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Dear Parent / Carer

Update on Year 12 Cern trip, July 2023

We have received an update from our tour operator regarding our trip next summer. Cern has announced that they have decided to cancel their summer calendar due to a delay in the construction of their new centre, the Science Gateway.

Whilst this is disappointing news, we have been working hard with our tour operator to find alternative solutions for the day at Cern.

The trip will now include a visit to the Plasma Research Centre in Lausanne where we will have a guided tour introducing us to plasmas, fusion, and related experimental devices. We will also visit the SIG Energy Pavilion where again we will enjoy a guided tour of the interactive exhibition, complemented by tours of the Verbois Dam and SIG Solar 3, which is one of the largest solar power stations in Switzerland. We will also visit the exhibition at Cern on our final day which is still open.

Travel to these centres will be by private coach which together with the changes to the itinerary will unfortunately increase the price of the trip to between £850.00-£950.00.

The trip is being offered to your child in the first instance and we need your consent to the changes on our itinerary. The link below offers two options:

- a) Confirmation that you are happy with the new visits instead of the day at Cern and agree to the new price
- b) Confirmation that your child no longer wishes to attend the trip next year. On this occasion, we will refund the money you have paid to date and offer the place to the next student on the waiting list.

Please click [HERE](#) to register your decision. It is important that we receive this information by **Monday 5 December 2022** to confirm the numbers with the tour operator.

We are confident the new itinerary will be very informative and exciting, and we hope our students will still participate in the trip. If we do not get enough students however who wish to take part, we will unfortunately have to cancel the trip.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Regards

Tracey McDonald
Trips Administrator