



March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip – Friday 15th to Saturday 23rd December 2017

We are running a Ski Trip to Alpe d'Huez, France, for our current year 7-10 students, following a very successful trip there last Christmas.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

- Leave school at midday on Friday 15th December 2017 by coach
- Return Dover/Calais ferry crossing
- Arrive in Alpe d'Huez around lunchtime on Saturday 16th December
- 5 hours of skiing tuition starting Sunday 17th – Friday 22nd December
- Arrive back at QEGS on Saturday 23rd 2017 no later than 3.30pm

The trip will be run in partnership with SkiBound who are a member of the TUI Group, the same company that QEGS have used for previous trips. Alpe d'Huez has been chosen as it is one of the top locations for school ski groups due to the size of the resort. The resort is easily accessible with an excellent lift system and has a wide array of runs that are suited to all levels of skiing. Also, the altitude and extensive snow-making facilities ensures Alpe d'Huez will offer a fantastic skiing experience at the time we are going.

All will be staying at Clubhotel Belle Aurore which is located in the heart of Alpe d'Huez, just 200m from the resort centre and opposite the main bucket lift which provides very easy access to the main skiing area. Clubhotel Belle Aurore is excellent for school groups as it can offer a range of on-site evening activities in the lounge area which includes TV/DVD player, Wii facilities, pool table and table football. There are also additional activities on offer away from the hotel such as ice-skating, swimming and high ropes.

The resort and hotel is now well known to QEGS staff and we hope to repeat the success of previous trips to Alpe d'Huez, where we have seen students learn a life-long skill and enjoy the exhilarating, social experience of skiing. If you wish to get a feel for the trip, you can still view our twitter feed from last year which featured daily updates (username @qegs_ski16).

There are 40 places on offer initially, however if the trip is oversubscribed and numbers are cost effective, we can extend the number of places. Last year we took 63 students and 8 members of staff. In the rare circumstance where we cannot staff the large numbers we receive, we will draw names at random for the places we have.

The cost of the trip is £880.00, which includes:

- Return coach travel to and from school on a fully equipped coach with air conditioning, heating and DVD facilities
- Return ferry crossing for the Dover/Calais route
- Full Medical and Travel Insurance Cover
- 6 nights full board accommodation at Clubhotel Belle Aurore

- The Hotel offers multi-bedded rooms. All rooms have en-suite facilities
- All hot meals provided
- Tea, coffee and juices at breakfast, water for lunch and dinner provided
- A selection of evening activities
- Personalised ski trip hoodie
- 6 day hire of skis, boots and poles
- 6 day helmet hire
- 6 x 5 hours ski tuition
- 6 day local lift pass
- Resort representative service
- Ski Breakage and Piste Closure Insurance.

You will need to provide:

- Suitable ski and après ski clothing, accessories and footwear (apart from the ski equipment and boots provided)
- Towel and toiletries
- Spending money

The slight increase on last year's price is due to inflation rates and the effect of Brexit on European travel. To secure a place, a £100.00 deposit will need to be paid via the ParentPay system* by **Wednesday 22nd March 2017** (this is non-refundable, unless the trip is not filled). The remaining 4 instalments are to be paid as follows:

22nd April 2017 - £200
 22nd May 2017 - £200
 22nd June 2017 - £200
 19th July 2017 - £180

Please note that payment of the deposit and instalments for this trip can only be accepted via ParentPay.

We appreciate that this is a high cost trip, however we also truly believe in the enriching experience this will provide for your child. QEGS does offer a range of opportunities for our students which is exciting but if you have queries about creating a payment plan to cope with the expenses of multiple trips then please get in touch with the trip leader who will liaise with the Finance Department.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on Senior@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk or Angris@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk. It is worth noting that parents will be invited into school at a later date for an information evening.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Senior Miss B Angris
Teacher of PE **Teacher of English**

**by clicking the "consent" button on ParentPay to confirm the payment of the deposit, you are confirming that you wish to reserve a place on this trip for your child.*

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