

29th November 2023

**Year 13 Physics Trip to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland:
Thurs 7th – Fri 8th March 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer

The Physics Department is pleased to offer our students a fantastic opportunity to visit CERN in Geneva, Switzerland in March 2024. We will be studying particle physics in the spring term, and this trip enables your son/daughter to visit the place where so many fundamental particles have been discovered. We will learn about fundamental research, have a guided tour of the Plasma Research Centre in Lausanne. We have arranged a visit to the CERN visitor centre and lunch at the CERN canteen, where students can network with CERN scientists! A visit to the CERN History of Science Museum and a traditional Swiss fondue evening in a local restaurant, complete our 1 night/2 day trip.

The approximate cost of the trip is **£485-£500** depending on interest, and includes return flights to Geneva from London Luton Airport, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Geneva Youth Hostel, insurance (please note that personal items such as mobile phones, iPods and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy), and all excursions. Once places have been confirmed and deposit payments made, we will be able to calculate final costs and amend the final instalment payment (please do not pay final instalment until you receive our price confirmation via email). All costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

In order to secure a place on this trip for your son/daughter we require you to submit your acceptance via Operoo and pay a **non-refundable deposit of £100 no later than Weds 6th December 2023**. We apologise for the short window, which is due to us needing to confirm numbers and pay deposits to the travel company before the end of term. If this short notice causes you any problems, please contact me by Monday 4th December.

We do not want cost to be a barrier. We work closely with James Marshall foundation who can provide funding for students with a low family income, living in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate. You can apply online for a funding grant by clicking here: <https://www.jamesmarshallfoundation.co.uk/apply-for-funding.html>

If you live outside of these areas and need funding for this trip, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) no later than Monday 4th December.

Students will need a valid passport which is less than 10 years old and has a minimum of 3 months validity beyond our travel dates and a valid EHIC or GHIC card. If you need to apply for a GHIC card, please do so without delay by clicking [here](#). Once numbers have been confirmed, we will request passport details to be sent in.

Should your son/daughter withdraw from the trip after the deposit has been paid, you must notify us immediately as you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred unless a replacement is found. The school reserves the right to withdraw students from the trip whose behavioural school record proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

The next instalment of £100 will be due by Fri 5th January 2024 with the final balance of approx. £285 (TBC) due by 2nd February 2024.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Manton in the Finance department.

With kind regards,

Dr I Inglima (Trip Leader)
Science Department

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Acceptance * Yes, I give permission for _____ to attend the above residential trip and that I have read the trip letter above, agreeing to the details contained within.

Your Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____