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November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

**University of Liverpool Computer Science Department – Taster Day
Wednesday 31 January 2024**

We would like to invite students in Year 9 to take part in a Computer Science Taster Day at the University of Liverpool on Wednesday 31 January 2024. The day is aimed at students who may be considering choosing Computer Science as a GCSE option subject and/or a Computing related career. The day will be free of charge.

Students will participate in series of taster lessons and activities which will be delivered by undergraduate students and cover various Computer Science topics. There will be interactive sessions such as an outdoor activity using a giant sorting network to teach parallel computation and practical programming tasks using LEGO EV3 Robots and coded embroidery.

The itinerary of the day will be as follows:

- 08:30 Depart WKGS (on foot) to West Kirby Station*
- 08:51 Train from West Kirby to Liverpool Central
- 09:25 Walk to Liverpool University Computer Science Department (approx. 0.7 miles)
- 10:00 Arrival and introduction
- 10:15 Taster Lesson/Activity 1
- 11:00 Outdoor activity
- 11:30 Lunch Break **
- 12:00 Taster Lesson/Activity 2
- 12:45 Hands-on Session
- 14:00 Taster Day ends – Return to Liverpool Central Station
- 14:40 Train from Liverpool Central to West Kirby
- 15:30 Arrive back at WKGS

* Please note that students are required to arrive at WKGS by 8:30 at the latest to catch the 08:51 train from West Kirby Station. The train fare is being paid by school.

** Students will need to bring a packed lunch (if your child/ward is entitled to free school meals a 'grab bag' can be ordered the day before the trip from the canteen for collection from 8am on the day of the trip. 'Grab-bags' may also be ordered to purchase). A room will be provided by the university for us to eat lunch.

There are a maximum of 30 places available for the day which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please click this link to book a place for your child/ward: [Book a place for the Computer Science Taster Day](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email address below.

Best wishes

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The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the School will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.