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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to offer Year 9, 10 and Sixth Form students, the opportunity to attend a 'Codes and Cipher' workshop at Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes on Monday 26th February 2024.

From ancient Greece to the modern day, people have been using increasingly complex codes and ciphers with the intention of communicating secretly and keeping information secure. Enigma was one such cipher. Students will enjoy the rare opportunity to use a genuine Enigma machine as well as encountering a range of historical codes and ciphers as they work together to decipher messages in order to solve a puzzle.

During this session, students will increase their knowledge of codes and ciphers and their uses throughout history. Student will develop their understanding of the role that ciphers played during World War 2, with specific reference to the Enigma machine and the wider operations of Bletchley Park.

We will depart from school at 8:15am by coach and arrive back at Bromfords at approximately 5:00pm. Students in Years 10 and 11 will need to wear their school uniform, including blazer; it is advisable for students to bring a waterproof jacket with them should the weather become damp. Students will need to bring a packed lunch and plenty of drink with them; please note, nut products and energy drinks are not permitted.

The cost of this trip is **£24.00**, based on 80 students attending. There is limited space, so availability will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you wish your child to take part in this trip, please make full payment, online via ParentPay, no later than 12:00pm on Friday 26th January 2024. Should you require a login and password reminder for ParentPay please contact the Finance office who will be more than happy to assist.

If your child is in receipt of PPG, the school may be able to assist in the cost of this trip. Please contact our Finance team at finance@bromfords.essex.sch.uk.

In line with school policy, only students who have an exemplary behaviour record will be considered for this trip. Students who have had exclusions and/or significant numbers of detentions for poor behaviour will not be considered for this trip. The school reserves the right to refuse to accept payment or subsequently withdraw a place in the future should the student's behaviour become unacceptable with no refund.

If your child would like to attend, please click on the below link to complete our online form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/U9SUvsaZmf>

Yours sincerely

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