

## Biennial trip to CERN in February 2018



A group of Sixth Form students visited CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, in Geneva during the half-term holiday in February 2018.

CERN operates the largest particle physics laboratory in the world. It is perhaps best known for its ongoing Large Hadron Collider (LHC) experiment and is also the birthplace of the World Wide Web.

Here are accounts from three students who were on the trip:

“On the first day we went to a museum and walked around part of Lake Geneva. Then in the evening we went bowling. On the second day we went to CERN where we learnt how the LHC works and the history of the CERN.

“At CERN we were shown round the command centre and were able to see how they monitor and control the beam. We also saw the building where the huge magnets were tested and a true size

model of part of the beam line, which was fascinating. That evening we went out for a fondu at a restaurant where there was live Swiss music playing. On the last day we went to the Red Cross Museum and the UN headquarters in Genève where we learnt about the work they do.

“My favourite part of the CERN trip was Geneva itself, both the beautiful scenery and the abundant wildlife made for a spectacular backdrop. We got a real chance to experience this wonderful environment when taking a boat tour on Lake Geneva. From our boat we could see the peak of Mont Blanc on one side and the city of Geneva on the other with the Jet d’Eau in-between the two.”

