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Dear Parents,

As you may already be aware, in May 2016 Nord Anglia Education announced a new collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the world's number one university according to the 2016 QS World University Rankings. As part of this exciting collaboration, we are able to send four Year 6 and 7 students to attend an event at MIT in Boston from 30th April – 6th May 2017.

MIT is a world leader in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM) learning. During their visit, our students will have the opportunity to engage in active learning in these fields with peers from twenty five other Nord Anglia schools around the world. They will attend workshops and participate in activities led by MIT professors, students and alumni. While the schedule for the week is still being finalized, likely opportunities include Synthetic Biology in a BioBuilder workshop, game design with the developers of Gameblox and Scratch and making music at MMMMaven.

Students will travel to Boston with one teacher from NAIS Pudong and will stay in a hotel within walking distance of MIT in Cambridge, MA. Students will be in rooms with one other student and will each have their own bed. There will be approximately one hundred Nord Anglia students at this event, and each school will bring a teacher which will ensure high teacher-student ratios.

The cost of the trip will be approximately 12,000RMB plus flights from Shanghai to Boston. This does include breakfast, lunch and dinner each day as well as insurance but not spending money or any visa costs.

We will conduct an application process for students and it is expected that students act as ambassadors for our school and also feedback about their experiences upon their return to school. Please contact me with an initial expression of interest by Friday 21st October if you would like your child to attend. Once these have been received, we will then be in a stronger position to outline a selection process for this exciting opportunity.

Please do let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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