



Dream Believe Achieve

8th March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Bletchley Park; 1st - 5th July 2024; Maths and History; Year 8

Your son/daughter will be studying Codebreaking in Maths in term 6 and the Second World War in History. The Maths and History Departments would therefore like to take this opportunity to broaden their educational experience by providing a trip to Bletchley Park, near Milton Keynes.

The day will include a workshop, a tour of the park, and time to visit the Mansion House, the Huts and the museum.

As the number of students that can attend each trip is restricted, the field trip will take place during a normal school day as follows:

8A/Ma2 and 8B/Ma2	Monday 1st July
8A/Ma1 and 8B/Ma5	Tuesday 2nd July
8A/Ma3 and 8B/Ma3	Wednesday 3rd July
8A/Ma5 and 8B/Ma1	Thursday 4th July
8A/Ma4 and 8B/Ma4	Friday 5th July

Please note that students will be made aware of which date they are attending. There will not be scope for changing the date of the trip unless under exceptional circumstances.

On each day the students attending will depart Sponne School during period 1. We will depart from Bletchley Park just after 2pm, and should easily arrive back at Sponne by 3:05pm. Students who normally use the school bus service will still be able to do so, traffic permitting. If traffic is an issue on the day, we will of course allow students to contact parents on mobile phones. The students will be expected to **bring a packed lunch** and drinks with them to eat at Bletchley Park, and **to wear school uniform**. Please note that there will not be time to purchase lunch on site, and that food options are not targeted at teenagers/children and are quite expensive.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal, please complete a Google Form by clicking here https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeae_dXD9B82B_1_sahK5X8yUr8y_GDW_zjzl5X4QuyV_dL2w/viewform?usp=sf_link to let us know if you would like your child to be provided with a packed lunch. This must be completed or we will not be able to provide lunch, please do so by 17th June 2024.

There will be a lot of walking, and therefore trainers are permitted. As the weather is unpredictable, please ensure they have a raincoat/hat/sun cream etc as appropriate.

It is hoped that all students in Year 8 will take part in this trip although in the case of poor behaviour records, the school reserves the right to exclude a student from taking part. Alternative arrangements will be made for them in school, as is the case for any students unable to go.

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, we will be unable to refund the cost of the trip.

The event is now open and active on TSCO Sopy for all eligible students. If you wish your son/daughter to go on this trip, click on the name of the trip, enter the payment amount, add to the basket and proceed to payment. A voluntary contribution of **£25.25** will be required by **Friday 22nd March**, to confirm your child's place. Please note that making payment is also taken as granting consent to attend. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received or if student numbers are too low, it may be necessary to cancel the trip. All payments for school trips/events are non-refundable unless otherwise stated.

As this is a curriculum related activity connected to their course, any student that is eligible for free school meals, **may** also be eligible for financial assistance with this trip and should contact Ana Lopes, Parent Support Advisor on alopes@sponne.org.uk for further information.

All payments should be made through TSCO Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact trips@sponne.org.uk or 01327 350284 ext 7106.

If you have any further questions regarding the event please do not hesitate to contact me at eskelton@sponne.org.uk .

Yours faithfully,

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