

6 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Residential Trip to Geneva, Switzerland to visit CERN: 8 – 11 July 2024

I am delighted to write to you regarding our planned trip to Geneva, Switzerland to visit CERN, the home to the Large Hadron Collider. CERN, one of the largest and most respected centres for scientific research in the world, is located in the historic city of Geneva, straddling the Swiss-French border in the Alps.

We hope that this visit will inspire our young scientists, where your child will explore the largest particle physics laboratory in the world! During an educational visit to CERN, we will enjoy a three hour tour consisting of an introductory talk about CERN and a visit to two operational sites including accelerators, control rooms, technical facilities, and high-technology workshops. We'll also be able to explore the two permanent exhibitions, where we'll see a scale version of the Large Hadron Collider. Additionally, we will visit some of the other attractions that make Geneva world famous.

The tour facts:

Accommodation:	Geneva Youth Hostel
Dates:	Monday 8 – Thursday 11 July 2024
Duration:	4 days/3 nights
Board Basis:	Half board accommodation
Airport/Airline	Flights from London Gatwick to Geneva with Easyjet (including luggage allowance)
Cost	£675
	Half-board accommodation
What is included in cost	Lunches in Geneva
	Travel and Medical Insurance
	Return flights London Gatwick to Geneva with Easyjet
	Geneva Transport Card for public transport
	Visit to CERN
	Visit to the United Nations Office
	Visit to the Philip Matek Watchmaker
Deadline 1	20/10/2023 - £200
Deadline 2	31/1/2024 - £150
Deadline 3	28/2/2024 - £150
Final deadline	28/3/2024 - Final balance (£175)

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Payment

There are limited places available for this visit. Please therefore <u>only</u> pay the deposit by 20 October. Once we confirm if your child has been successful in securing a place then we would welcome further payments, with deadlines as above.

Payments may be made on Arbor. On the Parent Portal, please go to "Quick Links" and then to Trips. You can then give consent and make a payment. Medical details and contact details will be taken from Arbor, so please update these using the ParentPortal. For overseas residential visits, we will collect further information and a signature closer to the visit.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at edgar.vanhoek@mrc-academy.org

Some financial support may be available – please contact your child's Head of Year. For assistance with Arbor, please contact finance@mrc-academy.org

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Yours sincerely

Mr E van Hoek Assistant Principal