

To Parents/Carers of Year 11 and Year 12 Students

Our Ref: 87675739

5 March 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: CERN visit to Geneva, Easter 2025

We are pleased to be able to offer the cross-trust opportunity of a Physics/STEM enrichment visit to CERN in Geneva, Switzerland for students who are currently in Year 12 and prospective Year 12 students. Staff from both Driffield School and South Hunsley School will attend the visit.

We will leave South Hunsley early on Monday 14 April 2025 to fly from a Northern airport to Geneva. We will spend two nights in Geneva. We will return on Wednesday 16 April 2025. Exact times and flights will be confirmed upon booking and communicated to you when flights are confirmed. The visit will be organised through WST – a leading school travel operator.

The total cost of the visit is **£610**. This price includes return coach travel from school to UK airport; return flights from a Northern airport, one night of half board accommodation plus one night of B&B and an evening meal in a local restaurant. Entrance to all group activities and all travel in Geneva is included. Students will need to purchase their own lunch. On one day, this will be in Geneva as part of a period of time under remote supervision in the city centre. Students will also visit the CERN staff restaurant as part of their visit and will purchase their lunch here.

In addition to the visit to CERN, students will also visit the UN headquarters (the Palais des Nations), spend an evening ten pin bowling, and undertake other activities throughout the visit.

WST have advised us that their price is estimated based upon a wealth of experience. However, the current airline schedules have not been released this far in advance and airline pricing remains highly volatile. For this reason, there may be a surcharge applied if there is a significant unexpected increase in flight prices. They have indicated that this surcharge could be up to £80. We would have no alternative but to pass this cost on. Alternatively, if we are able to charge a lower price, we will of course pass this on too.

The visit provides an excellent opportunity for students to further their knowledge of physics, its application in a wide range of disciplines, and to understand the huge importance of engineering across all sectors to support the function of CERN. If you would like your child to have a place on the visit, please complete the form below by **Friday 15 March 2024**. You can secure your child's place by completing the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Gu4DYBidFk>

Please note that this will not guarantee a place and no deposit is required at this time. Should the number of students wishing to go exceed the number of places available, a draw will be held to

determine the successful students. In the event of a draw, priority will be given to students studying physics followed by students studying STEM subjects, followed by all other students with a general interest in CERN.

If your child is successful in reserving a place on the visit, you will be informed by a separate letter confirming their place. A £70 non-refundable deposit then needs to be paid by **Friday 12 April 2024**. The final balance must be paid in full by **Friday 31 January 2025** (10 weeks prior to departure). The schedule of deposit payments and suggested instalment dates will be as follows:

Payment Details	
First stage deposit - £70	12 April 2024
Second stage deposit - £70	17 May 2024
Suggested third payment - £170	13 September 2024
Suggested fourth payment - £150	8 November 2024
Final payment due - £150	31 January 2025

Interim additional payments may be made at any time if you would like to spread the cost.

Please note that this visit is only open to students who will be studying at South Hunsley Sixth Form or Driffield School Sixth Form in the academic year 2024-2025 (current Year 11 and Year 12 students). If your child signs up for the visit and pays the initial deposit(s), and subsequently leaves South Hunsley School or Driffield School, they will no longer be able to attend the visit. In this situation, deposits will not be returned unless a reserve student can be found to fill the place.

Should you wish to discuss further details in person, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at sandy.loynd@theeducationalliance.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Sandy Loynd

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