

18 March 2008

Year 8 Ski Course 2009

Dear Parent

The three Ski Courses have been successfully completed with over 230 pupils learning or improving a lifetime sport, including other educational and social benefits. Climate change is taking its toll on Alpine resorts with this years snow adequate but not outstanding.

It is intended yet again that the Year 8 course use the French resorts of St Gervais and Megève of France. The 3-star Hotel des Deux Gares situated down the valley in the town of Le Fayet is excellent accommodation for the group providing en suite rooms, excellent food and also having its own swimming pool. The hotel is situated a mile from the motorway and the transfer is only ten hours driving time from Calais - closest resort in the Alps.

We are again going to use the ski company 'Ski Valais'. Due to the value of the pound dropping against the Euro the cost has slightly risen for this years course at **£620.00**. This includes transfer by luxury coaches; with ferry or Euro travel crossing; cost of six days accommodation including breakfast, evening meal and packed lunch; cost of ski hire; cost of ski lessons with French Ski School for half the day and Ski Valais instructors for the other half of the day; fully supervised skiing with a school member of staff on the slopes at all times; comprehensive insurance for the course. Evening entertainment will include a visit to Chamonix for bowling and other in-house activities.

The course will take place during the third week of school after Christmas leaving around **5.00pm on Friday 16th January** and returning at noon on **Saturday 24th January 2009**. We have in the previous six years had around 80 pupils travelling and thus we intend to put a ceiling on two 40-seater coaches maximum.

I need deposits to be handed in on Monday 17th March 2008 on a first come first served basis to a maximum of 80 pupils. A **NON-RETURNABLE DEPOSIT OF £100** is needed, made payable to 'CCS School Visit Account', including the tear-off slip. Kindly write pupils name and form on the back of the cheque and hand in to Mr Glan Williams.

We will also expect all pupils to travel on their own passport and have an individual EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) by the time of departure.

The balance of the course will be collected on four monthly instalments and handed to me with the name on reverse of cheque:

Instalment 1	£150	due on Tuesday 6 th May
Instalment 2	£150	due on Monday 30 th June
Instalment 3	£150	due on Monday 6 th October
Final payment	£70	due on Monday 1 st December

The school reserves the right to refuse acceptance on the course

Yours faithfully

Glan Williams
P.E. Department



PLEASE RETURN TO MR GLAN WILLIAMS

Name of Pupil _____ Form _____

Ski experience on snow (in weeks) _____ Do you have a crash helmet? YES / NO

Passport and EHIC card to be handed in before departure.

Signed _____ Tel No: _____ Date _____