



June 2025

CERN (Geneva) Residential
Chemistry & Physics Department
October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Running alongside the curriculum BHASVIC aims to provide enriching trips linked to students' studies that not only bring their studies to life but also encourage independence and an opportunity to make new friends and have new experiences.

As part of A level Physics, the department offers A2 students the opportunity to visit CERN (home of the Large Hadron Collider) in Geneva. **This fits with the Particle Physics, Electric Fields, Magnetic Fields topics from the second-year course. There will be a day at CERN, visiting a couple of exhibitions in the morning and taking a tour of two areas in the afternoon.** Students will also have some free time to explore Geneva.

We envisage the cost of this trip to be around approx. £260, this includes:

- Return flights Gatwick to Geneva
- One piece of small carry-on hand luggage per person (45 x 36 x 20 cm)
- Travel card for around Geneva.
- Hostel accommodation, in shared rooms.
- Evening meal on Friday.
- Breakfast and packed lunch on Saturday.
- Exhibitions and tours at CERN
- 5% emergency contingency (any remaining contingency monies will be refunded after the trip).

The following is not included in the cost of the trip: Travel to and from Gatwick airport. / Checked in hold luggage / Lunch on Friday or Saturday evening. (We suggest taking a packed lunch on Friday and then using the canteen at CERN Saturday lunchtime, saving packed lunch to eat at the Airport)/ Snacks/drinks and spending money. A Lidl is on the way to the hostel and so students will be able to stop there for snacks...Geneva is very expensive!

If your young person is interested in joining this trip, you do not need to do anything at this stage. We will contact students and parents/carers later in the academic year with all the finalised details, but we wanted to let you know about this opportunity as far in advance as possible, so you have time to financially plan if you wish.

All payments for trips are through our BHASVIC ParentPay account, you will be sent details on how to activate your account once your young person has enrolled, we encourage you to set your account up as soon as possible on receipt of these details to avoid any delays later.

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Please be aware that students can only partake in a residential that is organised by the department/s that their courses fall under and that due to the number of students / residential places ratio, students will only be able to apply for one residential. Students are chosen by random selection.

We hope that you have a lovely summer, and we will be back in touch with more details of this trip.

Kind regards
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