



12 September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

San Francisco Tour 2018
2nd April to 8th April 2018 (half-term) (dates TBC)

Roundwood Park School is pleased to offer our Year 12-13 students the opportunity to travel to San Francisco to gain a glimpse of a city that is leading the world in computer science, innovation and is a hotbed for global business. The itinerary for this trip has a *Computer Science and ICT* focus but any other student interested in experiencing the unique San Francisco metropolis is also welcome to sign up.

The epicentre of innovation, and the natural HQ for some of the world's most high-tech companies, Silicon Valley is a by-word for tech tourism. Apple, Google, Facebook, Oracle, HP, Intel, eBay, Yahoo - these are just some of the names that call this corner of California home. But it's not just the global brands - to feed these mega corporations with the talent of tomorrow, San Francisco is a real hot house for start-ups and tech entrepreneurs working on the Next Big Thing - whether that's an app, a cool piece of software that will change the world, or a new robot that will make our dinners. The culture here is very much focused on what the emerging digital economies will do next. If you're looking for an inspirational backdrop for computer science and IT students of today, the tech campuses of California offer a portal into the workplace of tomorrow, and the next-generation tech that is set to transform all of our lives.

Whilst the trip itinerary has been designed with Computer Science and ICT students in mind, the trip will offer a host of interesting excursions for everyone, including an Alcatraz Tour, a 4 hour guided San Francisco city tour, visits to the Intel and the Computer History Museum, a Stanford University Campus Tour and much more.

The cost of the trip is estimate at between £1,700 and £1, 800 depending on interest and final flight and accommodation prices. This estimate includes all flights and transfers, bed and breakfast accommodation, entrance/tour fees and insurance (with the exception of personal items such as mobile phones, cameras and iPods). In accordance with the Governors' policy on charging, all costs must be met through voluntary contributions from parents/carers.

If you wish to participate in this trip, please **make your non-refundable deposits of £300 in by 15th September 2017**, with subsequent payments due on 19th October (£600) and 21st November (TBC). Once we have confirmed numbers, we will calculate the final trip cost. If we have less than 20 students, then the trip will not go ahead and **any deposit WILL be refunded**.

In case of **financial hardship** or if you would like to discuss an alternative payment plan, please contact me in confidence **by Wednesday 13th September 2017**. The school can apply on your behalf to a local charity for financial assistance if the charity's financial criteria are met.





If your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred unless a replacement is found. Please be aware that any cancellation must be put in writing and sent to the Finance Office. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

If you have any queries relating to this trip please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Mark Jones.

With kind regards,

J Blight

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TRIP PERMISSION

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*To be returned to the Finance Office
by Friday 15th September 2017*

I would like my son/daughter to attend the above residential trip.

I have paid using Parentpay () I enclose a cheque/cash ()

I understand my deposit is non-refundable unless the school can find a replacement and that any cancellation must be put in writing to the Finance Office. Furthermore, I understand that I will be liable for any cancellation charges should my son/daughter withdraw from the trip and will be responsible for any costs incurred should my son/daughter be sent home from the trip for unacceptable behaviour.

Name of Signatory: Relationship to student:

Signed..... Date.....

