



ABINGDON

From Head of Physics and Electronics: Ben Simmons

23 April 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**2022 Ski Trip to Les Deux Alpes
Friday 18 - Saturday 26 February 2022 (Half Term)**

I am writing to invite your child to participate in the 2022 ski trip to Les Deux Alpes, which is the second oldest ski resort in Europe after Chamonix with 220km of runs and has the largest skiable glacier in Europe meaning the snow conditions are guaranteed. This trip is open to any students who are **currently** in the Middle School. We will travel to Les Deux Alpes by coach departing around 4pm on Friday 18 February and arriving back during the afternoon of Saturday 26 February. Boarders would need to make arrangements to stay with their guardians on the Saturday night.

This will be the second time in recent years that the ski trip has been to Les Deux Alpes. The resort has a great variety of skiing for beginners and advanced skiers alike with easy slopes extending right to the top of the mountain. The resort is a purpose built ski resort with the skiing on the doorstep and the hotel is a 1 minute walk from the ski school meeting point and the main gondola lift. Students may sign up who are any level of skier. Snowboarders must be advanced and we can only put on a snowboard group if we have a minimum of 8 people wanting to do it of this level.

We will be staying in the Hotel Atmosphere which is located right in the town centre. The trip is designed to include a maximum amount of time on the slope with 6 hours of ski lessons per day which is more than a standard school trip booking.

Hotel link:

<https://www.atmosphere-hotel.com/en/>

The total cost of the trip will include:

- Return executive coach travel from Abingdon to Les Deux Alpes.
- 6 nights of 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.
- Winter sports, travel and medical insurance.
- 6 x 6 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.

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- Dinner on two of the nights at a restaurant in the town.

The trip is being booked through Halsbury ski which provides a COVID guarantee which is summarised below. The full version of the guarantee can be read on their website here:

<https://www.halsbury.com/ski/guide/viewguide/?guidename=Halsbury%20Ski%27s%20Covid%20Guarantee>

A full refund will be available if the teacher in charge of the trip cancels the trip within 30 days before departure due to one of the reasons listed below. This only applies to a full group cancellation, individuals deciding not to travel or not being able to travel (for example due to self isolation) would not be eligible for any refund either through the company or through the school insurance. This is therefore a risk you as the parents would take or insure against.

- FCDO advise against travel to your destination or against travelling through a country to reach your destination.
- Department for Education advises against overnight residential in your destination.
- Quarantine upon arriving in your destination or quarantine upon arriving home from your destination.
- Local/regional or national lockdown that restricts the group's departure.
- Social Distancing or local rules that affects the primary reason for your tour. For example sports facilities closed, ski lifts closed or concert venue closed.

The cost of this trip is anticipated to be £1575 but the final cost depends on the number of students signing up. Should the cost increase to more than this you would have the opportunity to withdraw. This cost will be collected on the school bill with £750 being taken at the end of the Summer term 2021 and the remainder being taken on the bill at the end of Michaelmas 2021. We realise that this is more expensive than previous ski trips we have run due to the current situation and the refund guarantee.

If you would like to reserve a place for your child on this trip please complete the link to the google form giving permission for your child to attend and for the cost to be collected on the school bill in the instalments outlined above.

Consent form link:

<https://forms.gle/jbN72taZaMj7cBra8>

Linked below is the more detailed parental booklet that was sent out just before the trip this year to give a flavour of the expected itinerary.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MGGWEhbQhJu-3xQL1D3RUiuRbdSTHkL3/view?usp=sharing>

Skiing is an assumed risk activity. Whilst safeguards are put in place to limit the risk such as ensuring that the equipment used is of good quality and only allowing students to ski with qualified instructors it is impossible to remove all risk from an activity like this. By signing your child up for the trip you acknowledge that this is the case.

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. In the event that the trip has to be cancelled and the School is not able to recover costs from either insurers or other third parties, the School will unfortunately not be able to refund the cost of the trip.

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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