



Handsworth Grammar School

Headmaster: Dr SN Bird BA (Hons), DipEd, MA (Oxon), EdD (Warwick) NPQH, FRGS, FRSA

July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski /Snowboarding Course Saturday 9th - Saturday 16th December 2017

We are keen to provide opportunities for our pupils to experience education outside school. A Ski Course develops physical knowledge and skills, environmental awareness, language skills, health and fitness as well as an opportunity to set and achieve personal goals in addition to personal and social development.

We are organising a Ski Course for the next academic year. A report of last year's trip is available for perusal on the school website. We will travel to a resort well-suited to beginners and intermediates alike; past locations have included Aprica and Pila in Italy, and Zell and See in Austria.

The cost to each pupil is £775 for skiing and £810 for snowboarding. This is based on forty pupils; the cost may increase if our numbers dip below forty. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Unless the course is self-funded, it cannot take place; the cost must be met by all parents in full. Payment will be organised in stages, with a deposit of £450 required as soon as possible to secure your child's place. There will be a further payment of £325/£360 due during September, 2017. Please note that as this Course takes place during GCSE mock exams, Year 11s will not be permitted to attend.

The cost includes transport (by coach), accommodation, meals, an evening entertainment programme (such as bowling and a pizza night, depending upon the resort), insurance, lift pass, five hours of ski-school lessons for each of the five days, hire of skis, poles, helmets and boots. There are also other costs which should be borne in mind. Firstly, your son will need suitable ski clothing: a ski jacket and trousers, goggles, sun-glasses, hat and gloves. These can be bought relatively cheaply at numerous discount stores, or the jacket and trousers can be hired, again at a reasonable cost. Secondly, if your child is a beginner, he/she will need practice lessons at a place such as Tamworth Snowdome so that he/she learns the basics before taking to the snow slopes; we will organise these at a cost of about £45. Thirdly, your child will need a little spending money; we recommend between 50 and 80 euros, but no more than this. You will also have to ensure that your child has a valid passport (and any visa your child may need if he/she is not a British Passport holder). More information will be available during an Information Evening, which we will hold in Big School at 6.30pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017.

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting opportunity, please pay via Schoolcomms/Gateway. Information about this is available from the School website.

Please note that deposit payments are non-refundable, as our tour operator will need to begin processing payments to make the necessary reservations.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Bird
Ski Course Leader

Mr C Conway
Assistant Headteacher, Educational Visits Coordinator

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Please return this slip directly to Mr Bird (Geography teacher, R8)

Child's name: _____

Form: _____

I wish for my child to take part in the December 2017 Snowboarding/Ski Course and confirm I have paid a deposit of £200 via Schoolcomms/Gateway.

My child will be (please tick one option):

Skiing (£775):

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Snowboarding (£810):

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I acknowledge that deposit payments made are non-refundable.

Parent/Carer name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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