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Dear Parent/Carer

The Big Hitter Friday 29th November 2013

I am writing to you concerning an opportunity for your child to participate in a day at The University of London, Institute of Education, London based around the content of the A level course they are studying. This trip is exclusively for year 13 ICT students and involves case studies for discussions on implications for society. Leaders in the field will challenge and inspire students, improving grades and illustrating the vast opportunities available to computer scientists. Your child will have the opportunity to hear top class speakers on topics such as

- The promise and pitfalls of open source software, and pose the question, "how free is free software?"
- Varied applications of ICT, and how this impacts both the way we do business and government policy.
- What it means not to have access to technology in this interconnected world.
- Banks pioneering work in contactless payments.
- Gathering and use of real-time data in the monitoring and protection of wildlife.
- Government regulation of the internet.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £45 which will cover the cost of the visit including transport and other incidental costs. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch with them.

8.45am – Meet at East Grinstead train station

9.07am – Train leaves East Grinstead

10.45am – Arrive at University of London, Institute of Education

10.45am–4.15pm – The Big Hitter lectures and workshops

4.15pm – Leave University, we will aim to be back at East Grinstead train station at the latest 6.30pm

Yours sincerely

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To Mrs Baldwin, finance office

I give permission for my child (name of student) of form





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to attend the University of London on 29th November 2013, returning to school at approximately 6.30pm.

£45 in cash is enclosed
A cheque for £45 is enclosed, made payable to Sackville School
£45 has been forwarded to the school using the online payment system
(Please tick as appropriate)

Signed Parent/Carer

Name

