

4th November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Visit to Oxford University, Oxford Natural History Museum, and Bletchley Park – Thursday 13th February and Friday 14th February 2025 – Residential.

Your child is being offered the opportunity to participate in a 'Gifted and Talented' visit to Oxford University, Oxford Natural History Museum and Bletchley Park on Thursday 13th February and Friday 14th February 2025. This trip is aimed at those students looking to achieve grades 6-9 in Maths.

We plan to arrive at Oxford University about 10.30 am when we will have lunch and a tour of the University with a Maths focus, including a Maths and student experience workshop. Following this we will visit the Oxford Natural History Museum.

We will then be staying overnight at the Easy Hotel in Oxford with the students in twin rooms.

On the second day we visit Bletchley Park, home to the once top-secret codebreaking branch of the government and instrumental in our success in World War 2. Students will have the opportunity to visit the actual buildings, see a genuine Enigma machine and interact with a number of exhibits on site. We will spend five hours at Bletchley and students will take part in a workshop on cyphers and codebreaking along with an immersive WW2 guided tour of Bletchley Park.

We will be leaving Braunton at 6.00 am promptly on Thursday so that we arrive by 10.30 am. We anticipate leaving Bletchley Park at 2.30 pm on Friday to return with a stop at a motorway services for tea. Our estimated return time is 7.00 pm at Braunton Academy.

We have decided that due to the high costs of catering it would be far cheaper to make this trip self-catering so that students can purchase whatever food they wish. We will make a few stops at Tesco or equivalent where students can purchase food as they would like perhaps using the meal deals which are usually good value. For this reason, students will need a reasonable amount of cash available to purchase food during the two days.

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Please be aware that in order for students to benefit from this experience, positive behaviour and good attendance at school is essential. We therefore reserve the right to cancel student participation in the trip if their behaviour in school or attendance in lessons drops below our high expectations.

The total cost of the trip, which includes travel, accommodation and entry to Bletchley Park is £115. There will be a one-off payment of £115, due by 9.00 am on Friday 10th January 2025.

If meeting this deadline is an issue for you, please contact Mrs Nolan asap.

Yours faithfully

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