

## News from Burford School

At Burford School we do not hold formal open days as we prefer parents and students to come and see us on a normal working day. If you would like to take the opportunity to visit us please

contact the Headteacher's PA on: 01993 823303 or email:

sag4859@burford.oxon.sch.uk

If you would like any advice or guidance about the admissions process please contact Mrs Haig on:

head.4040@burford.oxon.sch.uk

There will be a **Sixth Form Open**

**Evening** on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 followed

by a Sixth Form Taster day on Friday

29<sup>th</sup> January. For further information

please contact Head of Sixth Form, Ms E

Denny on: 01993 823303 or

ejd8390@burford.oxon.sch.uk

### **We Need Lights and Cook Books**

If anybody has any connections with the theatre lighting industry, please contact Miss Mathews. We have recently had to return the lights that we had on loan from the 'Wild Theatre Company' and need to find second-hand lighting for the A-Level examinations. If you have any cook books that you no longer need, especially any multi cultural cook books, can you donate them to the Food and Catering department or leave in School Reception and mark for the attention of Mrs C Rose? Thank you for your support. Forty one Y9 students recently enjoyed a day trip to Bletchley Park,



Milton Keynes. They began with a talk on codes and ciphers and even had a go at deciphering a message; Tom Hemming's group were first to succeed.

### **Bletchley Park**

They were introduced to a 70

year old Enigma machine (the German code machine), and shown how it worked - some students even got to try it out by typing in a message which fellow students then 'received' and deciphered. They were then taken on a walking tour of Bletchley Park, told about the history of the house and shown the original huts where the code breaking took place. They were introduced to the Bombe machine, which was used to crack the Enigma's messages during the Second World War and told how everything was destroyed after the war with all employees sworn to secrecy. Apparently this lasted for nearly 30 years! The Bombe machine that they were shown was actually a film prop made for the film *Enigma*. The Bombe machine had been rebuilt recently by some University students and was in working order and on display in the museum. The next venture was to see the Colossus, the first-ever electronic computer. It was the size of the room, in working order and producing a lot of heat. All in all it was a very informative and interesting trip. The students were well behaved and Ed Hemsworth kept the tour guide busy by asking lots of interesting questions.

**Mary Alcock**