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BLAST OFF INTO SHOPPING CITY'S NEW SPACE STATION

Calling all sci-fi fans! Shopping City Runcorn has been invaded by aliens and invites shoppers to boldly go into a new 'Space Station' filled with characters, props and costumes from hit films like *Dr Who*, *Star Trek*, *Planet of the Apes* and *Star Wars*.



Orbiting near the Argos store, the Space Station promises a free, out-of-world experience during April, with a chance to have close encounters with such sci-fi icons as the Tardis, C3PO, Predator, Davros, Wally, K9 and even Tom Baker's long Dr Who scarf.

The display includes two Daleks - an original 1970s version and a model from the latest Dr Who series, plus a chance to spar with a gorilla soldier from the 1969 film, *Planet of the Apes* and other alien characters.

The collection has kindly been loaned by Hyde Fundraisers who have assembled the sci-fi TV and film memorabilia items over the last 32 years, and raised thousands of pounds for BBC Children in Need in the process.

Shopping City manager Karl Clawley has organised the pop-up Space Station with the help of 'alien' Garry Cullen, who belongs to the Hyde Fundraising group.



Karl said: "We wanted to give our visitors an out of this world experience. On talking to Gary and the Hyde Fundraising Group, we challenged them to

capture as many iconic space and time travellers as possible and put them into our unique City Space Station. I remember watching Dr Who as a child from behind the sofa, but to be able to be up close to K9, the Darleks and Cybermen is great fun. We hope parents will enjoy this free-to-enter event and re-live their memories with their children.”

The Shopping City Runcorn Space Station will launch on Good Friday and open daily, 11am – 4pm, during the school holidays and then every weekend until 28 April.

For more information, check out the Shopping City Runcorn website: www.shopping-city.co.uk.



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