



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

March 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians and Year 12 Students

Year 13 St Aidan's Ski Trip to Aprica, Italy – 10-17 February 2018

I am delighted to inform you of the Year 13 ski trip we have planned for the half term break of 2018. The trip will be open to all students who are currently in Year 12 at St Aidan's High School and will be in Year 13 for the academic year of 2017-2018.

The trip will depart on Saturday 10 February 2018 and return on Saturday 17 February 2018. We will be flying from Manchester to Milan with coach transfers to/from the airports. We will be travelling with the large, highly recommended Specialist School Travel Company, *Equity Ski*.

Situated on the stunning mountains of Valtellina, Aprica is a truly stunning natural plateau between several mountain ranges in Italy. Standing at a height of 1181m and rising to 2,270m, the resort offers 50km of ski slopes and an inviting atmosphere to make skiers feel at home.

All students will ski in groups of no more than 12 skiers per qualified ski instructor and they will ski with students of a similar ability. Those who have never skied before will find that this provides an opportunity to learn this exhilarating sport in a safe and structured environment. Those people who are regular skiers should note that there is **no opportunity** for unsupervised skiing; however, they will be skiing with people of a similar ability. All groups will consist entirely of St Aidan's students, and a member of school staff will accompany the group at all times.

The cost of the trip will be £1210.00 and covers the following:

- Coach transfers
- Flights, airport taxes and full insurance for winter sports
- Full board, including 3-course evening meal and hot lunches taken at the hotel
- Full ski pass for 6 days
- Hire of skis, boots and helmets for 6 days
- 4 hours of ski instruction with qualified instructors on each of the six skiing days.

Please remember that skiing is an assumed risk activity. This means that there is the chance of accidents leading to injuries. If this potential risk represents a problem, e.g. due to

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membership of a sports team, then you should perhaps consider whether this trip is correct for your son/daughter. **Please note that all students will be required to wear helmets whilst skiing.**

To enable us to keep the price of this trip as reasonable as possible, **there is a limit of 40 places**. These will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. If we have more than 40 students wishing to attend, we will put all names in a hat and a senior member of staff will select them. Any deposits paid for your son/daughter will be refunded and a waiting list will be created.

If you wish for your son/daughter to take part in this trip, please make a deposit payment of £185.00 either via your child's ParentPay account or by cheque (made payable to St. Aidan's School Fund) and complete the reply slip below. Completed reply slips should be placed in the catering card box outside the School Finance Office no later than **Wednesday 5 April**.

The payment schedule will be as follows:

Deposit Payment	£185.00 due by Wednesday 5 April 2017
Second Payment	£350.00 due by Friday 26 May 2017
Third Payment	£350.00 due by Friday 30 September 2017
Final Payment	£325.00 due by Friday 24 November 2017

Please note that unless we can find a replacement, **deposits and subsequent payments will not be refundable** if a student chooses to withdraw from the trip, or is not a member of St Aidan's Sixth Form at the time of the trip, as we have to make interim payments to *Equity ski*.

Please note that, in accordance with all trips organised by St Aidan's (either Sixth Form or Stem School), **alcohol is NOT PERMITTED** in any manner during the duration of the trip. If any student contravenes this rule, they would be excluded from the remainder of the trip and we would immediately contact parents to bring their son/daughter home at their own expense.

Should you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527 or myself.

Yours faithfully

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St Aidan's Year 13 Ski Trip to Aprica Italy, February 2018

I give consent for my son/daughter (NAME) to take part in the St Aidan's High School Year 13 Ski Trip to Italy from the 10-17 February 2018 and understand the ruling that alcohol is not permitted in any manner on any trip organized by St. Aidan's School(please sign).

I have made payment by cheque/ParentPay (please delete). If paying by cheque, please enclose the deposit with this reply slip. I understand that deposits and subsequent payments will not be refunded in the event of my son/daughter withdrawing from the trip (please sign).

- Name:
- Form:
- Full name on Passport:
- Passport Number:
- Issue Date:
- Expiry Date:
- Date of Birth:
- British Passport: YES/NO
- UK shoe size (for ski boot hire):
- Head circumference in cm (for helmet hire):
- Height (for ski hire):
- Ski ability: (A-D, where A is novice & D is expert):

Signed: (Parent/Guardian) Date:

Please return this reply slip to the Main Reception marked for the attention of Tracey Collins, no later than Wednesday 5 April 2017.

Please note that a place cannot be held for your son/daughter if we do not receive this form together with payment by Wednesday 5 April 2017

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