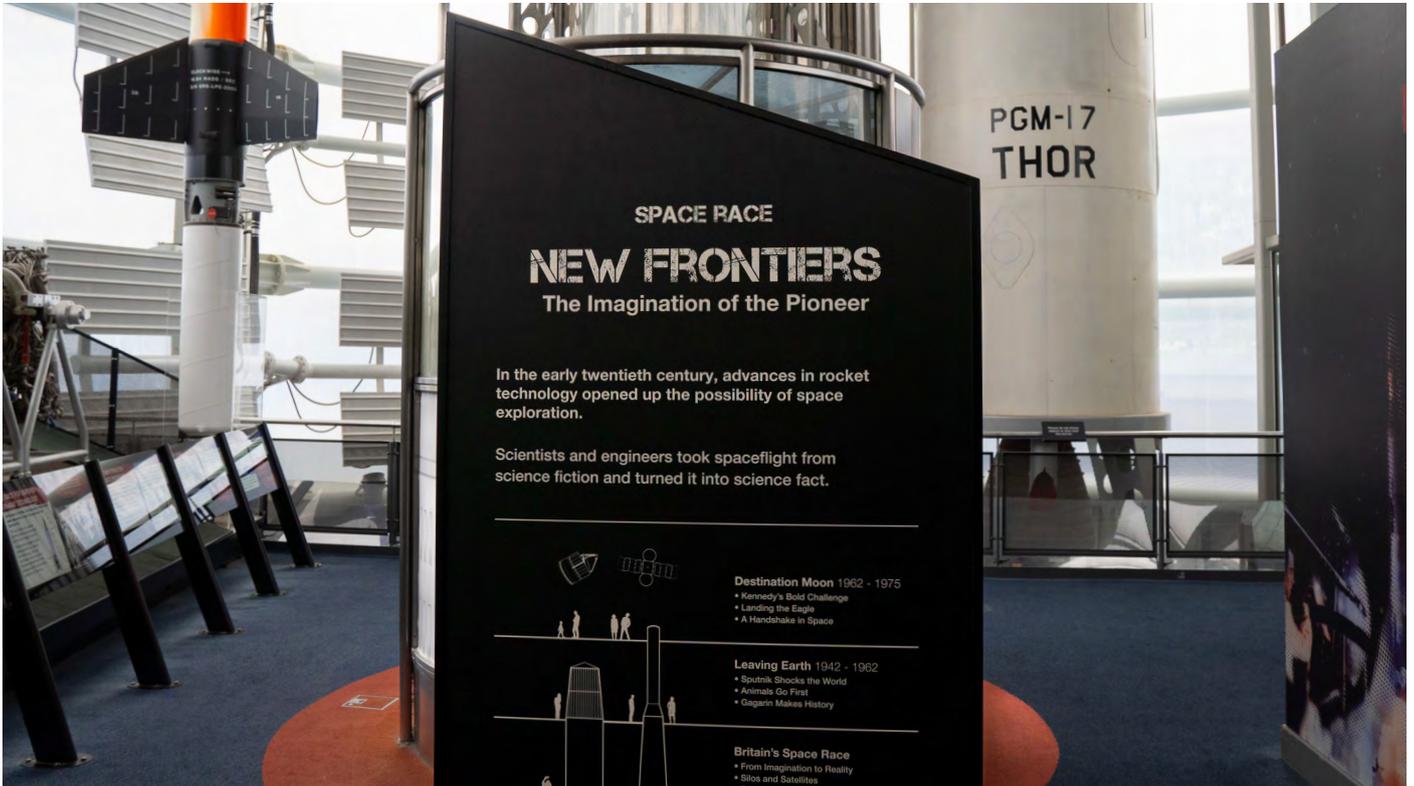


You can take the stairs to other floors. There are also two lifts to take you up and down in the Rocket Tower.



# Deck 1 New Frontiers

This floor is about early rockets and science fiction. You can launch your own rocket. This can be noisy. You can watch the first science fiction film in our Apollo Theatre.



# Deck 2 Britain's Space Race

This floor is about what Britain did during the Space Race.



The rocket interactive makes a loud noise and releases pretend smoke when you launch it.



Loud sounds.



Pressing buttons.

# Deck 3 Leaving Earth

This floor is about the Soviet Union's early lead in the Space Race. The Soviet Firsts Silo shows a short film in a room that is a little dark.

Deck 3 is high up and you can see the rockets from the edge of the deck.



You can have a go on the Gagarin Experience to feel what it was like for the first person to go into space.

This is closed during busy periods, the capsule will be open to explore.



Low light levels and dark spaces.



Loud sounds.

# Deck 4 Destination Moon

This floor is about landing on the Moon and the end of the Space Race. You can have a go at landing a Lunar Module on the Moon. You can explore the 1969 room and watch a TV showing the Moon landing. And you can see a real piece of the Moon.



Pressing buttons.

# Into Space Gallery



This gallery is about travelling into space. You can see real spacesuits.

You can go inside a model of a section of the International Space Station. There are lots of buttons to press.

The Blast Off Experience shows you what Tim Peake experienced on his trip to space. It is dark and noisy.



Low light levels and dark spaces.



Loud sounds.



Computer screens and buttons to press.

# The Universe Gallery



This gallery is about looking out into space. You can see examples of space telescopes. You can watch a film about the Big Bang and how the universe began. The Stellarium room is very dark, it shows you all the stars around us.



Low light levels and dark spaces.

# Home Planet Gallery

You can explore the interactive floor, with fish and other animals moving underneath you. You can see pictures of places on Earth, taken by satellites in space. You can star in a film in our Videobooth.

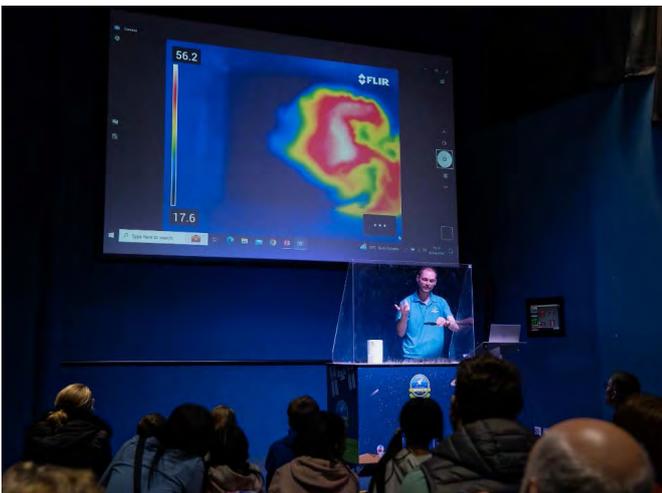


Computer screens  
and buttons to press.

# Live Space

Live Space is used for talks and presentations. If you come on a school trip, you might have a talk in Live Space.

When Live Space isn't being used for talks, you can see videos about space on the main screen. There are seats in Live Space.



Sometimes there are loud noises / explosions in this area from demonstrations and experiments.



Loud and scary sounds.

# Space Oddities

This gallery displays space artefacts. You can see lots of different objects. You can play a quiz on the large interactive touch tables.



Computer screens  
and buttons to press.

# Emergencies and Fire Alarms

If you hear a loud voice telling you to evacuate the Centre, you will need to calmly leave the building.



There are signs that will guide you to Fire Exits and members of Space Crew will point you to the safest exit.



Loud sounds.



# Enjoy your visit!

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