The story

The first Arab female astronaut, Rayyanah Barnawi, has blasted into space.

She is part of a crew of space tourists who are visiting the International Space Station for eight days.

As well as having a holiday, the tourists will conduct independent research, according to space company, Axiom.

Key words and phrases

out of this world
incredible; very good

• I had some amazing cake yesterday – it was out of this world.
• I went to an incredible concert last weekend – the music was out of this world.

swoop
fly quickly and efficiently

• The eagle swooped down from the mountain and caught a mouse.
• The plane swooped onto the runway.

paves the way
makes something possible

• The successful scientific trial will pave the way for new medicines.
• A university degree often paves the way for a successful career.