



West Hatch High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Sestriere, Italy Ski Trip – Easter 2020

I am delighted to announce that the School is planning a Ski trip to Italy at Easter next year, and we would like to invite your son/daughter to join the tour with us. The school ski trip is an exciting opportunity for students to experience a new sport, as well as a new culture, form friendships and create fantastic memories, which we hope they will look back on fondly for many years to come.

There are only 50 places available for this trip and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis for pupils who are currently in year 7, 8 and 9 (year 8, 9 and 10 at time of travel). Unfortunately those pupils who have been on Red report or PSP this year will not be able to attend.

Here are the key details about the planned trip:

- Departs on Saturday 4th April 2020
- Returns on Saturday 11th April 2020

The trip will include:

- Return Coach Travel from West Hatch High School to Sestriere, Italy. We will be using the Eurotunnel for our channel crossing.
- Five nights' accommodation at the Hotel Duchi d'Aosta on a full board basis (breakfast, lunch and dinner) in the centre of the ski resort very close to the slopes.
- Five hours per day of ski lessons.
- Five days of ski, boot, pole and helmet hire along with lift passes for the duration of the trip.
- Après ski programme including Chocolate Fondue night, Quiz night, Ice Skating and Snow tubing.
- Winter sports medical insurance is also included

Please note your child must have a valid Passport (at least 6 months remaining on the Passport from the date of arrival) and an EHIC card that is in date at the time of travel.

The trip involves 2 lengthy transfers by coach and although meals for the rest of the stay are included, any food needed for the duration of the journeys will have to be provided or bought. As such, it is recommended that you factor in food for the outbound journey and money to purchase food on the return journey. The rest of the time spent on the trip will not require excessive funds (lunch is already included), but students may wish to buy drinks, snacks or souvenirs. The amount you provide for this up to you but as a guide we generally say around 15 Euros (max) per day of skiing.





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Mrs Jenkins and I will be attending the trip with other members of staff being confirmed once we have finalised the trip numbers. Students can expect to have high quality tuition whether they are advanced skiers or absolute beginners and a member of our staff will be with each group to share the experience with them.

The price for the trip has been finalised at **£900** and in order to spread the cost and meet the payment deadlines set by our tour provider, we have devised the following payment schedule:

- **£225 - Non-refundable deposit due no later than 10.05.19**
- **£225 - Non-refundable interim payment due no later than 31.07.19**
- **£225 - Non-refundable interim payment due no later than 27.09.19**
- **£225 - Non-refundable Final payment due no later than 06.12.19**

Please note that the dates we have put forward for each of the payments are not suggested payment dates, they are deadlines for each instalment and not meeting the deadline may result in your place being revoked. As with any of these dates, you can of course pay earlier than suggested, or even in full if you so wish. Included in the price is a small contingency that will cover any increased costs associated with Brexit. Should all or some of this not be needed there may be a small refund returned to you on the students return.

In order to give you time to consider and to arrange funds, we will be **opening the trip on ParentPay at 7pm on Tuesday 7th May 2019**. Should you wish to book a place for your child, the non-refundable deposit is to be paid no later than **10th May 2019**. Please note that the total number of places is strictly limited to 50 and will be available on a first come first served basis and may sell out earlier than 10th May 2019. We envisage this being a popular trip and as such will have a reserve list which if unsuccessful in securing one of the 50 places you can request to be added to by e-mailing finance@westhatch.essex.sch.uk with the subject "ski trip reserve" any time after the trip has opened.

The trip is being booked through Halsbury ski who are a successful and reputable tour company. They work closely with us during the whole planning process and will be with us during the trip to ensure that your child will get the very best experience whilst away.

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff named above.

Yours faithfully

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