

23rd September 2019

Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted to offer students in Year 8 and 9 an exciting opportunity to visit Geneva, Switzerland, to experience some of the exciting scientific institutes based in and around the city. The five-day, four-night trip will take place during Enrichment week, we are planning to leave on Sunday 12th July and return on Thursday 16th July. We plan to visit CERN, the History of science museum, the Red Cross Museum, the United Nations building, take a boat trip on Lake Geneva and a walking tour to fully explore Geneva. The full price of £550 includes transport, return flights, full board accommodation, insurance and all of the planned tours. This is an excellent opportunity to consolidate students' learning outside of the classroom and to visit CERN, a cutting edge scientific institute, whose mission is:

“To uncover what the universe is made of and how it works. We do this by providing a unique range of particle accelerator facilities to researchers, to advance the boundaries of human knowledge.”

We are unable to book our tour of CERN until 9 months before our planned visit, which we will be able to do from 12-16th October 2019. The guided tour of CERN is the main reason for our visit to Geneva, **therefore this letter is for information only to keep you abreast of our plans**, until our tour of CERN has been confirmed. Once we have received written confirmation that our tour of CERN is secured, we would need a deposit of £100 in order to secure a place; we will then put in place a detailed payment plan to assist with your budgeting.

A letter confirming these arrangements will be sent to all Year 8 and 9 students by Friday 18th October 2019. The deadline for paying the deposit to secure a place on this trip will be Friday 25th October 2019. Please be aware that deposits received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place and that paying a deposit will lead us to confirm places; withdrawing once numbers are confirmed and bookings have been made could leave you liable to pay the full costs. If the price does change (this is dependent on final numbers) between now and confirmation of booking, you will be informed before making any final decisions.

We will need a minimum of 30 students to run this trip, if there is insufficient interest then this money will be refunded. Should the trip be oversubscribed then it will be necessary for us to allocate places by way of drawing names from a hat. This trip takes place in Enrichment Week which will also include other opportunities and trips within the UK and abroad. The information of all of the proposed trips has now been sent out and further details are available on the school website.

Yours sincerely,

D Bird

Mr Daniel Bird
Head of the Science and Computing faculty