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## Y8 Trip to Bletchley Park

Dear Parents & Carers,

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 on World War II as well as 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 **Monday 21st July 2025 at 8am and returning at about 4.30pm.** You will have to **make arrangements to transport your child to school for 8am and home from school at 4.30pm.** Students will need to wear school uniform, comfortable shoes and 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 requesting a voluntary contribution of **£33 per person** to cover the cost of transport and entrance to Bletchley Park. Should insufficient contributions be made then the visit will 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. If you are unable to make the financial contribution for this trip, please see: <u>here</u>, for information about how to apply for help with the costs, or contact the finance team: *finance@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk*.

If you wish your child to go on the trip, please **register interest on ParentPay by Tuesday 11th March**. 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 21st March** for those students randomly selected to attend.

Thank you,

Mrs V. Tucker (Mathematics Teacher