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22nd March 2022

RGS SKI TRIP 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am delighted to confirm that the RGS Ski Trip will be running again next year. The trip will take place from **Saturday 11th February to Saturday 18th February 2023**. The trip will be open to all students within the current lower school (years 7, 8 & 9), with the number of final places to be decided by level of interest.

We will travel to Val di Fiemme, Italy with the company IBT Travel who are School Travel Forum (STF) assured and have an AIT assured license to ensure secure payment.

Val di Fiemme is a fantastic resort with an extremely good snow record and a wide range of slopes for all levels, including first-time skiers. It is a superb resort for après-ski for schools with swimming, an ice cream parlour, pizza nights and snow tubing all readily available. The hotel that we will be staying in will be confirmed in the summer, but a request for sole-occupancy and close proximity to evening entertainments has been submitted.

The trip cost will be **£1180** per student and will be fully inclusive of the following:

- Return executive coach travel from school to the resort.
- 5 nights full board accommodation (hot lunch voucher for use on the mountain so students will not be required to carry a packed lunch)
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance through North Yorkshire County Council
- Resort lift pass for 5 days
- 5 x 5 hours ski lessons with qualified instructors.
- Hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets for 5 days.
- Services of IBT Representative.
- Evening entertainment programme.

Additional costs that could be incurred is the hire / purchase of ski clothing and a small amount of spending money.

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A deposit of **£150** is required to be paid by **Friday 8th April**, please note that if the student subsequently drops out after being accepted on to the trip this is **non-refundable**. To help spread the cost the second installment of £200 will be due by Friday 3rd May, the third instalment of £200 will be due Wednesday 7th September and the final balance of £630 due by Friday 4th November 2022.

Please note that the deposit will not guarantee your son/daughter a place on the trip. The level of interest will determine the type of coach provided and therefore numbers cannot be finalised until after the deposit deadline. 'Names out of a hat' will be the method used if there is any over subscription for places. Full deposits are refundable should your child not be offered a place. Please make the deposit and all subsequent payments via ParentPay.

Covid-19 Information

For 2023 trips IBT have created a 'Book with Confidence' Financial Guarantee to give schools and students that extra peace of mind when booking. We are covered for a full refund of all active participants, if in the 14 days before departure the following conditions arise:

- The Department of Education advise against overnight trips to your destination
- The FCDO advise against all but essential travel to your destination
- Quarantine is required in your intended destination on arrival or on return to UK
- Your group are affected by local or national lockdown
- Where UK government lockdown measure prevent your tour departing as scheduled.
- Where government or local legislation is in place that impacts and inhibits the primary reason for your travel.

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Entry to Italy and vaccination status

As it stands, anyone from the following category qualifies for the Supergreen Pass (this is what's needed to access lifts)

Triple vaccinated - no test required

Double vaccinated – no test required

Proof of recovery – Italy treats proof of recovery as double vaccinated. For anyone that has had covid in the past 6 months.

For all of the above they will need to obtain the Covid travel pass through the NHS app. (either digital or hard copy)

Anyone with 1 vaccine or 0 can enter Italy with a lateral flow test **but they can't currently access the ski lifts**. It is likely that travel in the future, whether it be for a family holiday abroad or an educational trip, will involve some form of vaccination status or testing requirement. Anyone that cannot meet the entry requirements of a country will not be able to travel and cancellations, as per IBT's and the school booking terms cannot be refunded.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me by email on milnera@ripongrammar.com

Yours sincerely

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