

Monday, 09 December 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian (MYP 5 Students)

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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Your daughter/son has been invited to attend a 2 day visit to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva, Switzerland.

CERN is one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research in Physics, finding out what the Universe is made of and how it works. At CERN, the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments are used to study the basic constituents of matter, the fundamental particles. By studying what happens when these particles collide, physicists learn about the laws of Nature. A guided tour of the CERN site has been arranged for Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 allowing pupils to experience instrumentation at CERN, the particle accelerators and detectors. Each tour lasts about 3 hours and comprises of an introduction followed by a film, a visit to one of the experiments and/or to an accelerator located at the surface (ATLAS visitor centre).

Pupils will have an opportunity to visit the permanent CERN exhibition 'Universe of particles' in the Globe of Science and Innovation - a journey deep into the world of particles and back to the Big Bang. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Microcosm exhibition near the CERN site which explores mysteries of the universe from the infinitely large to the infinitesimally small.

We propose to travel to CERN by air from Birmingham. Details of travel arrangements will be confirmed in due course.

The full cost of the trip will be approximately **£395.00** to include:

- Comprehensive Group Insurance
- Transport to and from airports
- Bed and Breakfast (shared) accommodation at Geneva International Youth Hostel or Hotel
- Tour of the CERN site and lunch at CERN staff restaurant
- Friday evening group meal and snacks on Thursday and Saturday

**Proposed Itinerary (subject to confirmation)****Day 1 – Thursday 27th February**

Departure 8.45am (tbc) GIS School to Geneva (Easyjet flights at approx. 13:00 from Birmingham arriving in Geneva at 16:00). Transfer to accommodation at the Geneva International Youth Hostel/Hotel to be confirmed.

**Day 2 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

In the morning a visit to CERN exhibitions, followed by lunch at CERN and a three hour guided tour of the CERN site. In the evening it is proposed we will have a Physics Group evening meal in a restaurant in the centre of Geneva (Eldeweiss Hotel to be confirmed).

**Day 3 – Saturday 29th February**

In the morning, pupils will have some free time to explore the tourist sites in Geneva e.g UN building, historical town centre, cable lift to Mountain View. After lunch in Geneva we will then depart to the airport to arrive in Bristol late evening (tbc)

Please complete and return the attached consent form plus a deposit of £150 via the school by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

All monies accepted are non-returnable unless of course we manage to sell the trip to someone else. It is also a condition of travel that all pupils are current members of school and should this status change between now and the date of departure, they will forfeit the right to travel and again refunds can only be made in the event that another member of the school takes up the place.

Please be aware we are able to take a maximum of 9 students on this trip.

If we are not able to allocate you a place on the trip, then of course, payment will be returned to you. There is no course requirement for this trip and it is not form an integral part of the course. However, there is a strong syllabus connection and as there is a high demand for tours of CERN we are exceedingly fortunate to be able to have this guided tour of the site.

Once places have been confirmed, I will then send letters out to you confirming travel arrangements and provide further trip details. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the trip.

Yours sincerely

Sophia Kobylec

**REPLY SLIP**

**CERN TRIP to Geneva, Switzerland 2020**

Please tick the appropriate box.

I **would** like my son/daughter/ward to participate in the study visit

I agree to a non-refundable deposit of £150 in order to secure a place on the trip.

I enclose a completed Medical Consent Form

I enclose a complete Code of Conduct Form

I have read the accompanying letter and accept the conditions therein.

I have provided a copy of passport (photocopy or email a photo to  [sophia.kobylec@iveuk.com](mailto:sophia.kobylec@iveuk.com) Please be sure have to have 6 months validity on the passport on the date of departure.

SON/DAUGHTER'S/WARD'S NAME:(as on passport) .....

SON/DAUGHTER'S NATIONALITY: (as on passport) .....

EXPIRY DATE OF HER/HIS CURRENT PASSPORT: .....

PASSPORT NUMBER (this must be the passport used to travel and will allow flights to be booked)

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SIGNATURE OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN:

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DATE: .....

Please return to Miss Kobylec (Science Teacher), at Gloucester International School by **6th January 2020** together with **the Medical Consent form and Agreed Code of Conduct form**

### MEDICAL CONSENT FORM FOR STUDENT

To be returned to: Miss S Kobylec  
No later than: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

<i>Purpose of Journey</i>	
2 day visit to CERN <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b>	
I agree to my son /daughter taking part in the above-mentioned visit and, having read the information sheet, agree to her/his participation in any or all of the activities described. I acknowledge the need for obedience and responsible behaviour on her/his part.	
<i>Medical Information</i>	
Does your son/daughter suffer from any conditions requiring medical treatment, including medication? If <b>YES</b> , please give brief details.	
To the best of your knowledge, has your son/daughter been in contact with any contagious or infectious diseases or suffered from anything in the last four weeks that may be or become contagious or infectious. If <b>YES</b> , please give brief details.	
Is your son/daughter allergic to any medication? If <b>YES</b> , please specify.	
Has your son/daughter received a tetanus injection in the last ten years?	<b>YES / NO</b>

***Dietary requirements***

Please outline any special dietary requirements of your child

I undertake to inform the Co-ordinator / Principal as soon as possible of any change in the medical circumstances between the date signed and the commencement of the journey.

**Declaration**

I agree to my son/daughter receiving emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present. I understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided.

Name:

Signature:

For the duration of the trip I may be contacted by telephoning the following telephone numbers:

**Work:**

**Home:**

My **home address** is:

If not available at above, please contact:

**Name:**

**Address:**

***Telephone Numbers***

Work:

Home:

Family doctor:

Address:	
Telephone Numbers	
Work:	
Name of Parent	
Signature of Parent	
Date of completion of form	

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is the replacement for the E111 for persons resident within the UK. E111s are no longer valid. The EHIC can be used to cover any necessary medical treatment due to either an accident or illness within the European Economic Area (EEA). You can apply for a card either online [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk) (application processed within 7 working days), by telephone 0845 606 2030 (application processed within 10 working days) or at the Post Office (application processed within 21 working days). Non-EEA nationals can only apply by post as they need to provide further documentation that supports the application. An application form can be obtained from the Post Office. Please note due to Brexit EHIC details will be confirmed in due course. School insurance is provided.

### **Pupil Code of Conduct (Senior School)**

For the visit to be both beneficial and enjoyable for all, you will be expected to comply with the following code of conduct and be expected to:

- Behave responsibly at all times and show consideration for others.
- Comply with instructions at all times.
- Take responsibility for your own possessions.
- Keep all facilities clean, tidy and undamaged.
- Abide by any host facility rules and regulations.
- Be aware of all emergency procedures.
- In the event of an emergency, follow emergency procedure instructions.
- Understand the rules concerning the purchase, possession and consumption of alcohol.
- Understand the rules concerning the purchase, possession and use of tobacco.
- Understand that the possession and use of non-prescribed drugs and/or illegal substances is strictly forbidden.
- Inform staff of any relevant medical conditions or injuries.

- Inform a member of staff of any hazards and report any damaged or unsafe equipment.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Return all borrowed equipment in the same condition in which you received it.
- Safeguard personal belongings and borrowed equipment.

#### On the coach

- Remain in your seat, unless given permission to do otherwise.
- Wear your seat belt whilst being transported in a minibus or coach.
- Luggage should not block the aisle and be kept on the luggage rack or under the seat.
- Litter should be put in the bags provided.
- Do not distract the driver – no shouting out, no flash photography etc.
- If you begin to feel travel sick, inform a member of staff.
- When disembarking, be aware of traffic movement and direction.

#### Motorway service stops

- Follow instructions from staff regarding where you are allowed go and how long you may spend in the service station.
- Remain inside the service area for the duration of the stop and ensure that you are back on the coach at the given time.

#### At the airport and on the railway station or any public transport area

- Ensure you understand the importance of remaining in your group at these busy locations.
- Ensure that you understand that timings are vital.
- Ensure that you understand security arrangements and limitations.
- Follow instructions from transport operator staff.
- Follow all instructions regarding being on boat decks.
- Visit shops in groups - never alone.
- Ensure that you stay back from the edge of railway platforms.
- Remember where the group is based and how to locate staff.

#### Staying in the hotel

- Ensure that you read all notices and understand all instructions regarding fire and safety procedures.
- Ensure that you understand the location of duty staff.
- Ensure that you understand any instructions regarding permission to leave the hotel.
- Ensure that you understand any instructions which limit your access to parts of the hotel, e.g. bar, casino, swimming pool.
- Ensure that you understand the dangers of balconies and any instructions regarding access.
- Ensure that you understand all instructions regarding access to other people's bedrooms.
- Ensure that you arrive on time for meals and meetings.
- Ensure that you understand any restrictions regarding the use of mobile telephones, taking pictures, inter-net access and viewing videos and DVDs.
- Do not leave hotel premises unless authorised to do so

#### Excursions

- Remain in your designated group and never travel alone.
- Know which member of staff is your nominated leader.
- When unaccompanied by staff, ensure that you understand any instructions and limitations.
- Ensure that you always carry your emergency contact card.

- Stay together with your group during sightseeing and other times when you are not directly supervised. Members of a group are responsible for each other at all times. NB. No pupil should ever be on their own.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in the implementation of the following range of sanctions:

- Exclusion of any privileges and free time

If there is any other significant violation of the school rules, the group leaders reserve the right to consider sending the pupil home, at the parents' expense.

I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct.

**Young Person Signature**..... **Date** .....

**Parent/Guardian Signature** ..... **Date** .....