

Our ref FEC/CRT

19th September 2018

Dear Parents

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**Re: Ski/Snowboard Course to Pila, Italy
Saturday 28th December 2019 – Sunday 5th January 2020**

The next school ski trip is being organised for December 2019/January 2020, departing school on Saturday 28th December 2019 and returning on Sunday 5th January 2020, for beginners, intermediates and advanced skiers **in current year groups 7, 8, 9, 10, and year 11 (if your son/daughter's intention is to go into Devizes School 6th form).**

Pila is an excellent resort with a good snow record and a wide variety of slopes for all abilities. It is a resort we have used several times in conjunction with the travel company Interski, who have provided us with a first-class service over the years. We will be staying at the Hotel Dujany, which we have used in the past. The travel company does not anticipate at this stage that there will be any change in requirements due to Brexit, eg with EHCs, and has assured us that the total cost will not change. All students will need to travel on their own full passport, however please ensure on the date of travel at least 6 months is left on their passports prior to the expiry date, as a precaution.

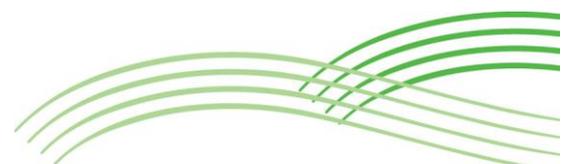
The total cost for trip will be £945.00, payable by instalments over the next 12 months as outlined below. (Please note smaller interim payments are permissible, as long as the total amount due for each instalment is completed on time.) Payments should be made via ParentPay, details of which are available from school if you are not already on the system. **All money paid is non-refundable unless covered by insurance, i.e. medical reasons etc. Refunds cannot be made for any other reason. In addition, if it is decided that your son/daughter's attendance is deemed unacceptable by the school or that his/her behaviour would adversely affect the trip in any way, then all monies paid would also be forfeited. No refunds are available from the insurance company, travel company or school in this respect.**

Deposit:	£100.00 by 15th October 2018
First Instalment:	£150.00 by 25th November 2018
Second Instalment:	£150.00 by 25th January 2019
Third Instalment:	£150.00 by 25th March 2019
Fourth Instalment:	£150.00 by 25th May 2019
Fifth Instalment:	£150.00 by 20th July 2019
Final Payment:	£95.00 by 30th September 2019

The cost of the trip includes the following:

- Coach travel, hire of ski boots and skis, 4 hours of ski lessons daily, lift passes, insurance, ski tests and certificates, a varied programme of après ski activities
- Ski fit sessions at school prior to departure
- 6 nights' full board hotel accommodation - half board basis at the hotel Dujany, plus supervised meals on the mountain
- Ski trip fleece

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Please note that hire of ski clothing and helmets is not included in the above prices. Snowboard hire/tuition will be an additional £10.00.

The ski trip is a superb opportunity for students of all ages to experience learning a new and demanding sport in the spectacular setting of the Aosta Valley, as well as participating in a full evening programme of activities and being away from home for a week. There will be a parents' evening in October 2019 to relay all detailed information and to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like your son/daughter to go on the ski trip, please complete the application form and return it to the Finance Office with a non-refundable £100.00 deposit paid by ParentPay. All applications must be returned by **Monday 15th October 2018**; earlier if you prefer. The final decision as to who will be able to go on the trip will be made by me in conjunction with the other staff members going and your son/daughter's tutor and RAL. Skiing is a strenuous sport and is not for the faint-hearted. It can be tough both mentally and physically and the school reserves the right to refuse to take students who it thinks may not be suitable in terms of fitness, attitude, behaviour or attendance. In case of over-subscription a ballot will be drawn. You will receive a letter confirming whether your son/daughter has been successful in gaining a place on the trip by the end of October 2018. If, for any reason, your son/daughter is not successful in securing a place the £100.00 deposit will, of course, be returned to you.

If you require any additional information in order to make a decision as to whether this trip is right for your son/daughter, please email me on fcaldwell@devizes.wilts.sch.uk . I can reply by email or get back to you by phone outside of lesson times.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F Caldwell
Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Coordinator