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Principal - Mr Garry Trott

Our ref: HMC/EPE

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Dear Parent

Student Name & Form/Year

Re: Science Trip to CERN, Geneva: Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 April 2019

The Science team are organising a trip to Geneva, Switzerland, to visit the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN). Your child has expressed an interest in the trip and so I would like to share the details with you. To ensure students' safety, places will be limited to 30 students. In order to make the process as fair as possible, the names of all students who have paid their deposit by the end of morning break on **Tuesday 3 July 2018** will be entered into a draw. The first 30 names drawn will secure a place. Any remaining names will be placed on a reserve list. We reserve the right to withdraw a student if their behaviour or conduct falls below our expectations. If a student is subsequently withdrawn from the trip due to behaviour or conduct or leaves the academy, there will be no refund unless their place can be filled.

This trip will provide an excellent opportunity for students to learn about fundamental research and see deep inside the world's largest particle physics laboratory. A full tour of the research facility will allow budding scientists to explore particle physics and the Microcosm exhibition and find out about the origins of our Universe. A truly inspiring opportunity to ask questions of real scientists (some of them Nobel prize winners) and gain inside information about the Large Hadron Collider. The visit will also provide numerous opportunities for students to soak up Genevan culture, practice some of the language they may have studied at school and sample some traditional Swiss food.

A full itinerary for the three days will be made available, but highlights include:

- a full tour of CERN
- a visit to the UN Palais de Nations
- a visit to the History of Science Museum and the Geneva Natural History Museum
- a boat trip across Lake Geneva past the iconic Jet D'eau
- an evening meal at traditional Restaurant Edelweiss where they will sample Swiss fondue and have the chance to play an alp horn
- Half board at the Geneva Hostel, one of Geneva's contemporary Art Hallmarks
- Flights and all transportation

The trip will last three days, taking place during the school's Easter break. Students will be travelling by coach to the airport, departing the academy on Monday 8 April 2019 and returning to the academy on Wednesday 10 April 2019. This visit is fully covered by the academy's insurance policy (ZURICH Insurance) and is arranged through Diverse Travel, an ABTA registered travel company specialising in school trips abroad.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be between £386 - £396, assuming we can fill all 30 places. This price includes return travel from the academy to our destination, use of public transport throughout our stay, half board accommodation and all excursions, travel and medical insurance. We will arrange for payments to be made in instalments through ParentPay. To secure a place on the trip we need a non-refundable deposit of £100 (to be deducted from the total cost) by the end of break on **Tuesday 3 July 2018**. We will of course refund deposits for those who enter into the draw but are not one of the final 30 on the trip.



We understand the financial demands placed on parents by school trips. There is a local charity, the Northgate Foundation, who can give means-tested financial assistance with school trips and visits; I cannot however, guarantee your application will be successful. Please consult their website www.northgatefoundation.org or contact me at school for further details and advice. We are happy to offer assistance with the application process if you think you may be eligible. If your child would like to take part in this trip then payments should be made online via ParentPay by the end of morning break on **Tuesday 3 July 2018**. If you do not have a ParentPay account, please contact Miss Green on 01473-466157 to discuss other methods of payment. We will also be asking for parental consent, contact details and medical information through ParentPay at the same time.

Once your child's place on the trip is confirmed, we will be in a position to confirm the exact cost of the trip. We will then issue a payment schedule to spread the cost over the year by instalments. We will hold a parents' meeting before we go to Switzerland to finalise all the details and collect passports and European Health Insurance Cards (EHICs). In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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