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Dear Families

## **CERN Geneva, Switzerland Trip – Friday 23 October – Monday 26 October 2026**

We are thrilled to announce an extraordinary opportunity for our Year 12 and 13 science students. The science department will be leading an academic expedition to Geneva, Switzerland; centred around a visit to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. The trip would be from Friday 23 to Monday 26 October 2026.

This is more than a school trip; it is a profound immersion into the world of high-level physics and international collaboration.

CERN is the birthplace of the World Wide Web and home to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), the most complex machine ever built. Our students will stand at the epicentre of global discovery, where thousands of scientists are currently working to answer fundamental questions about the universe.

While in Geneva, students will engage in a rigorous itinerary designed to bridge the gap between textbook theory and real-world application.

In an increasingly competitive academic landscape, university admissions tutors and future employers for STEM subjects look for "super-curricular" engagement, evidence that a student has explored their subject beyond the classroom. This trip provides a concrete focal point for personal statements, allowing students to discuss complex topics like the Higgs Boson from a first-hand perspective. For those applying to universities requiring students to complete an interview, visiting a world-class research facility provides a sophisticated talking point for academic interviews. Furthermore, students will interact with doctoral students and researchers, gaining insight into the diverse career paths available in physics, engineering, and computer science.

The total cost of the trip is £750 per student. This includes flights, accommodation, insurance, and all scheduled tours and activities. We ask for a non-refundable deposit of £150 to be paid to secure your place, with the final payment due by Sunday 19 July 2026, as shown in the payment schedule below:

Amount:	By:
£150	Friday 14 March 2026
£150	Sunday 19 April 2026
£150	Tuesday 19 May 2026
£150	Friday 19 June 2026
£150	Sunday 19 July 2026

There are a limited number of spaces available which will be provided on a first come first serve basis.

We believe this trip will be a defining moment in your child's scientific education, sparking a level of curiosity and ambition that will carry them through their A-Levels and into their future careers.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eilesh Mance  
**Teacher of Science**  
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