



Church of England School
Head of School: Mrs N J Adamson MA NPQH

1st November 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

A Level Physics Trip to the CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

As part of our A Level Physics course we are pleased to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to visit the CERN Particle Accelerator in Geneva, Switzerland. This directly supports the material we need to cover for Particle Physics for the AS and A Level Physics course. We will have a lecture from a researcher at CERN and be taken behind the scenes of some of the experiments. In addition to this, we hope to visit a watch museum and some of the tourist attractions by Lake Geneva.

This trip is scheduled to leave on Thursday 11th July (very early) and return on Saturday 13th July (late afternoon), 2019. Students will be accompanied by myself and Dr Jackson. We both teach the A Level Physics course and know the students. Numbers will be limited to 20 students.

The trip is completely voluntary. However we believe that this will be a valuable addition to your child's school experience. If they should drop Physics as a subject before July 2019 the trip will still be a valuable educational experience and they would not be excluded, although they will be expected to attend the day at CERN with the group.

A valid passport will be required for the trip and an EHIC card would be useful but is not essential. In view of the uncertainty surrounding Brexit, a full 6 months may be required on passports used for travel next summer. Please notify me if your son/daughter holds a non EU passport, as additional paper work may be required.

Costs

The cost of the trip is currently an estimate as the airlines have not yet released prices for July 2019. The cost is expected to be approximately **£390**. This will cover flights to Geneva, bed and breakfast accommodation in a budget hotel in the city (2 students per room) - there is a single room supplement of £32 - use of public transport during the stay, one evening meal and travel insurance.

In order to finalise arrangements and secure your son/daughter's place, please make an initial non refundable deposit of **£120** by **Friday 23rd November**. This will enable us to book rooms in the hotel and reserve flights.

Additional payments will be required as follows:

- £100 by Friday 18th January 2019
- The outstanding balance by 26th April 2019.



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It is anticipated that there will be a high level of interest in this trip but places are limited, therefore places will be allocated on a strict first come first served basis as payment is received.

Payment should be made via ParentPay and selecting “**CERN – 2018/2019**”. Deposits should be received by Friday 23rd November. Should maximum numbers be reached prior to 23rd November, ParentPay will close for this item.

Should you have any concerns with respect to payment, please contact Mrs Hagon on 01895 671002 or email parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org

Please also complete and return the below reply slip to Mrs Davies in the Science Office by Friday 23rd November 2018.

Students should bring with them any required medication; asthma inhalers, epipens, etc. Mobile phones and any other items of value can be brought but students do so at their own risk.

Students will be required to make their own arrangements to get to and from the London airport. I anticipate that this will be Luton very early on the Thursday morning.

All school rules and policies apply to school trips. There will be no alcohol (this is also against the hotel rules).

All students who travel as part of a group, including sixth form, represent Bishop Ramsey School. Therefore the highest standards of behaviour and conduct are expected as a matter of course. I want students to explore the city safely in groups but punctuality when meeting up again or to go out is very important. The school reserves the right to exclude students from a trip if their behaviour does not meet with the standards we expect on a day to day basis in school.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at mdavies@bishopramsey.school.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs M Davies
Physics Department

AS Physics Visit to CERN, Geneva, Switzerland
PLEASE RETURN TO Mrs Davies in the Science Office
By Friday 23rd November 2018

Students Name: _____ Form: _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the above trip.

I have checked my son/daughter's medical details on Parent Portal and confirm that the details are correct and up-to-date. I agree to inform you of any changes between now and the trip.

In addition to the above please indicate below any medical conditions which may affect your son/daughter taking part in activities. No responsibility can be taken for conditions about which we have not been notified.

I consent to my son/daughter being given a mild painkiller (eg. paracetamol) if considered necessary by the Party Leader.

I give my permission for my son/daughter to receive medical treatment in an emergency

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in activities including swimming

Signed: _____ Name: _____
(parent/carer)

Date: _____