

16 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Physics Residential Visit to CERN Geneva, Switzerland - Friday 4 to Sunday 6 July 2025

We are pleased to bring you details of the **optional** Year 12 residential visit to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, planned to take place from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 July 2025. **This trip is not a compulsory part of the A Level Physics course**, but an enrichment opportunity that offers inspiration to students and reinforces the particle physics component of their course. However, please be assured that no student will be at a disadvantage if they do not go on this trip.

The itinerary will be as follows:

- **On Friday 4 July**, we will leave school at break time and travel to Luton airport by coach. Accommodation has been reserved at the Geneva Youth Hostel where an evening meal will be provided. Students will be able to purchase food in the airport, in case of a late arrival.
- **On Saturday 5 July** we will have a guided tour of the CERN site, including a visit to an experimental area which will be led by one of their scientists or engineers. The tour and talk lasts about 3 hours and we are then booked to visit their exhibition in the visitors centre during the afternoon.
- Other activities might include a tour of the UN Palais de Nations, free time for sight-seeing, a boat trip or a visit to the History of Science museum - all time, availability and cost permitting.
- **On Sunday 6 July** we will fly out of Geneva, arriving at Luton airport in the afternoon around 5.30pm. Parents and carers are asked to collect students from Luton airport.

The cost of the trip is **£565** and this will include all travel (apart from the return trip from Luton), insurance, accommodation and food. This visit will be run by the Science Department in conjunction with Select School Travel, a company that has full ABTA and ATOL protection. Please note that the exact cost may change slightly if there is significant movement in the exchange rate, or cost from the tour company.

A maximum of 30 places are available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will need an optimum number of students to make this trip cost effective and viable. Likewise, if too many students wish to take part, we will operate a reserve list.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, please make the deposit payment of **£200** via **WisePay** (under Trips & Visits) and complete the [Medical Form](#) by **no later than 9.00am on Friday 1 November 2024**. We will not offer a place to students if the medical form is incomplete. **If your child is in receipt of Bursary funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before Friday 18 October.**

Please note that the payment schedule below will need to be **strictly adhered to**, so payments can be made to the travel company as required:

Instalment	Amount Due	Due Date
Deposit Payment	£200	Friday 1 November 2024
2nd Instalment	£200	Friday 31 January 2025
Final Instalment	£165	Friday 28 February 2025

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By paying, you are consenting to your child attending the above school trip. Should you decide at a future date to cancel your child's place (apart from the usual reasons covered by insurance, such as illness or injury) the deposit will not be refunded, as bookings will have been secured well in advance of the trip dates.

Please ensure the school is fully aware of any medical concerns you may have, under separate cover. **PLEASE NOTE:** Parents must provide all in date medication for their child, for example, Epipens, antihistamines and asthma inhalers for the trip. Students must have their medication with them at all times if needed.

Should you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to email a.lavin@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Lavin', with a small flourish at the end.

Mr A Lavin
Head of Physics