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Dear High Energy Physicist,

School Trip – Large Hadron Collider in CERN – Geneva, Switzerland

Congratulations! You have been selected for the CERN trip 2018! This will be an amazing experience and one that you will be talking about for a long time to come. Mrs Lawrence, Mr Tobutt and I will be looking after you on this trip, so everyone will be on their best behaviour. Our tour around CERN is already booked and we will have our transport to take us to some of the sights in Geneva!

I will be running an information evening early next year but I have included a few details that you will need to start preparing well ahead of schedule.

- 1) Ensure that you passport it up to date (and has at least 3 months left on it after we return in July)
- 2) Get your EHIC card
<https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/EHIC/Pages/about-the-ehic.aspx>
Click on Apply for your EHIC Now. This is FREE so do not let anyone charge you for it.
- 3) The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF), but you will need a little spending money (in pounds and Euros as well)
- 4) Europe uses a 2-pin plug so you will need an adaptor (they can be hired from the Youth Hostel but it does require a refundable 20CHF) for your phones, etc.
- 5) Bedding is provided but you will need to bring your own towels (cleanliness is NOT optional!)

CERN is always in the news, so keep an eye out. There are rumours concerning new information about some exotic particle 'beyond the Higgs Boson'!

Yours faithfully

Dr D Wilson
Trip Lead

