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Dear Parent / Carer

Science Excursion to CERN

Geneva, Switzerland Monday 30th Jan – Wednesday 1st Feb 2023

The Science department at Breadalbane Academy is planning to make a visit to CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, the home of the Large Hadron Collider early in 2023. The trip is open to S4-6 students studying Science, with particular interest in Physics and Chemistry. You are receiving this letter as your son/daughter has expressed an interest in the trip.

The cost to students will be a maximum of £450. This will include the cost of return flights to Geneva, insurance, hotel accommodation, meals, and excursions. It is anticipated that fundraising will take place in the intervening time to reduce the cost to students further. The support of friends and family will be appreciated as plans for fundraising are developed. We would hope the cost would not be prohibitive to any families, but we would encourage you to contact the school and request to speak with your child's guidance teacher if you feel that this cost may cause difficulties.

There are a limited number of places on the trip, and it is possible that not all interested students will be successful in obtaining a space. Priority will be given to those students studying senior Physics and Chemistry, with the remainder being subject to a ballot. To confirm your child's interest and to be entered into the ballot for the trip, please email consent to breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk before Monday 18th July.

Once it has been confirmed your child has a place on the trip you will be emailed to notify you that a payment item has been set up on ParentPay for the deposit; £150. This will need to be paid before the start of the new term to help us get the best flight and travel options available. Your assistance in prompt payment will be much appreciated.



Our anticipated schedule is as follows, and confirmation of it will be provided in due course.

Monday 30th January 2023

Meet at Edinburgh Airport in time for pre-flight check in and security.

Fly from Edinburgh to Geneva. Aiming for an early flight, but this will depend on numbers and confirmed deposits being received to book flights as soon as possible.

Tuesday 31st January

Visit to CERN, for tour of the research centre and its museums followed by a lab workshop on Particle Physics.

Excursion to one of those listed below.

Evening activity in central Geneva

Wednesday 1st February

Morning excursion

Afternoon excursion before return flight from Geneva to Edinburgh in the evening.

Collect from Edinburgh Airport.

Excursions planned, but sequence depending on other timings, include:

- Visit to Museum of Natural History
- Visit to History of Science Museum
- Geneva Observatory tbc

This is the first overseas trip by the Science department in recent years and we are confident that it will be a valuable and enjoyable learning experience for all those who participate. There will be an information evening during the first term after the summer to which all parents / carers will be invited. Any questions regarding the trip are welcome and we look forward to welcoming our young Scientists on this trip.

Yours faithfully



Mr Mair

Teacher of Science