

February 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Ski/Snowboard Trip, Easter 2013**

Following the series of successful ski/snowboard trips over the past few years, I am planning to organise another in 2013.

I have made a provisional booking with Interski for the Hotel Valdotain, Aosta, Northern Italy. The ski area that we will be using is Pila which has a mixture of wide open pistes and tracks well suited to beginner and intermediates.

The cost will be **£855 for skiing and £895 for snowboarding**. This includes return travel by coach, half board accommodation with hot lunches taken at a choice of mountain restaurants, a six day lift pass, snowboard or ski, boot and pole hire, a six day course of lessons (four hours per day), a full evening entertainment programme and comprehensive insurance.

We will be departing on Saturday 29 March 2013 (the first week of the Easter holidays) and should arrive in Italy by lunchtime the following day. From Monday to Saturday, lessons, given by qualified instructors, run from ten a.m. to three p.m., this also includes an hours supervised lunch. In the evenings there will be supervised activities, which may include swimming, pizza evening, a visit to an ice-cream parlour, bowling, ice skating and a disco. We will start the return journey after the evening meal on Saturday 6 April and should be back in Leeds during the afternoon of Sunday 8 April.

If you wish your child to take part in this trip please send a deposit of £255 for skiing and £295 for snowboarding, made payable to Ralph Thoresby School, by Tuesday 24 May. (Please do not send cash!). Subsequent payments will be made by three equal instalments of £200 over the next nine months. Please note that once deposits have been sent to Interski they are non-returnable. **Please only give the deposits to myself and not the office or another teacher.** This is the only way you will guarantee a place.

Due to the limited number of places available demand is likely to exceed supply. Places will be allocated on a random basis. However, consideration will be taken of a) the behavioural record of the student and b) whether the student has been on previous ski trips. Despite this I must emphasise that no student is guaranteed a place and that my decision will be final. Those who do not get a place will be put on a reserve list in case of cancellations.

Finally, please keep all correspondence safe if your child gets a place. Many of the questions I am asked later in the year concern information included in this correspondence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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