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Dear Parents

Trip to CERN, Switzerland
Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th November 2023

I am writing to advise you that the Computing Department are now planning to organise a residential trip to CERN in Switzerland. CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research. This trip is scheduled to take place over the weekend of Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th November 2023. This visit will be invaluable to boys who are interested in German, Physics or Computer Science and either studying them now or will be doing in the future. The trip will include visits to:

- Museum of Natural History
- History of Science Museum
- United Nations Headquarters in Geneva
- Lake Geneva (Cruise)

The cost of the trip will be approximately £620-640. This will be reconfirmed once final numbers and flights are confirmed. There are a maximum of 30 places available so allocation will be on a first come first served basis. The costs include: transport, accommodation, meals and all activities on the trip. Boys will only need money for meals en route, small souvenirs or snacks and the cost of public transport while in Switzerland. As per school rules, alcohol consumption will not be permitted on this trip, regardless of your son's age.

The schedule of payments for this trip is as follows:

- 1st instalment of £200 due by **Friday 7th July 2023**
- Final instalment to be confirmed due by **Friday 15th September 2023**

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me in strictest confidence and I will see if there is any funding available to assist you. Please note, where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip.

Please note the following current information regarding inoculations for Switzerland:

Travel advice for Switzerland can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland>. There are currently no restrictions in place but this may be subject to change. The school requirements are that all boys must be able to show proof of vaccination status, have a valid GHIC/EHIC card for insurance purposes and a valid passport which has an expiry date of later than 6 months from the return date. This means that your son's passport must be valid until at least May 2024.

Finally, there will be a Parents Information Evening next term to inform parents and boys of trip details. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (dmt@rgshw.com).

Yours sincerely

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Trip Leader