

**Physics Department trip to CERN, Geneva,  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

It is possible (but extremely unlikely), depending on your choice of college or subject, that you may be summoned for interview at Cambridge at the end of November.

**Why arrange a trip to CERN which may clash with my Cambridge interview?**

Visiting CERN has become so popular in recent years that the visits service now normally restricts a guided tour to a single 2 hour session, part of which is taken up with an introductory video. The waiting list is extensive and we have to take the dates we are given.

**Why the uncertainty about interview times?**

Interviews at Cambridge are arranged by college, and unlike Oxford, whose interview timetable can already be viewed at <http://www.admissions.ox.ac.uk/interviews/timetable.shtml> , timings are not made public until later in the year, by which time I will have booked non-refundable EasyJet flights for those people wanting to travel to CERN.

**But I really want to visit CERN!**

I would encourage you to plan to travel. If you are unlucky enough to be summoned for interview and have to withdraw from the CERN trip, in the worse case scenario you would lose only the price of the flight, which ought not to be more than £100. Emergency cancellations are in any case covered by School insurance. Before you return the form to me, contact your chosen college, if you already know it (<http://www.cam.ac.uk/cambuniv/finding/addresses/college.html> ) and ask if they can tell you when the interviews will be held in your chosen subject.

**What should I do in the meantime?**

You need to find out as early as possible the dates of the interviews at your college in your subject, so keep an eye on the college website next term. Timings may be made public before you receive a letter inviting you for interview. If there is a clash, contact the college and explain the situation. Interview dates are generally not flexible, but some colleges do say that if they have enough notice, they will try to reschedule, but this will only be arranged after the closing date for receipt of applications, and probably not after you have received a letter from them.

If you do have to withdraw from the trip, tell me as soon as you know; it is possible that someone might want to take your place.