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Letter 158

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Dear Parent/Carer

Years 12 and 13 Trip to CERN, European Organisation for Nuclear Research, Switzerland

I am writing to inform you of the Years 12 and 13 residential Science trip to CERN in Switzerland from Wednesday 27th November 2019 to Friday 29th November 2019. This trip is an exciting opportunity for students to see at first hand, many parts of the research centre. They will have the principles of the Large Hadron Collider explained as well as hands on experience at their S-Cool centre, where they will make a cloud chamber. I have also arranged a lecture from a scientist who works on the Atlas detector on quantum mechanics and the work being carried out at CERN.

The cost of the trip will be £395 and places will be reserved upon submission of a non-refundable £50 deposit being paid online by Thursday 23rd May. The balance of £345 will be required by 4th Sept 2019

We wish to make it clear that this is not a compulsory trip and the school cannot pay for any student from voluntary contributions. Financial support from the school will be limited to those students receiving 16/19 Bursary funding. By giving permission for your son/daughter to participate in the trip, you will be agreeing to the following terms which are imposed on the school by the tour company.

Should you withdraw your son/daughter from the trip after payment of the deposit you will be liable to a £70 change of name fee levied by British Airways to enable another student to participate on the trip, if a replacement can be found. The lost deposit of £50 cannot be used to offset the £70 charge as the £50 is retained by our travel company to cover their administrative costs.

After payment of the deposit, should you withdraw your son/daughter from the trip before 11th September 2019, and there is no replacement student, in addition to losing the deposit you will be liable for any costs already booked by the tour company.

Should you withdraw from the trip after 11th September 2019 and before 21st October, and there is no replacement student you will be liable for 70% of the cost. No refund can be made for cancellation advised after 21st October 2019.

Nearer to date of the trip we will be sending more information home regarding travel arrangements and an itinerary. Students will require a current passport which is valid until May 2020 and an EHIC card. Should you require any further information at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

K Gibbon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K. Gibbon'.

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