



## Harrow Way Community School

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### SKI TRIP 2014

Dear Parent

A further Harrow Way Community School Ski Trip is being organised for 2014. Ski trips have continually proved to be tremendously enjoyable for students, as our history of 32 years of very successful Harrow Way ski trips indicate. 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 to La Plagne, a resort we know well in France, travelling by air and departing on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, returning Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014. We will be staying at the ClubHotel Turquoise, which is situated right on the piste with the ski school meeting point just yards from the door. Easy blue runs to and from the hotel make this an ideal location for even the most nervous novices. No lifts, carrying or public busses - just put your boots on and go! The village of Belle Plagne, at 2050m, is just a few moments walk from the hotel and features a small collection of shops, restaurants and après-ski options.

The accommodation will be 3 star and the rooms 2-6 bedded, all with private facilities and 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 minimise the disruption. The trip will be organised with "Skibound", a leading schools' holiday company, with whom we have successfully travelled for many years.

The cost of the trip will be £860 (based on 40 students travelling by coach and air). Although this 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, boots, poles and helmets, insurance and 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 (approx £35) prior to departure and spending money (approx €100).

Your child will be required to have a valid passport.

Owing 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.



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Therefore the school 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 prior to and during the trip. 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 **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** together with a deposit of £100 (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 do not 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 2014**

**PLEASE RETURN TO MRS BURTON  
BY FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

**REPLY SLIP**

I am interested in my son/daughter taking part in the 2014 Ski Trip and enclose an initial deposit of £100.00 which I understand will be returned to me should my child not be offered a place. Please note that a second deposit of £100 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' 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 by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.***