

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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June 2025

Dear Parent(s),

RE: 3 day A-Level Physics Study Tour to Geneva Wednesday 21st January – Friday 23rd January 2026

We are writing to confirm that we intend to take an extra-curricular trip to visit the particle accelerators at CERN, Switzerland in January 2026. 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 £640.00 per person and includes all transport, entrance fees and accommodation. The cost also includes the majority of meals with students just needing to purchase lunch for one day at CERN (£15-20). 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 of around £50.

Payments would fall due in accordance with the schedule below:

Deposit:	Friday 20 th June 2025	£180
Instalment 1:	Friday 11 th July 2025	£230
Instalment 2:	Friday 3 rd October 2025	£230

Please note the deposit is **non-refundable** once the plane tickets have been booked. We do appreciate that this is a quick payment deadline, but this is to ensure that we are able meet the payment deadline of the tour provider to secure our accommodation. Should the trip not go ahead in the case of not enough interest or any other reason, then any payments would be refunded in full.

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 7pm on Wednesday 11th June**. 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 the finance department 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 the finance department on finance@shsb.org.uk.

If you are able to 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 27th June 2025.

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



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=2633>

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

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Heggie
Trip Organiser