

17 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Physics Residential Trip to CERN Geneva, Switzerland – Friday 3 to Sunday 5 July 2026

We are currently organising a trip for our Year 12 Physics students to visit CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, from Friday 3 to Sunday 5 of July 2025. The trip is not a requirement of the curriculum, but an enrichment opportunity that offers inspiration to students and reinforces the particle physics component of the course. Please be assured that no student will be disadvantaged if they do not go on this trip. Students have already been given information about the trip.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

- **On Friday 3 July**, we will meet at Luton airport in the morning. Accommodation has been reserved at the Geneva Youth Hostel, where we will drop our bags.
- **On Saturday 4 July**, we are booked to visit the CERN exhibition in their visitors centre during the morning and this will be followed by a guided tour around the CERN site in the afternoon, including a visit to an experimental area which will be led by one of their scientists or engineers. The guided tour and talk lasts about 3 hours.
- 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 5 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 will be approximately **£610** per student, which includes all travel (apart from travel to/from Luton airport), insurance and accommodation. Dinner and breakfast are included in the price and a packed lunch will be supplied on the last day (Sunday). **However, students will need money to purchase their own lunch on Friday and at the CERN cafeteria on Saturday.** The exact cost may change slightly if there is significant movement in the exchange rate, or cost from the tour company.

To make it fair for all, [WisePay](#) will open for deposit payments at 7.00pm on Wednesday 22 October.

Spaces are limited and they will be allocated on a **first come, first served basis**. 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 Wednesday 22 October 2025**. We will not offer a place to students if the medical form is incomplete. If your child does not secure a place, or we are unable to get sufficient interest for the trip to run, your deposit will be refunded. If your child is in receipt of Bursary funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before **Wednesday 22 October 2025**.

Please **strictly adhere** to the payment schedule below, so payments can be made to the travel company as required:

| Instalment | Amount Due | Due Date |
|------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Deposit Payment | £200 | Wednesday 22 October 2025 |
| 2nd Instalment | £210 | Friday 28 November 2025 |
| Final Instalment | £200 | Friday 30 January 2026 |

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By paying, you are consenting to your child taking part in 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 regarding this trip, 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