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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Sixth Form Geography Faculty trip to Chamonix, French Alps

I am writing to inform you of the above proposed Geography field trip to Chamonix in the French Alps in October. The trip will be from **Saturday 19th October to Wednesday 23rd October 2019** (at the start of the October exeat) and the cost will be £850.   The trip will be fully insured through the School and is open to all Sixth Form Geographers.

This trip provides the opportunity to help students with a difficult aspect of the Pre-U Geography course. The focus of the trip will be on 'Glacial and Periglacial Environments' and the Chamonix locality within the French Alps offers opportunities to witness contemporary glaciers in action. The trip will also be a chance for students to collect data and develop their geographical skills that underpin fieldwork investigations in glacial landscapes and will help support the understanding of key processes in this environment.

Students who attend the trip can expect to see three of the most active glaciers in the Alps, collect data from fluvio-glacial and glacial landforms and enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Alps during early Autumn. The itinerary includes day visits to 'Glacier des Bossons', 'Mer de Glace' and 'Glacier d'Argentiere' where the inspiring viewing provide ample opportunities for geographical landscape photography as well as reinforcement of subject knowledge and understanding. Having visited these glaciers many times, I can fully endorse their educational and intellectual merits. I should note at this point that there will be a considerable amount of walking on mountainous terrain during the trip.

Cost of trip and payment

The cost of the trip will be approximately £850 per person, based on 25 pupils going. This will include flights from Manchester to Geneva, all meals, accommodation, transport and day excursions; it will not include extra drinks, snacks and spending money. The arrangements for payment are as follows:

- In order to secure a place on the trip we will need either a deposit cheque of £210.00, made payable to Shrewsbury School, by **3rd April** or a bank transfer (see details on form). Please complete the form attached and send it to me, together with the deposit cheque or indicate bank transfer.

- The remaining balance of £640.00 will be added to the **Michaelmas Term 2019** school bill, which will be issued in August 2019.
- Any money left over will be returned to parents. We are hopeful that there should be some money returning from the total.

The school's policy on withdrawal from school trips can be found below, for your information.   Also, in the interest of clarity, we cannot confirm the exact cost of the trip until we book the flights (for which we will need the names of all members of the party) – with this in mind, the cost may go up or down. It is also a requirement that your son or daughter's passport has **at least six months left before expiry** prior to our return to the UK in October.

Withdrawal from Trip on Non-Medical Grounds

- Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip after the flights have been purchased, the cost of the flights is non-refundable*.
- Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip after the final payment of accommodation and transport, the total cost of the trip will be non-refundable*.

* Should the School be able to find a replacement at these points in time, the appropriate monies paid will be refunded less any administration costs incurred.

The School's travel policy cover includes the ability to claim any payments made towards the tour should your son or daughter withdraw due to the death, injury or illness of a close relative that necessitates the presence in the UK of your son or daughter.

Withdrawal from Trip on Medical Grounds

The School's travel insurance policy is effective once the deposit has been paid and the confirmation slip that your son or daughter is participating in the trip has been received.   In order to adhere to the policy, it is imperative that any medical conditions and medication are included on the form and that you inform Sarah Coombes at scoombes@shrewsbury.org.uk of any subsequent changes between signing the form and the trip. Should your son or daughter withdraw from the trip on medical grounds, a claim can be made via the School, to recover the payments you have made, less an excess payment. In order to claim, a medical form completed by your son or daughter's doctor must be submitted with the claim detailing why your son or daughter is unable to participate on the trip. If you would like further information on this, please contact Sarah Coombes at scoombes@shrewsbury.org.uk.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if there are any further questions – it promises to be an excellent trip.

Yours faithfully,

Rhodri Evans
Teacher of Geography

GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO FRANCE – OCTOBER 2019
APPLICATION FORM

Name of Pupil (as it appears on the passport)	
House	
Date of Birth	
Passport Number	
Expiry date of passport	
Country of issue of passport	

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Please supply any relevant medical information in the box below (*please use a further sheet if necessary*):

I am happy for my son / daughter to take part in the Geography Trip to France in October and I enclose a deposit of £210.00 made payable to Shrewsbury School.

Name of parent or guardian			
I enclose a cheque (to include name of son/daughter on reverse)		I have made a Bank Transfer (see below for details)	
Signature of parent or guardian			
Date			

Bank details for bank transfer:

Name of Bank: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ)
Name of Account: Shrewsbury School
Account Number: 56384182
Sort Code: 40-51-62
IBAN Number: GB98 HAND 405162 56384182
Swift/BIC Code: HANDGB22

Please use the following payment reference: *'lastname'*/Alps19