

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s),

**RE: 3 day A-Level Physics Study Tour to CERN (Conseil European pour la Recherche Nucleaire)  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

We are writing to confirm that we intend to take an extra-curricular trip to visit the particle accelerators at CERN, Switzerland in January 2024. This trip will provide students with an opportunity to explore cutting edge physics within and beyond the curriculum. It will also give them the chance to explore Geneva, a city with a diverse culture.

The total cost of this trip is £535.00 per person and includes all transport, entrance fees and accommodation. The cost also includes breakfast and evening meals, with students needing to purchase lunches. We are currently scheduled for a morning flight on the Wednesday and return early evening Friday. Students may wish to purchase meals at the airport. We recommend spending money around £100.

We have only just been able to confirm the final cost of this trip, which unfortunately means there is a tight turn around in terms of a **non-refundable £125.00 deposit**, which is due by no later than **10am on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023**. We do appreciate that this is a very quick payment deadline, but this is to ensure that we are able to meet the payment deadline of the tour provider. Further instalments are expected to fall due in early July and late September 2023, the exact dates will be confirmed once we have made our deposit payment to the tour provider.

As there are a limited number of places available on this trip, places will be offered on a **first-come first-served basis** in terms of deposit payments received. The option to pay the deposit will be opened to parents on Wisepay **at 1pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. You will find this item available on Wisepay under the "Trips and Visits" section. If you have any concerns about your Wisepay access, please contact Mrs Howley in advance to ensure you have access ahead of the places opening.

If your child is a bursary student, and you would like to enquire about any funding support which is available, please contact Mrs Howley on [dmh@shsb.org.uk](mailto:dmh@shsb.org.uk) by lunchtime on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

If you make a deposit payment, securing your child's place on this visit, please complete the **Offsite Visit Form** below. Some of the information requested in this form is required by the tour provider by the deadline of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

<https://forms.office.com/e/LM7jaFax5t>

Once our booking is confirmed, the company's cancellation policy applies. Should your child wish to withdraw from the trip at any stage going forward, this policy will dictate the level of refund possible.



You will understand that staff remain *in loco parentis* throughout the duration of all school trips. We will need to be confident that each pupil will respond to expectations, and those who have not demonstrated a sufficiently good record of behaviour may forfeit the opportunity to join the trip. As the trip will be departing during term time your child will also be expected to catch up any missed work on return.

Please review the school's Trip Code of Conduct via the link below, and ensure your child is aware of, and committed to, the required standards of behaviour.

<https://www.shsb.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1070>

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school's enquiries email.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss S Heggie