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Dear Parents

Mathematics, Computing and Culture trip to Japan, 14th to 21st February 2020
Price: £2230

Following the huge success of our 2018 trip, we are delighted to announce the second RGS Mathematics, Technology and Culture Trip to Japan in 2020. This is a really exciting opportunity for your son to learn about the technological revolution seen by Japan since the end of World War 2 and is open to pupils currently in **Years 7 to 9**. The trip complements many of the topics learnt within the STEM subjects and classroom and will give your son the opportunity to see some of the amazing technological feats of Japanese mathematicians and engineers in recent years. As well as this, pupils will be able to immerse themselves in Japanese culture, both traditional and modern. The tour will be organised and run by 'Travelbound', a company we have been using for a number of years.

The trip will take place from **14th – 21st February 2020** and planned visits/activities are as follows:

- Miraikan (National Centre of Emerging Science), including demonstration by humanoid Asimodo & trip to the Panasonic Centre
- Visit to Fuji TV including observation deck
- Bullet train (Shinkansen) to Nikko to see UNESCO world heritage site including the Toshugu Shrine, Taiyunbyo and Shinkyō Bridge
- Hamarikyū Gardens & Asakusa Visit
- Meiji Shrine and Harajuku, Tokyo Metropolitan Building and Shibuya Crossing
- Hakone Open Air Museum & Ropeway & cruise on scenic Ashi Lake
- Sunshine City: Pokémon Centre, JWorld and Namja town
- Tokyo Batting cage
- JAL Factory Tour Sky Museum

A meeting will be arranged next academic year to discuss the trip in greater detail.

The total cost of the trip will be £2230. All flights, transport to and from airport, insurance and meals are included. In the meantime, please could you pay the deposit indicated below to secure your son's place. Once the deposits have been sent to the organising company, they are non-refundable. There are a maximum of 30 places available on this trip and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed preference will be given to pupils in higher year groups. If your son does not secure a place on the trip your deposit will be returned.

Deposit	£300	Due by Friday 15 th Feb
2 nd Instalment	£500	Due by Friday 5 th April
3 rd Instalment	£500	Due by Friday 24 th May
4 th Instalment	£500	Due by Friday 12 th July
Final Payment	£430	Due by Friday 18 th October

Please make your payment using Parent Pay. If you are unable to pay via this method, please contact the Finance Office to arrange an alternative method. If you would like to pay the balance in full or more than one instalment at a time that is entirely acceptable. We would not like anyone to be prevented from going on this trip for reasons of severe hardship. If you are in this situation, please contact me in confidence as help may be available.

All communications regarding the tour will be sent out via email. If you have any questions before the meeting takes place, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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