

Agenda

1. Passports and EHC cards to be brought in by pupils by Friday 17th August 2018.
 - Parental contact phone number.
 - Passports and EHC cards will be photocopied.
 - Passport should be valid for 6 months after date of return (so valid until at least 7th March 2019*.)

2. EHC Cards
 - Everyone must have an EHC card (European Health Insurance Card).
 - Takes up to 6 weeks to come back, so if you don't have one, apply now!
 - It is free – beware websites which ask you to pay for it.
 - **DO NOT PAY FOR IT!**
 - Apply at :
 - <https://www.ehic.org.uk/Internet/startApplication.do>

3. Coach arrangements on Monday 3rd September 2018.
 - Depart WWHS at 06:30 hrs so be at school by 06:00 hrs sharp.

4. Checking in online. We will do this approximately one week before travel.
 - This will allow us to have boarding passes printed and ready, saving time at the airport

5. Luggage – see handout, p1.
 - One bag only.
 - cabin luggage only.
 - Speeds up disembarkation
 - Not waiting around for 33 bags.
 - What to bring – clothes for 5 days.
 - European Travel Adapter (you could share with room-mate).
 - Weather is summery mild so lightweight clothes are all that is necessary
 - At least one pair of shoes must be closed toes (for CERN).
 - Lightweight rain jacket (even for Chamonix).
 - Restrictions:
 - Liquids should be 100 ml or less. Max ten liquid containers. (total 1000ml)
 - You could share shampoo / conditioner etc with someone else.
 - No sharp objects etc.
 - No aerosols (Easyjet class them as “explosives”)
 - Medication
 - One bag only!

6. Medical – see handout, p2

7. Dietary

- Breakfast is a buffet appropriate for all dietary types.
- Lunch will be pupil's choice.
- Evening meals:
 - There will be vegetarian / pescetarian / halal options for all meals. Please indicate to Mr. McLaren if any other dietary requirements are needed.

8. Room sharing.

- The room allocation will be small dormitories: threes, fours, fives and sixes.
- Once the allocation comes in I will ask pupils to organise themselves into groups of two or three.

9. Pupil's own spending money will be at their parent's discretion.

- It will be the pupil's responsibility to bring their own spending money, changed into Swiss Francs (CHF).
- Euros are used commonly in Geneva, but definitely bring Swiss Francs.
- Euros will be used in Chamonix.

10. Valuables

- If pupil is taking a phone with them, ensure that it has roaming enabled – call mobile phone company to do this.
- However since 2017, roaming charges have been dropped, EU wide, but check!
- Pupils will be responsible for their own spending money whilst on the trip.

11. Telephone contact numbers + ability to use mobile phone whilst abroad.

- School Emergency Contact. This will be the Head Teacher, Mr. Inglis.
- Should return to Williamwood High School by half-past-midnight on the night of Friday 7th September going into Saturday. (i.e. return to WWHS by 00:30 + 1.)
- This means pupils will need to be collected from the school please.
- Once returned after summer holiday, I will issue to pupils an info card with the address and telephone number of the Geneva Hostel International.

12. Insurance Policy.

- The school has a Travel Insurance policy with AIG.

13. Transport in Geneva:

- A complementary public transport travel card is supplied at Geneva Airport. This gets us to the Geneva Hostel International.
- The Geneva Hostel International is supplying us with complementary travel cards for the duration of our stay.
- We will be travelling as a group on public transport. The group will not split up.