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Dear Parent and Carers

Re: Year 12 & 13 IT Trip to 'You and AI' Event

I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to take part in The Royal Society event called 'You and AI', presented by Professor Brian Cox and being held at the Barbican Centre in London. The event is taking place on Tuesday 11 December 2018 from 7.30pm – 9pm.

The students will be attending the event called "You and AI" presented by Professor Brian Cox and will watch a number of talks from the world's top AI specialists. Throughout 2018, The Royal Society have presented a series of events that have brought leading AI researchers together to examine how AI has, is, and will alter the day-to-day lives of human beings. For this particular event Professor Brian Cox will lead a panel of AI experts as they invite attendees to consider and question what challenges and opportunities AI will present us with in the next decade.

The itinerary is as follows:

- 7.00pm - Meet London Barbican
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm - Attend 'You and AI' event
- 9.00pm - Students depart and make their own way home

Students will be expected to behave responsibly in line with the St Martin's behaviour policy. There will be certain times when students are allowed free time. At these times they may be permitted to wander more freely, in small groups of no less than four, around easily defined areas indicated by a map which will be given to the individual students. Students will not be allowed to wander alone or outside the defined area or leave the group without the explicit permission of staff. It is important that parents realise that individual students will not be under the direct supervision of staff at all times during the visit although staff will remain within the designated areas so they are available should difficulties arise. An emergency number will be issued to the group, to be used if they get separated at any time.

The Royal Society have provided 10 free tickets for this event which would normally cost between £5 - £10. Therefore, there will be no charge to attend but students must purchase their own return ticket to travel to the Barbican Centre or make their own travel arrangements.

Whilst at the event the group will be led by me, James Spencer. If you are interested in your son or daughter participating, please complete and return the consent form to the Finance Office by Monday 12 November. If more than 10 students are interested in attending, places will be randomly allocated by computer to ensure fairness.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via email jspencer@st-martins.essex.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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