

# Science is the future!

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SCIENCE fans are in for a special treat!

Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor will launch the National Science Week tomorrow at the University of Joburg with the theme “the role of science in economic development”.

It aims to highlight the important role science plays in everyday life and hopes to attract the country’s youth to go for science-based studies and careers.

National Science Week has many interesting opportunities for pupils, students, teachers, academics, parents and the general public in all provinces.

There will be workshops for teachers and pupils, science open days, public lectures and seminars, career exhibitions, pupil outreach activities and tours at major science facilities.

The events will take place throughout the country and some of them include:

■ A tour of Arcelor-Mittal production plant on 1 August. Open to all pupils, teachers, out-of-school youth and the public. Call Sham Jagathlal on 016 889 3249.

■ Vaal University of Technology will host various events including a science show and demonstration for all pupils, teachers and the public. Call 016 950 9904.

■ Hartbeeshoek Astronomy Observatory west of Joburg will host pupils from grade 4 to 7 and the public inside their amazing planetarium.

Astronomy lectures in the Munsieville Library will cover our solar system and the evolution of stars and galaxies. Call Sam on 012 301 3100.

If you want to know about events in other provinces, visit [www.saasta.ac.za](http://www.saasta.ac.za).