



27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Proposed Ski Trip to Aosta – Italian Alps February Half-Term 2021**

After the successful trip to Italy in February 2019 we are organising another trip for 2021. We are proposing to go during half term. The trip will be open to students who are presently in Years 7, 8 and 9.

We are using the same resort and hotel as the 2013 - 2019 trips as both of these worked very well. The resort is Aosta/Pila near to the Mont Blanc Tunnel. Aosta is an historic Italian town linked by an efficient gondola to the ski area of Pila (see [www.interski.co.uk](http://www.interski.co.uk) for more details). There are 70km of perfectly maintained piste at Pila with the altitude range of 1800m-2815m.

We will be travelling by luxury coach with reclining seats, seat belts, DVD, toilet, washroom, air-conditioning and on board drinks. Accommodation is in a 3 star hotel (The Chateau) with bedrooms for 2 or 3 students. All rooms have private facilities, hairdryers, telephone and TV. The hotel has a large TV room and it provides fantastic meals and is easily accessible from Aosta by a 20 minute coach journey.

We will be travelling with Interski who are an outstanding ski company and provide total qualified ski provision and all evening activities as part of the price.

We will be offering two prices for the 2021 trip, one that includes three two hour ski lessons, equipment hire and transport to Xscape in Castleford. We would strongly recommend that total beginners take this option as they will be able to get up the mountain and really enjoy their skiing much quicker. The second price will be purely for the trip itself. We would recommend this only to those students who are already competent skiers. Even then we would recommend that parent/carers take these students for a “revision” session prior to the trip.

As a school we recognise that this is a large amount of money and have subsequently tried to spread payments over the largest time scale possible. A payment schedule will be sent out once initial deposits are taken. The early payment of deposits by 4/11/19, reduces the basic cost of the trip. However, as yet we cannot fix a transport/lesson cost due to not knowing final numbers. The approximate cost given should however, be quite accurate and there should be no major increase.

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Option 1 (including Xscape)            total cost: £1140

Option 2 (No Xscape visits)            total cost: £1020

The cost of the trip includes:-

1. Return coach transport from the school. Cross channel ferry fares and a meal on the return journey.
2. Full board accommodation for 6 days.
3. Hire of skis/sticks and boots.
4. 6 full days skiing including expert ski lessons all day.
5. Comprehensive insurance covering medical expenses, cancellation due to illness, baggage and personal effects.
6. 6-day lift pass.
7. Local taxes, service charges and foreign VAT at current rates.
8. Evening activities.
9. Total financial protection (ABTA member V6114) and ATOL holder.

Spending money – it is difficult to say how much students should take with them. We will visit a big supermarket near the gondola lift twice to buy provisions, there is a small shop near the hotel where students will be taken if necessary and there are numerous cafés on the mountain. There is, however, no need to spend money at any of these places and students should certainly not bring in excess of £100.

Cancellation – if for any reason, it is necessary for anyone to withdraw from the visit, every effort will be made to fill his/her place. Illness is covered under the terms of the insurance policy, in which case, all payments made are recoverable subject to appropriate medical evidence (less insurance premium). Cancellation due to any other reason will unfortunately result in forfeiture of the cost of the visit.

Clothing for skiing – it is not essential to buy much special gear for skiing, but everyone will need warm (it was minus 20 on some days in 2013!!) waterproof jackets and trousers, gloves or mittens, a woollen hat, 2 pairs (at least) of woollen socks to wear with ski boots and sunglasses and goggles. They may bring sleeping bags for the coach journey. It is possible to hire all the equipment which has the advantage of reducing luggage and replacement in resort in the event of loss or damage.

Many students have hired ski-suits or salopettes and helmets in previous years and information regarding this will be available later in the year. The company (Snow Co) were excellent last time. The school will organise a meeting nearer the date so that they can explain their services. It is important, however, that adequate warm clothing is taken for skiing as Pila is a high level resort (1800m-2815m).



Extras – the only extras over the cost of the ski course are:

1. Spending money
2. Ski suit or salopette hire.

Behaviour on the trip – over the past years the behaviour of students on our school trips has been a credit to the school. However, the irresponsible behaviour of some school parties in foreign resorts has led the ski company to make the following conditions for accepting a booking for a ski course:-

1. That members of the party are of good behaviour at all times. (There is a cash prize for the best school travelling with them, which would go towards the next ski trip).
2. That no member of the party is allowed to consume alcoholic beverages.
3. That no member of the party smokes in the hotel bedrooms or causes a fire hazard. We are unable to take students who cannot adhere to a total no-smoking policy.

The school is, therefore, unable to accept a booking from any student who feels unable to abide by these conditions.

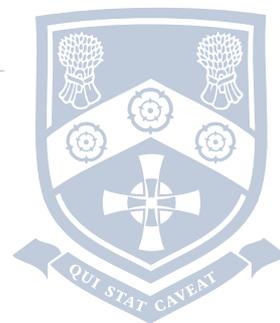
It is important to mention at this point, that any student incurring internal or external periods of exclusion between now and the date of departure will have their place on the trip reviewed and may be removed from the trip risking losing any money already invested unless their place can be filled.

If you would like your child to go on this ski trip, please complete the consent form overleaf and return it with a first deposit of £100 (this needs to be paid via the ParentPay link on the website) as soon as possible and no later than 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019. You will need a valid passport for your son/daughter and a European medical card. The reminding payments will be spread out but the final payment will be due 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Finally, this trip is being offered with the full support of the Principal. If you would like any further information about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Denham & Miss Rafton  
Trip Leaders



To: Mrs Denham & Miss Rafton, Barlby High School.

**Proposed Ski Course to the Italian Alps**  
**February Half-Term 2021**

I have read the information concerning this ski course and wish my child to be considered for a place on it.

I agree to pay the instalments by the dates given in the information and understand that I am liable for any costs, which may be involved through cancellation of my son/daughter's participation other than for:-

1. Purely medical reasons (supported by a medical certificate).
2. My being made redundant from work.
3. Total cancellation of the ski trip by the school.

My son/daughter agrees to abide by the conditions of behaviour set out in the information.

I consent to my son's/daughter's name being included on the collective passport (where chosen as an option), and to him/her receiving such medical treatment as the part leader considers necessary during the course.

Signed ..... Parent/Carer. Date .....

Students First Name .....

Surname ..... Form .....

Date of Birth ..... Place of Birth .....

Address .....

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..... Post Code .....

Telephone .....

E-mail .....



Please give details of any special dietary requirements/medical problems below (a full medical form will be issued nearer to the trip departing).

**Please select:**

**Tick**

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Payments should be made Via ParentPay or if required a bar code letter to pay via PayPoint. Cheques and cash will not be accepted in school.

Bar code letter required please