

September 2017

Dear Parent / Guardian

### Visit to Cern – European Organisation for Nuclear Research – Geneva

Following our highly successful trip this July, we would like to offer students the opportunity to visit CERN in Geneva in July 2018. At CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, physicists and engineers are probing the fundamental structure of the universe. They use the world's largest and most complex scientific instruments to study the basic constituents of matter – the fundamental particles. Students will have a chance to tour the facility, as well as meet some of the professors working at the facility. We will also take in a number of the sights in Geneva with the full itinerary to follow.

The proposed dates are **Monday 23 to Friday 27 July 2018** which is the **first week of the summer school holidays**. The cost will include the following:

- Return Flights from Manchester or Liverpool to Geneva and return transport to the airport
- Half Board accommodation – 5 Days (4 Nights) and full insurance
- Full day in CERN
- Guided tour of United Nations and a visit to the Red Cross Museum
- Mont Salève Cable Car and guided tour Bureau de la Montagne du Salève
- History of Science Museum, Fondue evening, Lake cruise on Lake Geneva, Jardin Botaniques Genève
- Laser Tag

The cost of the trip is approximately £645.00. If you would like your son/daughter to go on the trip, please pay the first non-refundable deposit of £150.00 by **Friday 6 October 2017**. Our preferred method of payment is by ParentPay. Cheques are still accepted and should be made payable to St Aidan's School and returned with the attached form. Subsequent payments of £230.00 and £265.00 (approximately) will be due on **Friday 26 January** and **Friday 11 May 2018**. Reminder letters will be given to students.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the wellbeing of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands *before* accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Regards

Mr J Wilson  
Physics Department



# ASSOCIATED SIXTH FORM

ST AIDAN'S & ST JOHN FISHER, HARROGATE



## Cern Trip – Monday 23 July to Friday 27 July 2018

(please return this form if paying by cheque only)

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the above visit and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £150.00 made payable to 'St Aidan's School'

Student's name ..... Tutor Group .....

Signed Parent/Guardian ..... Date .....

Please complete and place, with your deposit cheque, in the Catering Card Box in the Finance Department by Friday 6 October 2017.

