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Letter 31

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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 Switzerland from Thursday 3rd March 2022 to Saturday 5th March 2022. This trip is an exciting opportunity for students to see first-hand, many parts of the research centre based at CERN in Switzerland. 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 this trip will be £418 and places will be reserved upon submission of a non-refundable £150 deposit being made online by Monday 18th October. A further £70 is to be paid by the 15th November and the remaining £198 by the 1st December.

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 paying the £150 non-refundable deposit to the school, you are entering into a contract with the school to pay the remaining £268 by the above dates.

Should a student be withdrawn from the trip after 18th October but before 15th November, monies paid by you will be returned to you, less :

- The £150 deposit (as the deposit is not returned to the school by the tour company) unless there is a replacement student.
- Any non-recoverable costs incurred by the tour company (accommodation, flights etc).

There may also be a change of name fee from the tour company (if there is a replacement student) if airline tickets have already been issued. This could be in the region of £120.

Should cancellation be notified to the school after 1st December 2021, the school will do all that it can to recover monies from the tour company but this will be subject to the above points.

The exception to the above is if the cancellation is due to a medical reason. Under these circumstances, a medical certificate must be provided to the school at your expense, as these are no longer refunded by our insurers.

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Any notice of withdrawing students from the trip must be made in writing to the school finance office. Cancellation will only be deemed to have taken effect when confirmed by the school finance office.

Nearer to the trip we will be sending more information home regarding travel arrangements and an itinerary. The travel arrangements may change due to COVID but we are confident the trip will still take place. If it is cancelled due to COVID our insurance will refund the full cost of the trip. Students will require a current passport which is valid until at least September 2022 (the requirement is six months on a UK passport). Should you require any further information at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Gibbon". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs K Gibbon
Physics Department