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Dear Parent/Carer

Visit to CERN, Geneva, February 2018

The Physics Department is planning to take a group of AS/A level students to visit CERN in Geneva in February 2018. We will have overnight accommodation in Geneva on Sunday 4th February and a site tour of the Large Hadron Collider and other experiments at CERN on Monday 5th February, returning to the UK that evening (a flying visit to one of the most exciting experiments in the World).

At CERN in 2012 physicists found evidence for the most elusive fundamental particle, the Higg's Boson. On this visit, students will find out what this involved and how the experiments are being developed as well as gaining an insight into what it is like to work in a multinational collaborative experiment of this scale.

The cost of the trip is estimated to be between £150 and £180 per student, depending on flights and accommodation. We will be applying for a grant from the Ogden Trust which regularly provides funding for Ogden Partnership schools like West Kirby Grammar School to subsidise trips to CERN. However, we will not know the outcome of this grant application until later this year. Any grant received will be used to refund students after the trip.

To apply for a place on this trip, return the attached consent form and permission slip below, together with a £50 (cheques should be payable to West Kirby Grammar School with the student's name, form and CERN on the reverse) deposit to the Finance Office as soon as possible. Please also provide a photocopy of your son's/daughter's/ward's passport and EHIC so we may book and confirm flights and accommodation at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Dr Karen Hill
Head of Physics

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Please return to the Finance Office as soon as possible

Student name..... Form.....

Sixth Form Visit to CERN, Geneva, Sunday 4th February to Monday 5th February 2018

I attach the consent form to give permission for my son/daughter/ward to participate in the above mentioned visit and enclose a deposit of £50 to secure a place and understand the total amount of the trip will be confirmed at a later date.

The School has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.

Signed..... Date.....