

April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Residential Trip to CERN, Geneva

I am delighted to be able to offer students in the current years 10-13 the opportunity to travel to Geneva to participate in a tour of the CERN facility, as well as experience the culture that Geneva has to offer.

The residential will be for 3 days and 2 nights from **Wednesday 30 August 2017 and Friday 1 September 2017**. During this time we will be staying in the Geneva Hostel which has an excellent reputation for school visits to CERN. Over the course of our trip we will travel to CERN and participate in a 3 hour guided tour around the facility, as well as the Microcosm and Universe of Particles exhibitions housed within the CERN compound.

The cost of the trip is £375 and includes the following:

- Return flights to Geneva
- Return coach travel to Manchester airport
- 2 nights' accommodation in Geneva Hostel
- Free travel card whilst in Geneva
- Breakfast on both mornings
- Traditional fondue meal and one drink on Thursday evening
- Tour of CERN
- Boat tour of Lake Geneva
- Entrance to the tower of St Peter's Cathedral
- Travel insurance

Additional Costs: students will need to bring spending money for lunch for 3 days (including both days of travel), 2 evening meals (including both days of travel) and any souvenirs they would like to purchase. Please consider that students will only have hand luggage and Geneva can be quite expensive, so it is likely that souvenirs will be minimal.

Below is a provisional itinerary which is subject to change, particularly with regard to flight times. Once the trip has been booked, and deposits paid, a confirmed itinerary will be distributed.

Wednesday 30 Aug 2017	Travel to Geneva via Manchester airport Visit the History of Science Museum Visit the Park Mon Repos and Jet d'Eau, time for shopping Dinner at the hostel (approximately £12)
Thursday 31 Aug 2017	Breakfast at the hostel Guided tour of CERN and exhibitions Lunch at CERN (approximately £12) Cruise of Lake Geneva Traditional fondue dinner with live folkloric band

Friday 1 September 2017

Breakfast at hostel
Visit Geneva's Old Quarter and climb the tower of St Peter's Cathedral
Visit the Museum of Natural History
Travel back to the UK

If your child would like to go on this trip, you will need to pay a deposit of £100 by Monday 24 April 2017. **Our preferred method of payment is via ParentPay.** If you wish to pay by cheque please complete, sign and return the slip below and send it, together with your payment, to Student Reception by the above date, placing it in a **sealed** envelope with your child's name, tutor group and the name of the trip on the front. Please make cheques payable to Heanor Gate Science College.

A further payment of £75 is required no later than 3 weeks after your child's place has been confirmed. The final balance is due by Wednesday 7 June 2017. Please note that the school reserves the right to refuse permission for any student to attend the trip if his/her behaviour at school is thought to be unacceptable for a trip of this nature.

Yours sincerely

Dr G Heald
Trip Leader

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Please complete, sign and return to Student Reception by Monday 24 April 2017 - Residential Trip to CERN, Geneva

Name of student RG

I enclose a deposit of £100 for the above trip

I understand that this deposit is non-refundable unless another student is able to take the place on the trip.

Signed (Parent/Carer) Date