



ABINGDON

From: Ben Simmons

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip to the French Alps – February Half Term 2018 9-17 February 2018

Following the ski trip that just happened over the previous half term holiday, I would like to invite your son to participate in a ski trip to the French Alps during the 2018 February half term. The provisional details of this trip are listed below however are subject to change depending on numbers and availability.

The trip is likely to take place to the resort of Saint Gervais les Bains which is part of the Evasion du Mont Blanc ski area also encompassing Megeve and Les Contamines to provide a good variety of skiing. The accommodation is located approximately 1.2 km outside the main town area with a cable car ride up to the level of the ski slopes each morning.

Students from the current third to fifth year are invited to participate in the trip. Boys may range from beginner (1 week of previous skiing experience) to advanced skiing ability. Advanced snowboarders are also welcome.

This costing provisionally includes:

- Return coach travel to Saint Gervais and travel in the resort each day.
- Accommodation in apartments and breakfast each day.
- 6 day lift pass.
- 6 days of ski/snowboard equipment hire.
- Travel insurance.
- 6 hours of ski lessons on the first day and then lessons from 2pm-5.30pm on subsequent days. In the morning on the last 5 days the students will be able to ski in groups with their friends. (They may not go off piste or on any black runs during this time to comply with our insurance policy).
- Evening meal in a restaurant as a group on two days.
- Evening meal in apartments on two days.

This costing does not include:

- The cost of personal skiing equipment (gloves, salopettes, jacket etc).
- Lunch on the mountain each day and dinner on three of the nights when the students can go into town and eat with their friends.
- Food whilst travelling.

The following companies are likely to be used:

Accommodation:

<https://www.vacances-mont-blanc.com/en/location/residence-les-fermes-de-saint-gervais/>

Ski/snowboard equipment:

<http://www.unlimited-saintgervais.com/en/>

Executive coach
<http://www.marchants-coaches.com/>

Ski lessons
<https://www.ski-school-saint-gervais.co.uk/>

The provisional cost of this trip is £1265 however this depends on the final number of students attending. Should the cost increase to more than this you would have the opportunity to withdraw.

If you would like to reserve a place for your son on this trip please complete the link to the google form giving permission for a deposit of £300 to be added to your bill at the end of this term. Two additional payments of £482.50 each will be added to the Summer and Michaelmas term school bills. The final payments will be confirmed once the size of the party is known.

Consent form link:
<https://goo.gl/forms/k8FXVgiweMq7VoCC2>

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip. The non-refundable deposit secures your son's place, but thereafter the School will proceed to make bookings and reservations to procure the best possible deals. The payment arrangements offered are a means of spreading the cost rather than a reflection of when liabilities are incurred.

Places on this trip are limited and they will mostly be allocated on a first come first served basis. If however the ability range of a particular student is vastly different from the rest of the group, this may affect the allocation of places. A reserve list will be created when all places have been filled. Please be aware that the German Exchange for Fourth Years also happens, as usual, in February 2018, and the relevant boys are advised to prioritise this opportunity. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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