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Dear Parent/Carer,

Y12 Physics Trip to CERN – 3-6 July 2024

I am writing to you as we have received enough initial interest to proceed with a Physics trip to CERN.

These are the details for the trip including dates, accommodation, visits and important information in terms of insurance, passports, etc.

Dates	Wednesday 3 July - Saturday 6 July 2024
Duration	4 days/3 nights
Provisional Cost	£762.20
Flights	Return flights from London Heathrow to Geneva Airport with British Airways - subject to availability at the time of booking <i>Please note the price is based on a scheduled flight which is not yet on sale and the rate is therefore estimated and cannot be guaranteed. On receipt of deposits and once flights come on sale we will recheck flight rates and advise you of any difference in price.</i>
Checked in baggage	Included – 23kg hold bag per person
Airport transfers	Coach transfer from Geneva airport to the accommodation on day 1 and from the accommodation to Geneva airport on day 4
Accommodation	IBIS Hotel in Geneva – students will share triple rooms, each room with their own WC/shower facilities

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Board basis Half Board accommodation (breakfast and dinner provided at the hotel)

Visits (included in the tour cost) Visit to CERN
5-hour coach hire for visit to CERN
Guided walking tour of Geneva
United Nations tour
Visit to The History of Science Museum
Visit to Bois-de-Bay Treatment Plant
Lake Geneva Cruise

In the event that a visit, meal or other service is not available, a suitable alternative will be offered.

Group insurance Please see details of the insurance cover here: [Insurance](#)
If you wish you can of course arrange your own additional personal insurance.

Not included in the tour package cost unless detailed above:

- Meals en route (students should bring a pre-paid card to cover any snacks and light lunches)
- UK airport transfer – we will meet at the airport
- Coach hire – the group will use public transport
- Evening activities
- Cost of souvenirs

Information Sharing

Please be aware that student personal data will be shared with the involved parties / companies (e.g. the air company, the hotel accommodation, any venues which require them).

Passports

Passports must be:

- less than 10 years old on the day you enter (check the 'date of issue')
- valid for at least 3 months after the day you plan to leave (check the 'expiry date')

Any non-British Passport holders need to check with their own embassy for validity and any additional visas required for them to be able to travel back/from Switzerland.

Health Requirements

Details of any compulsory health requirements applicable to British citizens are shown at www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. It is your responsibility to ensure you are aware of all compulsory and recommended vaccinations and health requirements in good time before departure.

For tours in the EU/EEA you should obtain an GHIC prior to departure from the Department of Health on the NHS website. As stated, health requirements and recommendations may change and you must check the up to date position in good time before departure.

You need to ensure that your child is in possession of all necessary travel and health documents before departure. All costs incurred in obtaining such documentation must be paid by you. If failure to have any necessary travel or other documents results in fines, surcharges or other financial penalty being imposed on us, you will be responsible for reimbursing the school and the provider accordingly.

Next Steps

I hope the above information gives you all the initial information you need in order to make a decision whether you would like your child to take part in this Physics trip to CERN.

If you agree with the above terms and conditions, please pay the initial non-refundable deposit of £150 via WisePay by **Friday 19 January**.

The projected cost per student for everything detailed above is £762.20.

As explained in my previous letter to you, we need a non-refundable deposit of this amount in order to book the flights. Once parents pay the deposit on WisePay and we know the number of students taking part I will then re-contact CERN. Our initial booking was for 30 students. If fewer than 30 students pay the deposit, the trip will still be able to go ahead. If more than 30 pay, it will depend whether the larger group can be accommodated at CERN. If it can, there may be a difference in the total amount to pay – as soon as I know I will inform you in writing.

In the event that CERN cannot exceed the 30-number limit, places will be allocated to the first 30 students whose deposits were paid, and the rest will be reimbursed. Students not allocated a place will be kept on a waiting list in order of when deposits were received.

The only circumstances that your deposit will be reimbursed is if CERN cannot exceed the 30 person limit and you were not one of the first 30 to pay.

Payment Schedule

1 st instalment: non-refundable deposit due 19 January 2024	£150
2 nd instalment due 29 February 2024	£200
3 rd instalment due 31 March 2024	£200
4 th instalment due 30 April 2024	£212.20 or remaining balance

I will write again with further information after the 19 January deadline.

Yours sincerely



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