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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 11 Trip to The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes

We are hoping to organise a trip for Year 11 Computer Science students to go to the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes on Monday 11th February 2019.

The educational trip would include the group attending a short introduction to the Museum with object handling and a cipher activity. The group will visit the Tunny and Colossus galleries to better understand the reason for building one of the world's first computers, including seeing the 1944 Colossus Mk II working rebuild. The group will also visit the First Generation Gallery and see the working WITCH computer and the EDSAC reconstruction, as well as visiting the Large Systems Room and the PC Gallery, where they will have time to play on vintage games and a chance to take part in workshops which include programming the game Snake on BBC Micros and then hacking it, and also creating their own version of Siri based on the Turing Test.

The students will be leaving **West Hatch High School** at approximately **8:30am** by coach. The visit starts at 10:30am and lasts 4 hours with a break for lunch. The visit will end around 2:30pm and the coach will return to **West Hatch High School** at around **4:30pm**, depending on traffic.

We believe it is a perfect opportunity to see computing in action and really bringing it to life by see how far it has come in a relatively short period of time.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch as there are no facilities on-site. If your child is currently receiving Free School Meals and you require us to supply a packed lunch please contact finance@westhatch.essex.sch.uk

For the trip to go ahead we require a voluntary contribution of **£32.00** which will include the coach, a guided tour and insurance. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions to make the trip viable then it will be cancelled.

Should you wish to book a place for your child, payment is to be made **via ParentPay and should be made no later than Wednesday 5th December 2018**. Please note that places are strictly limited to 30 so will be available on a first come first served basis only. **The trip will be made available on ParentPay from midday on Wednesday 14th November 2018.**

Miss Andrews
Computer Science Department

