THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL

LHS/EGE

11 June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Science and Citizenship trip to Geneva, Thursday 27 May - Sunday 30 May 2027

We are offering current Year 8 and 9 students the opportunity to visit Switzerland.

We will fly from London Gatwick to Geneva and our base for the trip will be the Geneva Youth Hostel. This is clean, safe and a modern accommodation conveniently located in a quiet neighbourhood close to the centre of the city.

The highlight of the trip will be visiting CERN, home of the Large Hadron Collider, the biggest science experiment on the planet. The visit will include a tour of the facilities and a visit to the interactive displays explaining the fascinating world of particle physics.

For the rest of the trip, we have a packed itinerary including: the Plasma Research Centre at Lausanne, Electrobloc hydroelectric power station, a chance to find out about and sample chocolate at the Maison Callier chocolate factory, as well as informative visits to the UN Palace of Nations and ICRC museum to find out about the important roles of these international organisations.

This residential trip is considered an **optional extra** as it takes place mostly outside of school hours. In line with the school's charging policy, the full cost of the trip, which is £830.00, may be charged. This includes all travel expenses, accommodation, admissions, breakfast and dinner (not lunch), and travel insurance. Any remission of these charges is at the discretion of the school governing body.

Teachers accompanying residential visits carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. We therefore reserve the right to refuse a place to any student whose behaviour in school has been or becomes a problem.

You can apply for a place by completing the Geneva Registration Google Form and paying a **£350.00 deposit** via Scopay (if your child is unsuccessful in gaining a place, the deposit will be refunded). The registration form and deposit must be completed **by the end of the day on Thursday 25 June 2026.**

If your child is successful in gaining a place on this residential visit, we will inform you by email after the deadline for deposits. Should the trip not run due to insufficient interest, you will, of course, receive a full refund. Additional payments of £240.00 will be required by Friday 30 October 2026, and Wednesday 31 March 2027.

Should you child secure a place, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make the necessary visa arrangements for entry to the country(s) we are visiting and/or travelling through. The school and/or tour company may be able to signpost you to supporting documents when applying in advance for visas. Please be aware that the insurance policy does not cover any circumstance where the necessary visa has not been obtained in time for the trip departure. As such, your cooperation in organising the necessary documentation in a timely manner is appreciated. Please check the travel requirements on the Government website: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.

Having secured a place, should you wish to cancel your child's place, the school will try to fill the place from any waiting list. If this is not possible, the deposit will be lost and further cancellation charges made by the travel company will be incurred. These will vary according to the notice given.

You may, of course, make a claim on the insurance purchased as part of this trip, if your cancellation comes within the terms of the policy. Please bear in mind that the itinerary may have to change due to conditions or circumstances beyond the school's control.

If you have any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me via info@mountbatten.school

Yours sincerely

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