

20 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

A Level Physics Residential Trip to CERN Geneva, Switzerland - Friday 9 to Sunday 11 July 2027
Expression of Interest

We are currently looking to organise a trip for our Year 12 Physics students to visit **CERN in Geneva, Switzerland**, from **Friday 9 to Sunday 11 of July 2027**. 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:

- **Friday 9 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.
- **Saturday 10 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, 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.
- **Sunday 11 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 **£620** 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.

If your child would like to be considered for a place on this trip, please complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#) by no later than **Tuesday 3 November 2026**. **Please note that as places are limited and completing the form does not guarantee a place.**

If your child is successful in securing a place on the trip, you will be asked to pay a non-refundable deposit of **£200** by **Friday 6 November 2026**. The payment schedule will be sent out to those who have been offered a place.

If your child is in receipt of Bursary funding, please contact the Finance Office in confidence before Monday 2 November 2026.

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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