



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents/ Guardian,

## Year 13 CERN Geneva Trip: 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We are planning a visit to the CERN facility in Geneva. Students will spend 3 days and 2 nights in Geneva. Excursions will include a morning at CERN, a tour of the UN in Geneva and visits to local sights. This trip will support work covered in the Particle Physics section of the A'level Physics course.

The trip is open to all current Year 12 students who study A-Level Physics (who will be in Year 13 at the time of the trip). The expected cost of the trip is £575, based on filling all 26 spaces. Please note that should the numbers fall below the required figure then there will either be an increase in the cost or if there is insufficient interest, the trip will not take place. In addition, should there be a substantial increase in flight prices before the tickets are purchased there may be an increase in price of the trip to cover the additional costs.

The price includes:

- All travel by plane, coach, train and local transport in Geneva
- Accommodation with breakfast and dinner while in Geneva
- Local excursions
- Staff costs
- Administration
- Personal accident and medical insurance.

If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this trip, please complete the online consent form by **12 noon on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, using the following link: <https://forms.gle/BAS6B5haFLCKkPLT6>

We will confirm places as soon as we can once the deadline has passed, at which point successful applicants will also have the trip added to their SCOPay accounts so that the initial deposit of **£200** can be paid to secure their place – the deposit deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> July. A second instalment of £200 will be due by 9<sup>th</sup> September, and the final balance of c.£175 must be cleared by 7<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. If you are eligible for a bursary and require financial assistance with this trip, please contact Mr Dusterhoft. Should you require a personalised payment schedule in order to spread the costs more conveniently, please email [trips@piggottschool.org](mailto:trips@piggottschool.org) to arrange this.

There are only 26 places available, therefore if the trip is oversubscribed, places will normally be allocated by means of a random draw. In exceptional circumstances we reserve the right to not consider applications from pupils where there are concerns that their conduct may compromise the safety of the trip. This situation is extremely rare, and decisions would be made by the pastoral leads and the senior leadership team as appropriate.

Your child's eligibility to travel remains your responsibility. There have been many changes to international travel since both the pandemic and Brexit, and we must therefore bring your attention to some of the relevant issues for your consideration. This means that you must be aware of the following:

- Your child must have a valid passport with sufficient validity remaining on it and you are responsible for checking entry requirements and restrictions, particularly those for non-UK passports. Should a visa be required, you will be responsible for obtaining one. To check travel requirements, please visit: [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)
- If eligible, your child should have a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card). The GHIC arrangements replace the old EHICs. If your child is eligible for a GHIC, but does not hold one, then our insurance will not cover the costs of any medical treatment that would have been provided for free had a card been used. Please

note that if your child has a valid EHIC, it can continue to be used until it expires. For further information visit: [nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/](https://nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/apply-for-a-free-uk-global-health-insurance-card-ghic/)

- If any testing (such as a PCR) or certification is required at the time of travel, you will be responsible for any additional costs involved and for ensuring your child has the correct documentation in the format required for travel. This applies even if no such requirements were in place at the time of booking.
- If the country that we are travelling to, requires passengers to be fully vaccinated then our insurance will not cover the cost of cancellation for any unvaccinated passengers if there has been sufficient time to obtain the required vaccinations. Unless your child holds a medical exemption, choosing not to vaccinate would be considered as 'disinclination to travel'.
- If a period of self-isolation or quarantine be required either by the destination country, or by the UK upon return, we would not be covered for any associated costs such as quarantine in a government approved facility or loss of earnings.
- We will closely monitor and follow all travel advice from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Local rules can sometimes change at very short notice. We are fully insured for cancellation and curtailment arising from changes in travel rules if our trips are booked in accordance with travel rules in place at the time of booking. Parents must be aware that while we will endeavour to give you the most accurate information available to us, any subsequent changes are out of our control and do have the potential to disrupt the trip and affect its cost, therefore your flexibility and understanding of this is appreciated.

Whilst away, all students are expected to behave to a very high standard, as laid out in the School Behaviour contract. If prior to the trip departing it becomes apparent that an individual student's behaviour is unacceptable at school, thus causing us concern, you will be contacted. We reserve the right to withdraw a student from the trip if we believe their behaviour would have a detrimental effect on the rest of the party, or that their own safety and welfare may be at risk. We would endeavour to find a replacement student and then all monies may be refunded, subject to an administration charge. If, however, we were unable to find a replacement, the initial payment and any incurred cancellation charges, would not be refunded.

Should your child withdraw prior to the trip, or you are unable to continue payments, you would lose the initial payment, and any payments already made would be used to cover cancellation charges, the balance being refunded.

An information meeting for all parents and students will be held in December, prior to the departure of the trip. We will require details of your child's passport by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at the latest, but you can provide them along with your consent, as long as the passport is not due to be renewed.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the school telephone number or email me at the address below.

Yours sincerely

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