



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

16 September 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am delighted to offer Year 9 and 10 students who are studying Computing or ICT the opportunity of a seven-day, five-night residential trip to **San Francisco** during October half term 2017, departing on the 19.10.2017.

Although this is not a compulsory trip for students studying Computing or ICT there are clear links to the specifications being studied on both courses that would certainly benefit students who participate in the trip.

These benefits would include: Exploring the history of computing in the home of the world's largest technology corporations, experiencing the cutting edge of technology as well as future developments, gaining first-hand insights into the industry as well as learning about different careers in computing and ICT.

The maximum cost of the trip will be **£1540** per head including flights, transfer to and from the airport, accommodation, visas, all meals & excursions. This final cost for the trip will be determined once numbers are established and is anticipated to be lower than this maximum price. We have **35 places available** on this trip to San Francisco.

The accommodation will be in the city centre, in the Tenderloin District, with students sharing private bunk bed dormitories of 4-5 depending on ratios of students. This will include breakfast and evening meal at the accommodation and lunch out each day.

Proposed Itinerary:

Day 1: Dept UK, arrive in San Francisco pm, explore the local area.

Day 2: Day trip to Silicon Valley including: Intel Museum and Computer History Museum

Day 3: Day in San Francisco - Explore Fort Point, the Golden Gate Bridge & Sausalito

Day 4: Day trip to Silicon Valley: NASA visitor centre, Future Tech Museum and tour of the 'History of Silicon Valley' including Apple campus, HP garage and a visit to the 'Googleplex'.

Day 5: Day in San Francisco: Alcatraz, Pier 39, other sightseeing within the city.

Day 6: Day in San Francisco: California Museum of Sciences & Union Square.

Day 7: Arrive back in the UK.

Possible evening activities will include: Hostel activities, American Diner, Cable Car ride

The final payment schedule for the trip will be confirmed once trip numbers have been established, however, full payment will be necessary by June 2017 at the latest in order to secure our booking.

At this stage an initial, **deposit of £200** is required to secure a place on this exciting trip. Should this trip become over-subscribed, places will be allocated in a 'names out of the hat' manner, with unsuccessful students deposits being refunded in full.

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If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this amazing opportunity; we ask that payment of £200.00 be completed at the main office by October 21st. Cheques should be made payable to The Kings of Wessex Academy, or alternatively, you can pay online by logging onto the Academy website. Simply click onto the parents' link and select 'Internet Payments' from the menu. Payments must also be accompanied by the parental consent form below and the attached medical form.

As with all Academy trips students will be expected to uphold the reputation of the Academy, therefore exceptional behaviour is expected at all times throughout the visit and in the lead up to the trip. Failure to do this could result in them losing their place and any payments made to date.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stella Nethercote
Subject leader for Computing & ICT

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM – San Francisco, 19th October 2017

THE KINGS OF WESSEX ACADEMY, CHEDDAR – please return to Mrs Nethercote

As parent/guardian of _____ Tutor Group _____ I have read, fully understood and am satisfied with the details supplied about the above-mentioned activity and agree to my son/daughter taking part in it. I know of no medical reason why he/she should not participate.

I am aware that

- (a) except for visits abroad insurance arrangements are the same as for pupils in school, i.e. that the Authority only provides cover proven or agreed negligence by the Authority and its employees.
- (b) I should consider making my own insurance arrangements for personal accident cover for my son/daughter for school activities in the UK.
- (c) I will make arrangements for their travel home from school after the trip.

Signed

Date

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