

May 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to offer our students the exciting opportunity to attend a Ski Course to Bormio in Italy. After negotiations with several companies we have secured a visit with 'Ski Team 4', a well-established and reputable company. Students from Belmont School Durham will be joining us. Please see below for specific details:

**Departure date:** 1st February 2020

**Return date:** 8th February 2020

**Resort:** Bormio

**Company:** Ski team 4

**Cost:** £895

This cost includes: flights, transfers, full-board accommodation and ski lessons/equipment as well as the ski pass. The ski lessons (5 hours per day) include: skis/poles/ski boots and helmets and a ski lift pass for the whole mountain range, fully comprehensive insurance including redundancy cover.

We advise £100 in Euros will be sufficient spending money for your child to take. Breakfast, hot lunch and an evening meal will be provided at the hotel, a soft drink will be included at meal times. Drinks, other than with meals, will need to be paid for, as will food on the journey to and from Italy. A full programme of evening activities will be provided including potentially, swimming, games, films, quiz etc. Ski wear is not provided but it is cheaper and more readily available nowadays, it can also be hired prior to the visit.

Students will ski for 6 days and will be taught by qualified ski instructors. The instructors are technically excellent, very friendly and patient. Total ski hours during the week will exceed 30 hours, weather permitting. The students will be working in groups of a maximum of 12 per instructor, plus one member of school staff, and will receive certificates at our presentation night from the ski instructors.

A **non-refundable** deposit of £100.00 will be required by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** to secure a place on the ski trip. **Please pay this via ParentPay.** The balance will then be collected in 6 instalments of £132.50 (schedule to follow once a place has been secured). Students will need a valid Passport and European Health Insurance card (EHIC). details of which will be requested via ParentPay at a later date.

Please be reminded that places are strictly limited and dependent on appropriate behaviour in school and attendance in line with the National average. We reserve the right to remove any students from the course that we have concerns about. Whilst we are happy for year 11 students to participate in this visit, consideration must be given to the implications of any GCSE work missed. Work missed must be caught up with. If you have any further questions please contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Jones  
Deputy Headteacher