

September 2026



Year 13 Physics Trip to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland

Thurs 4th March – Sat 6th March 2027

Dear Parent/Carer

The Physics Department is pleased to offer our students a fantastic opportunity to visit CERN in Geneva, Switzerland in March 2027. This trip enables your son/daughter to visit the place where so many fundamental particles have been discovered and learn about fundamental research. We have arranged a visit to the CERN science gateway facility and a guided tour of some of the research centre, and lunch at the CERN canteen, where students might have the chance to network with CERN scientists! A visit to the History of Science Museum and the Plasma Research Centre in Lausanne, complete our 2 night/3 day trip.

The approximate cost of the trip is **£550** 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 and cameras are not covered on the school's insurance policy), and all excursions. All costs, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions.

Pocket money is the responsibility of the student and should include enough for lunches and dinner each day for 3 days.

To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip you must respond to the google form [HERE](#) to submit your permission and pay a non-refundable deposit of £200 no later than Monday 28th September 2026. If this trip is over subscribed, places will be allocated by way of a random draw. Unsuccessful students will be placed on a waitlist and your deposit will be returned.

The remaining payments will then be due as follows:

- Interim payment £200 due by Sunday 1st November 2026
- Final payment approx. £150 (TBC) due Tuesday 1st December 2026.

Please ensure that you **complete medical & Dietary notes** for your child, specific to this trip in ParentPay.

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Entry Requirements

Passports must be less than 10 years old on the day of entry and must be valid for at least 3 months beyond the return travel date. If your child holds a foreign passport, it is your responsibility to check if a visa is required and if so, obtain the visa. Your son/daughter will also need a valid GHIC card, which is free to obtain. Please apply via <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/>

Support with Trip Costs.

We understand that the cost of residential educational trips can be a significant financial challenge for some families. The James Marshall Foundation (JMF) is a local charity, that provides grants towards the cost of education and career-related opportunities for financially disadvantaged young people between the ages of 4 and 24 years. JMF can help those **living** in Harpenden, Wheathampstead, Redbourn, Kimpton, Markyate and Flamstead.

Please note that funding is only available for residential trips, not day trips, and the grant will be a contribution rather than the full cost. Applications can be made online via the James Marshall Foundation website, and the charity aims to respond within two weeks.

If you live outside of these areas and need funding for this trip, please contact Mrs Ring in the finance office (finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk) no later than Monday 28th September.

SEND Support for this trip - If your child has additional needs and you are concerned about their attendance on this trip, then please get in touch with Mrs Hall at the earliest convenience. We are fully committed to ensuring that all of our students can participate in trips, regardless of their individual circumstances and will provide support and reasonable adjustments as required, to make this possible.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us immediately in writing as you will be liable for any cancellation costs incurred if a replacement cannot be found. The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact either the trip leader, Dr Inglima or myself if you require any further information.

With kind regards,

Mrs Anna Ring

Residential Trip Co-ordinator

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