

# The Secrets of Maths

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**Students at Sittingbourne Community College have taken part in a unique code-breaking visit to Dover Castle to delve into the history of Kent's involvement in the Second World War as well as improving their maths skills.**

Huddled together in the bowels of the Cliffs of Dover, the GCSE students tested their knowledge of maths to the limit, pouring over seemingly random numbers and symbols in a search for hidden messages. There were Wrens

on hand to help them work through some of the trickier tasks and explain how the code-breaking world had such an important impact on the war's outcome.

Miss Natalie Jones, maths teacher at SCC, said, "Following recent changes to the maths curriculum, there's a greater focus on real life problem solving. Exposing young people to the important world of maths is critical not only for their exams but also the wider world."

This is the first of a series of trips Ms. Jones is organising. Later in the year, she plans to take the class to the Maths Gallery at the Science Museum in London, as well as the Victoria and Albert Museum to see a fascinating collection of tessellated art.

William James, Year 10 student at SCC, said, "I was a really enjoyable day. The code-breaking was hard to begin with but after some help it began to get easier. I'd definitely want to do it again."

