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De La Salle Ski Trip 2018

Dear Parents,

Following previous trips, the PE department are returning to Verbier, Switzerland for the De La Salle Ski Trip in 2018.

This fantastic mountain resort is one of the premier destinations in the Swiss Alps and the skiing is world class. It has an excellent snow record and the mountains that make up the resort accommodate beginners and advanced skiers perfectly. The full board trip is run Les Elfes (<http://leselfes.com/school-trips/ski-trips>) an acclaimed school ski provider based in Verbier. Accommodation will be in one of their chalet hotels and there will be a full ski and evening activity programme, all run by them.

The trip is open to boys in year 6, 7, 8 and 9 who will be in year 7, 8, 9 and 10 at the time of the trip. It is open to all ability skiers, from beginners to the more advanced. Unfortunately snowboarders will not be accommodated.

The trip will be from Saturday 3rd March to Saturday 10th March 2018. This is the third week after half term and will mean missing five days of school time. We will be flying direct from Jersey to Geneva where a Les Elfes coach will transfer us to the ski resort of Verbier.

I estimate that the trip will cost around £1400. This includes all travel, accommodation, food and insurance which covers £5000000, for Medical, £2000000 for Liability and £25000 Personal Accident. Ski lessons, ski equipment hire and lift passes are also included in the cost. Ski clothing is your responsibility although this can be hired also. After the initial (non-refundable) deposit of £400 has been secured, the remaining monies should be paid by 3 instalments of around £350 up to November 2017.

All cheques must be made payable to '**De La Salle College**'. Please ensure that your son's name AS IT APPEARS ON HIS PASSPORT, year, and activity are written on the reverse of the cheque. Alternatively you can pay online via BACS to HSBC: Account **62211076**; Sort Code **40-25-34**, quoting '**Surname / REF:2289**'.

There may be a flight supplement if I cannot secure a similar deal to last year!

As with all school trips places are limited. These places are allocated once the applicant's behaviour record, character and suitability are considered, for as you can

imagine I need to have total confidence in the boys that I take away. However, if every boy who applies is suitable then the names will be drawn from a hat and the remainder placed on a waiting list should there be any withdrawals as the year progresses.

If your son would like to apply for the trip then please fill in the attached form and return it to me, via the School office, with the initial deposit of £400. If your son is successful then his deposit will be credited and his name added to the trip list, if he is unsuccessful his deposit will be returned.

However, should he wish to withdraw from the trip at any time after that and I cannot find a suitable replacement then, apart from conditions of the insurance, all deposits up to that date will be forfeit.

Similarly, if your son is involved, within the next eight months, in any incidents, within school or outside school that indicate to me that he could be a risk to himself or the rest of the boys on the trip then he will be withdrawn and all payments lost.

It must also be pointed out that the payment of school fees takes priority over ski trip payments and that all fees must be paid up to date two months before departure day.

If you are happy with the above arrangements and conditions then please fill in the attached form and return it to the School Bursar as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support,

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Woodward

Andrew Woodward (Ski Trip Leader)

Comparison of Alternative Independent Costs:

Direct flights - Blue Islands:	(£146 each way)	£292
Full board accommodation:		£300
Airport transfer - www.ski-lifts.com :		£50
Ski hire – Intersport:		£90
Lift Pass – Verbier - verbier.skipass-4vallees.ch/en :		£110
Ski Instruction – www.altitude-verbier.com :		£595
Insurance – European Insurance Brokers:		£30
<u>Total</u>		£1467

