

27th April 2018

Ski Trip 2019

Dear Skier / Parent / Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that following the success of Rye Hills ski trip this year, we shall be running another ski trip during the Easter Holidays of 2019. We have provisionally booked 42 places for students who will be in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 at that time (current Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 are eligible – current year 10 students may be allowed to attend following a satisfactory review of current and forecast grades, attitude to learning, and assessment requirements for all GCSE subjects). Places will be secured with a non-refundable deposit.

Provisional details are as follows:

The trip will be to a 'guaranteed snow' resort in either Austria or Italy and will run for one week of the Easter Holidays of 2019 (provisional dates; Friday 5th April to Saturday 13th April). This ski trip is organized through PGL Travel Ltd. The ski package has been carefully selected to combine value for money, doorstep skiing, a great snow record and an excellent ski lift system with a company that Rye Hills, and many other UK schools, have used with great success.

Pupils will receive 6 full days of ski instruction (4 hours of skiing per day). The PGL representative will organize a different evening entertainment each day which will be decided nearer the time. Activities may include ice-skating, bowling, swimming, disco and our own 'in-house' entertainments at the hotel.

The cost of the trip is £819 per student. For your convenience there will be a payment plan put in place, where smaller amounts will be required at relevant dates until the payment deadline at the beginning of January 2019 (see below).

Please note: If you withdraw your child from the trip or they are unable to attend, we will not be able to refund any money. This is due to the fact that once payment is made to the Ski Company they will not refund any money to the school. The exception to this is withdrawal for medical reasons, in which case an insurance company will be involved and refunds may take time.

Any pupil attending must hold a full UK / EU passport (valid for 6 months after the trip date).

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN YOUR SKI TOUR COST

- 6 day skiing in resort, including ski, boot and pole hire.
- 6 day lift pass.
- 6 days of ski instruction - 4 hours per day (24 hours in total).
- Accommodation (incl. any local taxes)
- Full board meal arrangements.
- Return coach travel from the school.
- Daily transportation as specified to the ski slopes (where needed).
- Services of a PGL Ski Area representative.
- Full winter sports insurance, including ski breakage insurance.
- 24-hour PGL helpline while you are away.
- Safety helmet hire

If you are interested, then please complete the attached consent form and return it to Mr Marshall. Deadline for return of consent forms is **Monday 14th May**. Returning the consent form indicates an intention for your child to attend the ski trip and that you will pay £819 by the deposit and instalment schedule laid out below. Please do not take this decision lightly, ensure your child is fully committed to taking part and that you are able to make all payments on time. Please realise there will be additional costs for ski clothing, which parents purchase themselves following guidance, and spending money.

Please note: Failure to pay each instalment by the indicated date (see below) may mean removal from the trip. Any monies paid by that point cannot be refunded.

The ski trip will only take place if an adequate number of students sign up.

We reserve the right to remove your son / daughter from the trip at any time if given good reason to do so. An example of reasons for removal from the trip are extremely poor behaviour or attitude suggesting students cannot be trusted to follow staff instructions, which may place the student and others at risk in a foreign country. Final decisions on which students attend will be made through discussions between Mr Marshall, Pastoral leads and the Senior Management Team.

Meetings will be arranged for students and parents, with the ski trip staff, to discuss all aspects of the trip at a later date.

If you have any queries regarding the ski trip please do not hesitate to contact me on either the telephone number or email address below.

Telephone number – 01642 484269

Email – d.marshall@ryehills.rac.sch.uk

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Mr David Marshall

Head of Maths
Ski Party Leader

SKI TRIP 2019 REPLY SLIP

Name of pupil _____

Form _____

Once notified that my child has been allocated a place I confirm I will make payments of the non-refundable deposit of **£189** to secure a place on the 2019 Ski Trip (to be paid within one week of notification), followed by **7 instalments of £90** on the following dates;

1 July 2018,
1 August 2018,
1 September 2018,
1 October 2018,
1 November 2018,
1 December 2018,
1 January 2019.

ParentPay for Ski Trip 2019 will go live once all places have been allocated.

Name of parent/guardian _____

Signed (parent / guardian) _____

Email address: _____

Please send your completed reply slip to Mr Marshall **by Monday 14th May 2018.**