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Dear Parents of students in current Years 10-12

Trip to CERN, Switzerland, Friday 15th - Sunday 17th November 2024

I am writing to advise you that the Computing Department is now organising their annual residential trip to CERN in Switzerland. The European Organization for Nuclear Research is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research. The trip will take place over the weekend of Friday 15th – Sunday 17th November 2024. This visit will be invaluable to boys who are interested in taking Physics or Computer Science further in the future.

The trip will include visits to:

1. Museum of Natural History
2. History of Science Museum
3. Cruise of Lake Geneva
4. Plasma Centre

The cost of the trip will be approximately £640. This will be confirmed once we know final numbers and flight costs. There are a maximum of 30 places available so allocation will be on a first come first served basis. The costs include transport, accommodation, meals and all activities on the trip, except for meals during the day. Students will only therefore need money for meals during the daytime in Geneva, small souvenirs or snacks and the cost of public transport while in Switzerland. As per school rules, alcohol consumption will not be permitted on this trip, regardless of your son's age.

If you wish your son to take part in the trip, please log onto ParentPay. The schedule of payments for this trip is as follows:

1. 1st instalment of £200 due by Friday 17th May 2024
2. Final instalment to be confirmed due by September 2024

If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please contact Mr Clatworthy dec@rgshw.com in strictest confidence as funding may be available to assist you. Please note, where the School is required to make non-refundable payments to the trip provider, we would not be able to make any refunds should you withdraw your son from the trip. In the event of any changes or cancellation the School, to the best of our ability, will look to recover any costs committed.

Please note that your son must have a valid passport which has an expiry date of 6 months or more from the date of return. The passport must also be less than 10 years old at the date of travel.

Finally, there will be a Parents Information Evening next term to inform parents and students of trip details. In the meantime, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (dmt@rgshw.com).

Yours sincerely

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Trip Leader