

Ripon Grammar School

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Sixth form Physics trip to CERN

29/03/2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to finalise the upper sixth form Physics visit to CERN in Geneva. Our stay at Geneva Youth Hostel does not include an evening meal, which means that students will need to bring sufficient Swiss Francs to buy lunch and dinner on all three days. It is school policy that students do not buy or consume alcohol whilst on the trip. The Youth Hostel will remove any persons found drinking alcohol or smoking on site.

Itinerary

Dates: Sunday 28th April – Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Sunday 28th: Students arrive at School **by 3.00am** to take a coach to Manchester Airport to check in to Easy Jet flight **EZY1947**, leaving at 7.05am. Please bring **only hand luggage** (check with the Easy Jet website for details of this) as any hold luggage will incur a supplement and delays to the check-in.

We are due to arrive in Geneva at 10.00am from where we will make our way to Geneva Youth Hostel, Rue Rothschild 28-30, 1202 Genève, Switzerland. Tel: 004 122 732 6260 (towels can be rented at a cost of 2 CHF per person if required).

We will check in, drop off our luggage and make our way into Geneva for lunch and a city tour, including the History of Science Museum and Lake Geneva. We will return to the Youth Hostel before dining out.

Monday 29th: Buffet breakfast at 7.30am, ready to leave by 9.00am for CERN. We have a guided tour booked for the afternoon, preceded by a chance to explore the public exhibitions and lunch at the restaurant. High-heeled shoes, open-toed shoes, flip-flops and sandals are not permitted and students must carry there passport with them at all times. We will leave for the Youth Hostel about 5.00pm, before going out for an evening meal.

Tuesday 30th: : Buffet breakfast at 7.30am, ready to check out by 9.00am for a whole day in Geneva, sightseeing this beautiful city and the environs before heading to Geneva airport for a 7.40pm check in and the 9.40pm flight **EZY1954**. We are due to arrive back at Manchester at 10.30pm, where the coach will pick us up for the final journey home. We expect to arrive home at about 12.30am on the Wednesday morning and students are to attend school on Wednesday as normal.

Students must have their passports on them at all times. A health card (EHIC) is also recommended – these do have an expiry date so please check that they are still valid. Whilst we do have emergency medical insurance, Swiss hospitals may charge the students if they do not have an EU health card.

Whilst we are away you can contact the school on 01765 602647 during normal school hours and 07788 233835 outside of these hours (in the case of an emergency only).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via email at <u>griggsr@ripongrammar.co.uk</u> or <u>griggsr@ripongrammar.com</u> over the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely

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