



Herne Bay High School

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Dear Parent /Carer,

Ski Trip to Aosta Valley, Italy – 02/03/2019-10/03/2019.

I am pleased to announce our plans to run a ski trip next year. It will run from Saturday 2nd March to Sunday 10th March 2019 and be open to students in Years 8, 9 and 10 (current Years 7, 8 and 9), with limited places available. The trip will be organised using 'Interski', a well-known ski trip organiser with over 34 years of experience.

We will be travelling to the spectacular Italian resort of Pila. This is a quiet, traditional ski area linked to the fascinating Roman-influenced history of the Aosta Valley. Once we arrive, we will be staying at Hotel St Nicolas, which overlooks the mountain range of the Gran Paradiso National Park. More information on Interski, Aosta and Hotel St Nicolas can be found here: <http://www.interski.co.uk/Schools/>

The trip has been planned during term time to enable us to negotiate a fantastic lower rate deal as a school group, receive a better staff to student ratio and benefit from quieter slopes, which will allow more space for beginners to learn confidently and safely. The cost for the week is **£805pp**, which includes all of the following:

- Return coach travel.
- Return ferry crossing.
- Full medical, travel and winter sports insurance (Interski are ABTA and ATOL recognised).
- 6 nights half board accommodation (drinks not included), including après ski activities in the evenings.
- Supervised hot lunches on the mountains.
- 6 days equipment hire (including skis, boots, poles and helmets but **not** including clothing)
- 6 x 4 hours ski lesson (unfortunately we are not able to offer snowboarding as an option).
- 6 day lift pass.
- Chance to complete ski badges/certificates.
- In resort representation, with a 24 hour emergency service and medical assistance.
- 3 x 1 hour ski lessons prior to the trip at Chatham Ski and Snowboard centre, Gillingham.

I hope you will agree that this is an excellent price for what is included, but the trip has been planned as early as possible to give maximum time to budget accordingly. Should your son/daughter be allocated a place on the trip, more detailed information, including payment plans and timings, will be provided for you.

As a school, we feel that this trip is a great opportunity for students to experience an exhilarating sport, breath-taking scenery and the culture of an Italy. Whilst on the trip students will be encouraged to develop their language skills as well as gain other valuable skills such as coping away from parents for an extended time, understanding different cultures and the obvious physical and social skills development.

All students on the trip will be required to meet the high levels expected for behaviour and maintain a good attendance rate. Failure to meet these standards can put places on the trip at risk and in serious cases result in removal from the trip. If the student has already been allocated a place on the trip, then removal can mean refunds are not possible unless a replacement can be found. Parents will be informed in advance of any such situations.

If your son/daughter is interested in this fantastic opportunity, please return the reply slip below to Mr Beeson in PE no later than break time on **Friday 20th April 2018**. At lunchtime on this day, a draw will then take place in the Arena to randomly select which students are to go and which are to form a waiting list. A non-refundable deposit of £85 (cash or cheques made payable to Herne Bay High School) will then be due by Friday 27th April 2018 for all successful students. *Please note regular monthly payments will then be required at the end of each month following the payment of the deposit.* If deposits are not received on time without good reason, this may result in places being reallocated to the next student on the waiting list. We appreciate that this system might result in some students who return their slips early not getting a place, but it does allow an equal amount of time for all parents to make a decision and for students to be selected fairly.

If you have any questions on any of the above or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01227 361221.

Yours sincerely

Mr Beeson

Physical Education Support Leader

I hereby giveYear.....Mentor Group..... permission to be placed in the draw for a position in the upcoming school ski trip in March 2019. I acknowledge that by returning this slip it is not confirmation of a place on the trip but a sign of intent to attend. I agree that should my son/daughter get a place on the trip I will be required to pay a non-refundable £85 deposit by Friday 27th April 2018 at the latest otherwise their place may be forfeited. Finally, I acknowledge that should my son/daughter not meet the expected levels of behaviour and/or attendance then their chance of attending the trip may come under jeopardy.

Any medical issues:

**Please note a full medical consent form will be sent out should your son/daughter successfully gain a place.*

Signed..... Date