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Dear Parents

Yr 8 Trip to Bletchley Park

We are very excited to be able to offer students in Year 8 a chance to visit Bletchley Park. They will have the opportunity to discover the impact of the work which took place there had on World War II, and investigate encryption and coding.

The trip will include a guided tour which will take students around the outside of the buildings, and a workshop session for 1 hour, where students will explore mathematical encryption and encoding techniques that have been used throughout history and attempt to solve a codebreaking challenge. The workshop includes an opportunity to see a genuine Enigma machine and be introduced to its design and role in WW2. There will also be time to explore the site in small groups.

We will be leaving school by coach on Friday 14th July 2023 at 8am and returning at about 4pm. You will have to make arrangements to transport your child to school for 8am and home from school at 4pm.

Students will need to wear school uniform, comfortable shoes but should bring a coat in case of rain. They should also bring a packed lunch plus some spending money if they wish to visit the gift shop.

As this trip is not an essential part of the curriculum, we are charging £24 per person to cover the cost of transport and entrance to Bletchley Park. Should insufficient contributions be made then the visit may not be able to proceed.

Farmor's School believes that all students should have equal opportunity to benefit from school activities independent of their parents' financial means. We endeavour to minimise the financial barriers that may prevent some students from taking advantage of these opportunities. Please look at the school's website for information about how to apply for help with the costs (https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/free-school-meals-and-financial-help)

If you wish your son or daughter to go on the trip, please register your interest on Parent Pay by Friday 25th November. After that date, should there be more people wanting to go than there are places available, names will randomly selected to determine who attends. Payment will be requested via Parent Pay by Friday 9th December for those students selected to attend.

Thank you.

Mrs V. Tucker Mathematics Teacher

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