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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of an exciting trip to Geneva, Switzerland in July 2025 for our A level science students. The trip will be from Monday 21 July to Wednesday 23 July. During the trip we plan to visit CERN for a guided tour and spend some time exploring the city of Geneva. We are hoping to organise a boat trip on Lake Geneva but are still confirming the details of this with the travel company.

We will be flying from Birmingham and returning to Manchester, with coach transfer included for both. The flight times are shown below:

Outbound Monday 21 July 2025 (Birmingham): Departs 12:10, arrives 14:55

Return Wednesday 23 July 2025 (Manchester): Departs 14:35, arrives 15:25

We have only included hand luggage on the flights. Given that we are only in Geneva for 3 days we feel this will be more than adequate. Information regarding hand luggage dimensions can be found in the following link:
<https://www.easyjet.com/en/help/baggage/cabin-bags>

The accommodation we have opted for is the Geneva Hostel (<https://genevahostel.ch/en/>). This is located close to the lake and within walking distance of all transport links to the airport and to CERN. Public transport is included in the price as are continental breakfasts at the hostel.

The current cost for the trip, including flights, hotel and coach transfer is £500 per student. If you would like your child to attend, we require a £150 deposit payable by Tuesday 5 November 2025. Please note that the deposit becomes non-refundable as soon as we have paid this to the travel company. The following payment plan will be available on ParentPay in due course:-

- 2nd instalment of £100 - to be paid by 17 December 2024
- 3rd instalment payment - £150 - to be paid by 4 February 2025
- Final payment - £100 - to be paid by 8 April 2025

If we don't secure the required number of students, the trip may not go ahead. If this is the case then any instalments you have paid will be refunded. This decision will be made on 5 November 2024. The remaining balance will not be paid until 12 weeks prior to departure, at which point this becomes non-refundable.

The school has a group travel insurance policy, therefore, no separate insurance is required. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please feel free to contact me via email.

If you would like your child to participate in this trip, please pay the £150 deposit via ParentPay. At this stage we would also require confirmation of their full name (as it appears on their passport) and their age at the time of travel. Please login to ParentPay to complete this information (this will appear on ParentPay as a separate payment item).

Yours sincerely

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