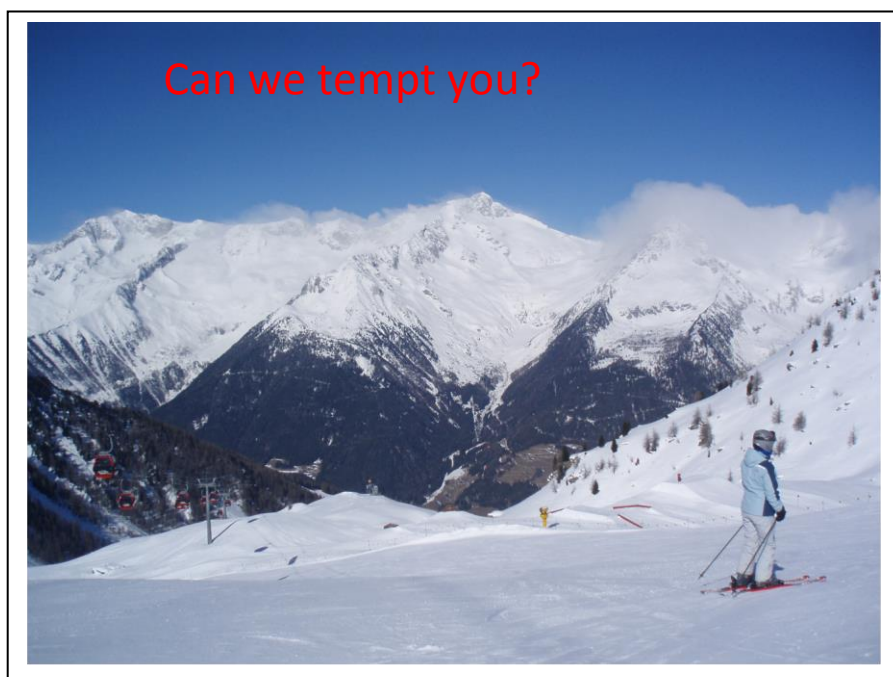


Ski Trip 2017



Following a tradition of successful and enjoyable trips in recent years, the school is planning a ski course for 2017, travelling by coach to Italy/South Tyrol during February half term and to include six full days skiing plus a full programme of evening entertainments. The area itself has an Austrian feel.

The tour will be suitable for students of all ages and abilities ranging from the complete beginner to the more advanced skier. The course also provides students an excellent opportunity to try out language skills while spending time in a residential setting away from home, along with their friends.

The price £989.00 which includes:

- Return travel by executive ski coach (with seat belts) to resort via ferry.
- 6 nights full board accommodation including a hot meal at lunch time.
- 4 hours of supervised ski tuition per day from the local Ski School.
- Resort lift pass (usually around £200 +)
- Hire of Skis, helmets, Ski-boots and poles with damage cover (For those who have been before helmets are now included in this price and are compulsory)
- Fully Comprehensive travel insurance cover

- Snow guarantee insurance
- There will be a full programme of evening activities including such activities as bowling, ice-skating, and swimming. (The exact activities will be confirmed nearer the date)
- A visit to the local town for some shopping or sight seeing.



The Ski Trip Provides our students with the opportunity to learn a completely new skill, in a new environment and in a different culture.

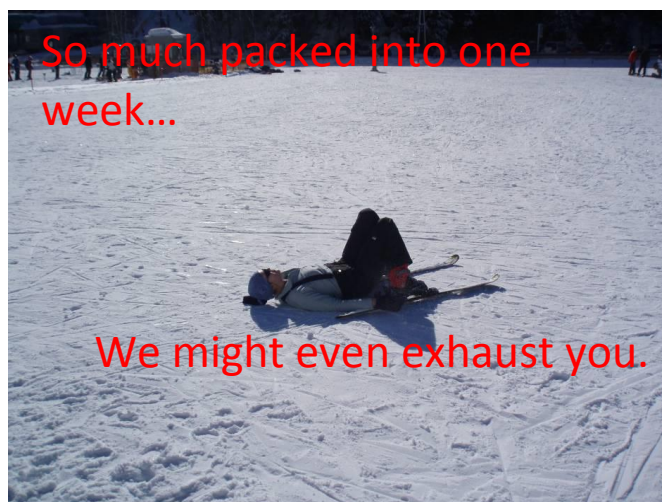
- Learning and improving a new skill, practiced regularly over a sustained period. Students get 4 hours of expert tuition per day for 6 days. Unlike many other schools today we ask the Ski School if our staff can assist with the ski classes. This has two main advantages to the students. Firstly, students feel happier when a member of staff that they know is with them to help with any skills, drills or any problems that occur and secondly, there is somebody else to help pick up the inevitable fallers which saves a remarkable amount of time, enabling the ski instructor to spend more time teaching.
- Open to all. Success relies on acquiring the correct technique rather than physical strength and can be very rewarding to learn. It is not unusual for young people who have shown little aptitude for traditional PE in school, to develop an enthusiasm for skiing by taking part in one of our school ski trips.
- Skiing ability is used as part of a PE GCSE. If there is any student either taking PE or even potentially taking PE then a video is made of them skiing the course practical requirements and their performance marked by the PE department and the ski class teacher.



- Personal and social development in a residential setting, experience of unfamiliar surroundings. For many of the students this is the first time they will have been abroad / stayed in a hotel without their parents. We run the trip with an emphasis on us all being part of an organised team with everyone expected to take responsibility for its smooth

running. In our experience the students have been a credit to the school and have been widely praised by both hotel and ski school staff and the coach drivers. As such we have often gone back to the same hotels and resorts.

- Cultural and linguistic benefits of travelling to a foreign country
- Opportunity to get involved in a healthy physical outdoor activity.



If you wish to book a place for your child, please return the attached slip as soon as possible together with a deposit of £85.00 by the 23rd March in order that we may secure our booking.

Please note that the initial deposit is only refundable if the booking is not confirmed. Second deposits of £85 become due on confirmation by us that your child has a place on the trip and are thereafter non-refundable as this is paid to the Ski Company to secure the place. All payments should be made at the Main School Office.

As this trip is taking place during the school holidays and is not a curriculum based trip, we do reserve the right to withdraw any student from the trip who does not comply with school rules in the coming months. When taking students abroad, the safety and well being of all on the trip is paramount. We therefore need to be absolutely certain that students will show respect at all times, demonstrate exemplary behaviour and a positive attitude. If your child secures a place and is consequently withdrawn for bad behaviour, the 1st and 2nd deposits will be non-refundable. Any other monies can only be refunded if another student is found to take their place.

On a general note, we have experienced difficulty communicating with parents in previous years due to the unreliability of "student mail". It is our intention to communicate all information regarding this trip via email. Could you please ensure that you supply us with an up to date email address on the slip below.

I look forward to another successful trip in 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Shaw
Ski Trip Leader

Ski Trip to Italy/South Tyrol 2017

I would like to reserve a place for

Pupil name: _____ Form: _____

on the proposed ski trip to Italy/South Tyrol in 2017. I enclose a deposit of £85 which I understand is refundable if the trip is not confirmed. On confirmation of the booking deposits are non-refundable.

Signed: _____ Parent/Guardian

Date: _____ E Mail Address _____