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Dear Parents/Carers

Geneva Science Trip – July 2027

As announced earlier this year I am delighted to inform you that we are organising an exciting educational visit to Geneva, Switzerland, for current Year 9 and Year 10 students.

The trip will take place from **Friday 9 July to Sunday 11 July 2027** and offers a fantastic opportunity for students to experience world-leading science facilities alongside cultural and geographical exploration.

Students will depart from the college by coach early on Friday 9 July 2027, travelling to a London airport for our flight to Geneva. We will return to the College by coach late on Sunday 11 July 2027.

During our stay in Geneva, we will make use of the city's safe and efficient public transport network for all local travel.

The trip will include a variety of educational and recreational experiences, including:

- A visit to CERN, home of the Large Hadron Collider
- A cable car journey at Mont Salève with views of Mont Blanc
- Time at Lake Geneva, including a supervised lakeside beach and swimming visit
- Visits to:
 - The Natural History Museum
 - The History of Science Museum
 - Time to explore the city of Geneva

The approximate cost of the trip will be **£700. (This price will be finalised once bookings and flights are confirmed, but we envision this as being the maximum price).** Which includes:

- Return flights and airport transfers
- Accommodation
- Breakfasts and evening meals
- All planned activities and entrance fees
- Public transport within Geneva
- A trip T-shirt, which students will receive prior to departure
- Full staff supervision throughout

The cost of the trip will also include a continental breakfast at the hostel as well as evening meals. One of these meals will be at the hostel and the other at a restaurant in Geneva.

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Students will need to bring additional spending money to cover lunches and snacks. As Geneva is an expensive city, we will support students in finding good-value options, including opportunities to purchase food from local supermarkets.

This trip is designed to enhance students' understanding of science in a real-world context, as well as developing independence, confidence, and cultural awareness. A key part of this trip is our planned visit to **CERN**, home of the Large Hadron Collider.

Unfortunately, CERN does not open bookings until approximately nine months before the visit date, and places cannot be guaranteed until a booking has been confirmed.

As a result, we are not yet in a position to finalise flights and accommodation and do not wish to request deposits from families until we have greater certainty that CERN places are available.

We expect to be in a position to submit our CERN booking request in autumn 2026. If CERN confirms availability, we will then proceed with securing flights and accommodation and will contact families regarding payment of the initial deposit and the full payment schedule.

I can confirm that this trip will not clash with the 2027 Prom for Year 11 students. I have previously run this trip, and our Year 11 students found it to be a fantastic way to celebrate the end of their time at secondary school.

To secure a provisional place on the trip, please sign up using [the link](#) by **17 July 2026**.

Please note that if interest exceeds the number of places available, places will be randomly allocated and a reserve list will be formed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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