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Dear Parents

STEM and Computer Science Trip to Silicon Valley, 17th - 23rd July 2020

I am writing to inform you that the Computing Science Department is organising a residential trip to Silicon Valley in the USA at the start of the summer holidays in 2020. This is a really exciting opportunity for your son to learn about the technological developments at the hub of Computing and Information Technology.

The trip details are as follows:

- **17th - 23rd July 2020**
- Stanford University
- Silicon Valley Computer History Museum - widely regarded as the best in the world.
- Museum NASA's Ames Research Center – home to many space missions and even moon rock
- Googleplex (Google headquarters) – please note you cannot access the headquarters but can usually walk around some of the campus.
- The Tech Museum of Innovation
- There will also be an opportunity to visit some of the attractions around San Francisco including Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge

The total cost of the trip will be £2056. If you would like your son to take part, please could you pay the deposit below to secure his place. Once the deposits have been sent to the organising company, they are non-refundable. There are a maximum of 33 places available on this trip. 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.

Instalment	Amount	Date Due By
Deposit	£400	11/10/2019
2 nd Instalment	£400	22/11/2019
3 rd Instalment	£400	31/01/2020
4 th Instalment	£400	06/03/2020
Final Payment	£456	03/04/2020
	£2,056	

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 due to severe financial hardship. If you are in this situation, please contact me in confidence as help may be available.

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

Kind regards

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