

7 November 2017

Dear Parents

Y8 Ski trip to Pila in Italy: 26 January- 2 February 2019

Once again we will be running a Ski Trip to Pila in Italy. It is a resort in the Alps just below the highest mountain in Europe, Mont Blanc. The trip is available for those students who are **currently in Year 7**. We have provisionally booked our party into the hotel 'The Lodge', which is a traditional family run hotel.

I would like to emphasise that this is an active trip, and it will be physically challenging. Fitness and a determination to learn a new skill are essential.

The all-inclusive cost is **£870** and a deposit of **£75** is required by **24 November 2017** to secure a place. It will be a first come first served basis. The school does, however, reserve the right to refuse places to pupils whose work is not up to date, whose behaviour gives cause for concern or who have a poor attendance record.

The cost of the trip includes:

- An executive coach, which picks us up from school and drives us to the resort.
- 1 night's accommodation in France travelling down to Italy.
- 6 nights full board accommodation at the Hotel with lunch taken in a Mountain restaurant.
- 5 days ski pass and 5 hours ski instruction each day. All skiing will be done with the supervision of qualified ski instructors.
- Hire of skis, boots, and sticks.
- Apres-ski activities, which could include a pizza evening, swimming, disco and a presentation evening where badges and certificates are given out.
- Insurance: medical facilities are good if needed and are provided without delay on the group insurance.

Extra costs are likely to include:

- Pocket money: most pupils take about 60-100 Euros.
- Pupils will need to have about 70 Euros available at all times in case they need an x-ray at the medical centre. Most pupils will return with this money. The exact amount cannot be confirmed until the 2018-2019 ski season begins.
- Hire of helmets at approximately £10 (which are compulsory for all under 14's in Italy) or the cost of buying one.
- Cost of individual passport if your son/daughter does not have one.
- Hire or buying ski accessories, such as clothing and goggles.



Payment

- The first **non-returnable** deposit of **£75** is required by **24 November 2017**. I am aware that this might seem a very early initial deposit but the company we travel with is extremely popular, so it is essential to book early to secure a place. This will also give you approximately 12 months in which to pay the remaining balance. Further information about the company can be found on www.interski.co.uk
- The final balance is required 12 weeks before departure, but payments can obviously be made throughout the year.

Please return the slip below to the school office with the initial £75 deposit if you would like your son/daughter to go the QEGS 2019 Ski Trip. Please make cheques payable to QEGS, Alford or pay via ParentPay.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Lindsay
Ski trip leader

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford – A Selective Academy

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I would like my son/daughter in form **to** participate in the QEGS ski trip 2019 to Pila Italy and enclose the **non-returnable** deposit of £75 by ParentPay Cheque (made payable to QEGS, Alford) or Cash (please tick as necessary).

Signed
Parent

