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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Year 13 Trip to Geneva and CERN**

We are delighted to inform you that the Science Department is organising a residential trip to Geneva, Switzerland, including a visit to CERN (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research) for students currently in Year 12, who will be in Year 13 at the time of travel. The trip will take place from 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March 2027 (exact dates to be confirmed).

The purpose of this trip is to enrich students' understanding of particle physics and modern scientific research through first-hand exposure to world-leading facilities as well as to broaden their cultural knowledge through international travel.

Students will be staying in a centrally located hotel in Geneva, in single-sex, en-suite rooms, sharing with one other student. Travel to Geneva will be by plane with local transport used throughout the stay to access CERN and other planned visits. Transfers to and from Gatwick airport are not included.

Planned visits include:

- CERN – guided visit including exhibitions and scientific facilities
- The CERN Science Gateway
- Geneva city walking tour, including the Old Town
- Additional cultural and educational visits in and around Geneva

The trip will be on a half-board basis, with breakfast and evening meals provided. Lunches will typically be purchased by students during the day.

The total cost of the trip is £699 and includes:

- All travel while in Geneva (transport to and from Gatwick is not included)
- Accommodation
- Planned excursions and activities
- Breakfast and dinner (Friday and Saturday evening)
- Travel insurance



A recommended amount of additional spending money will be advised nearer the time.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, an initial deposit of £150 will be required via ParentPay by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. The payment schedule is as follows:

**Instalment 1:**

£150.00 09/06/2026

**Instalment 2:**

£150.00 09/07/2026

**Instalment 3:**

£150.00 09/09/2026

**Instalment 4:**

£150.00 09/10/2026

**Instalment 5:**

£99.00 09/11/2026

**Students will require a passport valid for at least three months beyond the return date.** All students will also need a GHIC card which can be obtained free of charge from the NHS website. Parents and students will be responsible for meeting any health or travel requirements that are in place at the time of travel.

Further details about the trip will be provided closer to the time of departure, in letters and in a Parent Information Evening.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me via [finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk](mailto:finance@kingsschoolhove.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

Dr Maria Wieland  
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