

The Cold War and Jodrell Bank: A study day for KS4 & 5

26 January 2026

Jodrell Bank, Bomish Lane, Lower Withington, Cheshire, SK11 9DL

10:15 am Arrival

10:30 – 10:45 Welcome & Intro to Jodrell Bank (Jodrell Bank Film)

10:45 – 11:45 Cold War & the space race from the US and from the USSR perspective (Dr Thomas Allcock and Dr Rachel Platonov)

11.45 – 12:40 Lunch (not provided – pupils to bring a packed lunch) & time to explore the exhibit in the First Light Pavilion

12:40 – 14:20 Primary sources workshop: What was Jodrell Bank's role in the Space Race?

14:20 – 14:30 Evaluation and wrap up

14:30 Depart

How to book:

Each school can book for up to 20 pupils in the first instance. If more places become available, we will be in touch. Bookings will be handled on a first come, first served basis.

Please email sonja.bernhard@manchester.ac.uk with the following information:

Your school name & postcode, number of students you wish to book for & Key Stage (4 or 5 only)

Please note:

Groups will have to arrange their own transport.

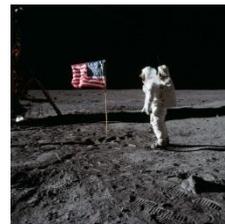
This heritage event is part of the Jodrell Bank 'First Light' Project which is supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.



Yuri Gagarin
@ITU Pictures, Flickr



Jodrell Bank, Lovell Telescope
@ University of Manchester



Buzz Aldrin, Apollo 11
@NASA (public domain)