

16 October 2018

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

**RE: Trip to CERN, Geneva 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> April**

This year your son has the opportunity to go on a trip to see the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, Geneva. It is the most advanced and sophisticated scientific experiment ever built. Students have a unique opportunity to see the facilities at CERN, where they will have a 3-hour guided tour of the institute. There is also a possibility of going into the underground tunnels of the LHC. They will also be able to visit the UN building and the Museum of History of Science.

The trip is organised through the company "Travelbound". We will depart from school on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5:00am** and travel by coach to Luton airport. We will return to school on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at about 21:00**.

In Geneva we will be staying at the Geneva Hostel. The package includes a traditional fondue dinner with yodelling. At CERN, the boys will be eating at the CERN restaurant, so they will need to have about 15 Swiss francs to pay for the food.

**The total price of the trip is between £372 and £385 depending on the number of boys.** If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay, look up "CERN trip" and pay the deposit of **£125 by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method.

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 that 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 also fill the online consent form. It will take about 10-15 minutes and you will need your son's passport data:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Pu6mcJUbieifB1\\_MiPbJhnGi5gNYbJFGv8xTfIAKzb5UNVBVTvg3MIhQWFdGMFVCMVcxVUozSUFQWS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Pu6mcJUbieifB1_MiPbJhnGi5gNYbJFGv8xTfIAKzb5UNVBVTvg3MIhQWFdGMFVCMVcxVUozSUFQWS4u)

The final instalment will be advised as soon as we have confirmed numbers and will need to be paid by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

There will be a Parents' Meeting for this trip in the Spring Term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [vcs@rgshw.com](mailto:vcs@rgshw.com).

Yours sincerely

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