



From Head of Chemistry: Ben Simmons

25 January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

2020 Ski Trip to Sestriere
Saturday 15 - Sunday 23 February 2020 (Half Term)

I am writing to invite your son to participate in the 2020 ski trip to Sestriere, which is part of the Milky Way ski area in Italy. This trip is open to any students who are currently in the Middle School or Lower Sixth. We will travel to Italy by coach departing around lunchtime on Saturday 15 February and arriving back on Sunday 23 February. Mr Kendry (Head of Boarding) has kindly said that boarders will be able to stay in the boarding house on the Friday night so parents will not need to arrange alternative accommodation.

Sestriere is a new destination for the Abingdon ski trip. It was one of the world's first purpose-built ski areas in the 1930s and is linked to over 400km of runs across the Milky Way region. The town is one of the highest Italian ski resort bases at 2,035m elevation giving a high likelihood of excellent snow conditions. For the first time in recent years we are also pleased to be able to offer the trip to students who are complete beginners as well as competent skiers. There is also the option to snowboard but only for students who are already expert snowboarders (able to board on black runs with confidence).

We will be staying in the Hotel Olympic which is located in the town centre overlooking the beautiful slopes of the Vialattea area and just a short walk from the ski lifts. The trip is designed to include a maximum amount of time on the slope with 30 hours of ski lessons as well as a programme of evening activities.

Hotel link:

<http://www.hotelolimpicsestriere.com/>

The total cost of the trip will include:

- Return executive coach travel from Abingdon to Sestriere.
- 6 nights full board accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner included.
- Return cross channel ferries.
- 6 day lift pass.
- 6 day equipment hire (including helmet) with breakage insurance.

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- Winter sports, travel and medical insurance.
- 6 x 5 hours per day of ski or snowboard lessons.

The only additional extras will be:

- The cost of personal skiing equipment (gloves, salopettes, jacket etc).
- Food whilst travelling and snacks.

The evening activity program will include the following activities in the price of the trip:

- Outdoor heated swimming pool trip.
- Snow tubing.
- Pizza restaurant meal.
- Sestriere disco.

The provisional cost of this trip is £1400 however this depends on the final number of students attending. Should the cost increase to more than £1450 you would have the opportunity to withdraw. This cost will be collected on the school bill with £500 being taken at the end of the Lent term 2019, £500 at the end of the Summer term 2019 and the remainder (expected to be £400) on the Christmas bill 2019.

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 your son to attend and for the cost to be collected on the school bill in the instalments outlined above.

Consent form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM0Ez-cTVTSUhD5BqHlbfvohJiBbYIPepKZluB4luv41fWOg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please note that by completing the consent form (providing the trip proceeds) you are committing to the total cost of this trip. 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. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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