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6 February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: CERN and Geneva, Switzerland - Friday 14 February - Sunday 16 February 2025**

To promote a curiosity and passion for physics and engineering in students early in their GCSE course we are offering a school trip to visit CERN and Geneva, Switzerland on Friday 14 February to Sunday 16 February 2025.

Students will travel by coach to either London Gatwick or Luton, subject to availability, on Friday 14 February and fly directly to Geneva. Upon arrival students will travel by public transport to the Geneva Youth Hostel, where they will be staying for the duration of the visit. Accommodation is in dormitory style rooms and food is included in the cost (except whilst travelling). The students will be accompanied by four members of staff.

Over the weekend students will have the opportunity to visit:

- **CERN** - Home of the Large Hadron Collider and one of Europe's top scientific research facilities. Students will explore the interactive exhibits, have a 3-hour guided tour of the research facility and complete a laboratory-based workshop (see <https://visit.cern/> for further information).
- **The History of Science Museum** - The museum displays an intriguing collection of scientific instruments from the 17th to the 19th century. This includes microscopes, telescopes, sundials, astrolabes and ornate globes.
- **United Nations Tour** - Students will have a highly informative 1-hour guided tour to provide an insight into the history and the modern workings of the United Nations. The tour includes the Assembly Hall and other important chambers and rooms.
- **The Museum of Natural History** - Geneva's favourite museum showcases regional fauna, along with mammals, birds, frogs, toads and insects too, and one whole floor is devoted to the Earth and the history of humankind. Student will also visit temporary exhibitions on future scientific challenges, current issues or environmental protection.

**The cost of the trip is £740.00.** Please complete the parental agreement form online through your Parentpay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your Parentpay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at [finance@wildern.org](mailto:finance@wildern.org).

**If you would like your child to attend please complete the online Parentpay consent section accompanied by a non-refundable deposit payment of £260.00 by Thursday 29 February 2024.** Medical information will be asked for once places are confirmed.

**Followed by 6 monthly payments of £80 due by the following dates; 31 March 2024, 30 April 2024, 31 May 2024, 30 June 2024, 31 July 2024 and 31 August 2024.**

**There are 40 places available.** In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

**Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care particularly when travelling abroad. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.**

Yours sincerely

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