

22nd September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8: Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, Tuesday 18th October 2016

I am delighted to inform you that we have arranged a visit for our Year 8 pupils to Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes. This is an excellent opportunity to enrich your child's learning in both Mathematics and History, highlighting the codebreaking achievements of Bletchley Park in the Second World War, its role as a birthplace of computing and its importance for understanding the past and relevance for the future.

The pupils will have the opportunity to explore mathematical encryption and encoding techniques that have been used throughout history, tackling complex processes to solve a codebreaking challenge. They will also explore the beautifully restored historical site, learn to the story of Bletchley Park and be introduced to the lives and significant roles of people during WW2. A workshop will include a unique opportunity to see a genuine Enigma machine, its design and role in WW2.

On the day we will depart from school promptly at 7:45am, so pupils should arrive by 7:30am. We will return at approximately 4:00pm (a text will be sent to confirm exact time on our return journey). Pupils will need to wear full school uniform and a coat as parts of the day will be outside. They will need a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks, glass bottles or chewing gum allowed). Pupils will be responsible for, and carrying, all their belonging. They will be allowed to make purchases from the souvenir shop and should bring their own money if you wish them to do so, maximum of £10. Please be aware that pupils **will not** be allowed to purchase food from the café. Mobile phones will be collected in and given out as normal on return. The school mobile will be available for contact in case of emergencies.

The trip will involve a voluntary contribution of £19.50 per child for the visit to cover costs for the museum, workshop and transport; this is excellent value for money given the broad and enriching opportunity your child will have in both Mathematics and History, and not forgetting the history of computing. We would really appreciate your support with this as if we do not have enough contributions to cover the overall costs, we may have to cancel the visit. Payments are non-refundable and should be made via Parentpay. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you wish school to provide a packed lunch for them please indicate on the slip below. Please return the reply slip below and make payments, no later than Friday 7th October.

Should you have any further queries regarding the trip you can contact me directly at school or view the Bletchley Park website for further information.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Jennifer Collins
Leader of Numeracy

Year 8 – Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

Child's name: _____ Form: _____

(Please tick as appropriate)

I enclose a cheque for £19.50 for the Bletchley Park Visit.

I confirm that I have paid online through ParentPay.

My child is eligible for Free School Meals and requires a packed lunch

Signed (Person with Parental Responsibility): _____ Date _____