

6 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Ski Trip

I am writing to invite you in to attend a meeting regarding January's Ski Trip to the Aosta Valley in Italy.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 September at 18:00 in TE5. It is essential that all students and parent/carers attend as we will be going through a more detailed itinerary as well as discussing and finalizing plans.

I am very aware that Ski wear can be very expensive and paying out such large amounts for items that may never be worn again (young people grow fast!) doesn't seem sensible. I have therefore arranged for a representative from Interski to attend the meeting and he will talk you through the hire options and the process of hiring clothes for those who wish to do so.

I have attached overleaf a form with some details that we need to take from you to ensure your child's skis, boots and lessons are organized promptly. If you could fill this in and bring it to the information evening that would be appreciated. I will bring paper copies with me on the evening for anyone who needs it.

Can I also ask for a photocopy of your child's passport to be sent in to me as I will need to send this off to Interski. You are welcome to bring the passport on the evening and I will make a copy then and there. Please do double check to ensure that the passport does not expire before or during our trip as although skiing will be amazing, I do not plan on letting anyone stay in Aosta!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01494 529866 or via email (shawp@highcrestacademy.org.uk)

Yours faithfully

Mr P Shaw

Assistant Headteacher/Trip Leader

Ski Trip January 2020 Student Information

Name..... Tutor Group.....

Height (cm).....

Weight (kg).....

UK shoe size.....

Parental consent for photos (Y/N).....

Ski or snowboard (students can do 1 or the other).....

Ski/Snowboard ability level (see below).....

SKI ABILITY LEVELS

1. Never put on a pair of skis or only a taster lessons
2. Confident to ski nursery slopes, using snow plough. Very limited experience
3. Confident to ski easy blue runs with a mixture of ploughing and parallels but anxious on steep or icy sections
4. Confident to ski parallel on all blues at a reasonable speed and happy to ski reds, but anxious and has to pick route carefully when slope becomes steep or icy. Stuck on 'intermediate' plateau.
5. Confident to ski parallel at a steady pace on all reds and easy blacks, but anxious on bumps or off piste. Would now like to tackle more demanding slopes
6. Confident to ski parallel at high speeds on reds and confidently tackle bumps on and off piste.

SNOWBOARD ABILITY LEVELS

1. Never put on a snowboard or only as taster lesson as a dry slope
2. Heel and toe side slipping. 1 to 2 hour session on dry or artificial snow slope
3. Diagonal heel and toe side slipping. Controlled left to right movement (falling leaf)
4. Basic turn on either heel or toe. Starting to link turns together on easy terrain
5. Confident basic turns on both heel and toe
6. Beginning or accomplished carve turns and higher end riding

