

Thursday 9th June

Dear Parents

Trip to CERN, Switzerland: Friday 29th – Sunday 31st October 2022

The Computing Department is planning a residential trip to CERN in Switzerland. The European Organization for Nuclear Research is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research. The trip is scheduled to take place over the weekend of Friday 29th – Sunday 31st October 2022. This visit will be invaluable to boys who are interested in or currently studying Physics, Computer Science or German. The trip will include visits to:

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

The cost of the trip will be between £500 and £560. This will be confirmed once final numbers and flights are confirmed. There are a maximum of 35 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 24th June 2022**
- Final instalment to be confirmed due by **Friday 17th September 2022**

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay and pay the first instalment. 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.

Travel advice for Switzerland can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/switzerland/entry-requirements#entry-rules-in-response-to-coronavirus-covid-19>. Whilst there are currently no restrictions in place, this may be subject to change. The school requirements are that all boys must be able to show proof of vaccination status and have a valid GHIC/EHIC card for insurance purposes. Your son's passport should be valid for at least 6 months from the return date (May 2023).

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT ALL PLANS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CHANGES OR CANCELLATION DUE TO UPDATES IN COVID GUIDANCE OR ISOLATION PROCEDURES. In the event of any changes or cancellation the School to the best of our ability will look to recover any costs committed. Many companies now have COVID guarantees in place and the School has undertaken due diligence checks. This may still mean some or all of the funding is unrecoverable and parents/guardians understand this when signing boys up.

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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