



Harrow Way Community School

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SKI TRIP 2010

Dear Parent

A further Harrow Way Community School Ski Trip is being organised for 2010. Ski trips have continually proved to be tremendously enjoyable for students, as our history of 27 years of Harrow Way trips prove. They not only provide the opportunity to learn and enjoy a thrilling sport, but also to see a beautiful aspect of a foreign country. This venture is only available to students currently in years 7, 8 and 9.

We intend running the trip during term time. Travel, this year, will be dependent on the size of the party, which will affect the cost. If we take a party of less than 35 students, we will probably fly and the cost of the trip will be **£735**. If we can muster a party of 40+, then we will be able to go by luxury coach, which would reduce the cost to **£665**. We would be departing the weekend of 30th January 2010 to Les Menuires. We have used this resort for several years now and know it to be a highly suitable destination for a school trip. Firstly, the altitude of the resort ensures the best possible snow conditions and the location of the hotel, right on the slopes, allows hassle free skiing. Secondly, the size of the resort, with its links to the massive Three Valley ski area, means that the range of skiing is vast and has the added advantage of less crowded slopes and lift queues. Harrow Way has had consistently, immensely successful trips here, and the facilities in the resort are close by and well organised.

Our accommodation will be in a 3 star hotel. The rooms will be 2-3 bedded, all with private facilities and will be on a full board basis. The dates have been chosen by the school so as not to clash with any year 9 or 10 exams and therefore should not adversely affect your child's school work. The trip will be organised with "Skibound", a leading schools' holiday company, who we have successfully travelled with for many years.



Although the price of the trip may seem costly, skiing holidays do have many extras included. This price incorporates five-hour ski instruction/lessons per day, all food, hire of skis and boots, insurance and



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We believe in equality of opportunity and want you to be able to participate fully whenever you visit the school. Please let us know beforehand of any special arrangements that may need to be in place for this to be the case.

lift pass. Extras that need to be budgeted for will include such things as hire or purchase of ski clothing, instruction at an artificial ski slope prior to departure and spending money. The more experienced skiers in the group may also wish to consider an extended lift pass that includes Val Thoren for a further £62.

Your child will be required to have a valid passport.

Due to government regulations concerning term time travel, this venture is offered as a direct booking with the tour company, with the school providing fully qualified supervisory staff to oversee all educational aspects of the trip. The school therefore will act as agent to the tour company and all payments will be made through the school. Payments can be made by instalments, starting now and following a regular payment schedule.

It should be emphasised at this early stage that the trip is intended as an “activity course” and all party members will be expected to participate in regular pre-trip training, and must conform with normal behaviour expectations both prior to the trip as well as during it. The school will not be able to take students who cannot display satisfactory behaviour prior to the trip or who have a poor record of attendance. Further information about previous trips and initial info about this one can be found on the Harrow Way website.

If you are interested in your son/daughter taking part in this trip, please complete the reply slip enclosed and return by **Monday 16th March** together with a deposit of £80 (cheques made payable to ‘**Harrow Way School**’). **Please take this to Mrs D Burton, School Bursar.** This slip does not guarantee a place in the party and confirmation will be sent to you in due course.

I must stress that we have a limited number of places and therefore, urge you to act as soon as possible if you want to be able to take advantage of this offer.

If you have any questions regarding this venture, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with me via the school reception.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "R".

R Hudson
PARTY LEADER

HARROW WAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2010

**PLEASE RETURN TO MRS BURTON
BY MONDAY 16TH MARCH**

REPLY SLIP

I am interested in my son/daughter taking part in the 2010 Ski Trip and enclose an initial deposit of £80.00 which I understand will be returned to me should my child not be offered a place. Please note that a second deposit will be required quite soon if your child is accepted.

Cheques made payable to 'Harrow Way School'

Name of Student: _____

Tutor Group: _____

Age: _____

No. of weeks skiing experience (if any): _____

Address: _____

Tel. No: _____

Email: _____

I understand that if my child is withdrawn from the trip for any reason other than medical, I will not be able to claim back any payment already made.

Signature of Parent: _____

Name of Parent: _____
(Please print)

Please return slip to Mrs Burton, Bursar, by Monday 16th March.