

9th June 2015



HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SKI TRIP - February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer/Skier,

SKI TRIP REMINDER

NOW OPEN TO ALL YEAR GROUPS (7-13) AND TO STUDENTS WHO ARE LEAVING COLLEGE IN JULY

For the past four years Honiton Community College has run a ski trip in conjunction with other schools. Due to the success of the trip, a number of students and staff are keen to return to Austria so we have decided to run the ski trip again in February half term 2016. In 2014 and 2015 we were joined by Stanchester Academy, Yeovil. Joining with Stanchester makes the trip more financially viable ensuring all places are filled and enabling us to operate at a significantly lower cost than other schools. After forming such positive links we will be jointly running the trip again.

The trip to Zell am See in Austria will run during February half term 2016, leaving on **Saturday 13th February 2016** and returning on **Sunday 21st February 2016**. The trip will involve 6 days skiing – a whole day more than most other ski trips. We will be staying in the small village of Fusch just 15 minutes coach ride from skiing on the Schmittenhöhe mountain resort of Zell am See. With the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier nearby, good quality snow conditions and skiing can be guaranteed, even in the warmest winters. In addition we can offer students the opportunity of skiing at other nearby resorts: Saalbach, Hinterglemm and Dorfgastein and Kaprun. Some students may have the chance to ski in some or all four locations during the week as our intermediate and advanced skiers did this year. Beginners were skiing down black runs after 5 days on snow and all the students had between 5 – 6 hours instructed skiing sessions per day, much more than other school ski trips provide.

We are able to offer this fully inclusive trip at **£789.00** per person. We are deliberately releasing this information earlier this year to allow you time to save and pay in instalments. The cost includes: coach and ferry travel, full board accommodation, ski lift passes, ski lessons, equipment hire (ski boots, skis, ski poles and helmets - compulsory on school trips) and all evening activities (bowling, swimming, ice hockey match). It will also include the cost of supplying a hoodie. Additional expenditure will be needed for:

- Pocket money - £40-60 should be adequate.
- Ski clothing (salopettes, jacket, gloves, thermals, ski socks) – allow approximately £100 for hire/purchase of these essentials.
- Dry slope lessons for beginners in Exeter – 2 @ approximately £12
- Food for the journeys and snacks for the week.
Should the pound fall below 1.10 against the Euro at the time of the trip, we may have to ask for a surcharge.
- Ski Insurance

This trip is open to Year 7 - 13 students initially; there are limited places so we will operate on a first come, first served basis, based on the date the payment of the deposit was made. If you wish your son or daughter to go on this trip, please complete the attached slip and return to the Student Office/ or to Jenny Bigmore, Principal's PA and pay a deposit of £100.00 via Parent Pay as soon as possible in order to secure a place.

All payments should be made via ParentPay. If you do not wish to use Parentpay there is another method of paying called Paypoint. If you wish to use Paypoint please contact the Finance office who will print off a Paypoint letter which can be taken to your local outlet. Please note that the two methods of payment above are the **only methods** of payment for all trips and activities, as we do not accept cash or cheques. Honiton Community College Academy Trust operates an insurance policy for organised excursions away from the establishment, but you are of course at liberty to take out your own additional cover. The College reminds parents/carers that we reserve the right to refuse to take a student on off-campus visits or courses if their behaviour has given us cause for concern.

You will receive a confirmation letter including full details about payment once the trip has been confirmed and be invited to attend an information evening in November 2015 providing full details, departure times, and kit list and will give you the opportunity to meet the staff supervising the trip. If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at: pw Wyatt@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk or jbigmore@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Pippa Wyatt - Ski Trip Coordinator

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I wish my son/daughter to be considered for the Honiton Community College Ski Trip 2016. I confirm that I have made a deposit payment of £100 that I understand is non-refundable once the place has been confirmed.

Name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mobile Number _____

Email address: _____

Skiing Experience:

Dry Slope experience: _____

Number of weeks skiing experience on snow: _____

Basic details to help with later organisation:

Height (cm): _____ Weight (kg): _____

Shoe Size: _____

Has your son/daughter suffered any breakages/ joint problems/other health issues Yes / No

Please give brief details (this will not necessarily stop you gaining a place on the trip but we do need to know)

Please return this slip to the student office or Jenny Bigmore and pay your deposit via Parent Pay to ensure a place as places will be allocated strictly on a first come first serve basis.