

CAREERS

BLETCHLEY PARK

I BELONG IN COMPUTING – EMPOWERING GIRLS



As part of our careers initiative to try and encourage more girls to consider a career in technology, a group of 10 girls from Year 8 took part in **I Belong in Computing: Empowering Girls at Bletchley Park** last Friday.

Bletchley Park is the birth place of modern computing. Nearly 10,000 women worked there during World War 2 (making up 75% of the workforce). Most of the women were hired straight out of school or college and were brilliant problem solvers or mathematicians.

Our girls discovered the story of the amazing achievements of the WW2 codebreakers in the very place it happened and explored some of the 11 historic buildings and the iconic mansion where it all began. They took part in past, present and future encryption sessions, heard from inspiring speakers and marvelled at the extraordinary achievements made by brilliant minds and complex machines. The girls were accompanied by Mrs Chaudhry,

Curriculum Leader for Computer Science *"We received some very interesting talks from successful women. One had set up 3 businesses and has 150 employees working for her. Another joined the IT industry inspired by her daughter. Her daughter took up a challenging IT role at the Paris Olympics and was earning more than the Prime Minister! The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day"*



"Our trip to Bletchley Park was amazing. It taught us about the past, present and future of messages going to and from places. In a workshop we used cryptography to keep messages safe. We learnt how the women got to play important role in WW2". Sophie, Millie & Emile
Year 8