



2nd October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Visit to Oxford University, Oxford Natural History Museum, and Bletchley Park – Thursday 12th February and Friday 13th February 2026 – 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 12th February and Friday 13th February 2026. 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 7.30 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 (or a bank card as digital payment such as Apple Pay will not be available due to our no smartphone rule) 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.

Please note: In line with our smartphone-free policy, no smartphones, smartwatches, or any internet-enabled pocket devices are permitted on any curriculum or enrichment trips, regardless of timing or whether they occur during the school day.

Simple mobile phones (non-smartphones) are permitted for emergency use only. Students must adhere to normal school rules regarding their use. The Trip Leader will collect all simple phones at the end of each day, store them securely overnight, and return them the following morning.

Cameras are permitted; however, they remain the sole responsibility of the student, and the school will not accept any liability for loss, damage, or misuse. Any breach of the smartphone policy during trips will carry the same consequences as it would during the school day.

The total cost of the trip, which includes travel, accommodation and entry to Bletchley Park is £100. There will be a one-off payment of £100, due by 9.00 am on Friday 9th January 2026.

We can provide funding support for eligible FSM students upon request and in line with our Charging and Remission Policy. Please contact the Finance Office if your child is in receipt of FSM and you would like financial assistance before applying to attend this trip. Students in receipt of a free school meal are also entitled to £5 per day lunch allowance from the Trip Leader. Once your child's place has been confirmed we are unable to provide any additional financial support.

If meeting any of the deadlines above causes an issue for you, please contact Mrs Hayler in our finance team on finance@braunton.academy

Yours faithfully

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