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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ski Trip 2019

The Sixth Form Ski Trip is nearly upon us and so I'm writing to you with some key information. I am pleased to report that I had a pre-visit last weekend and was very impressed with both the hotel and the resort! Despite the recent news reports, the conditions are ideal for skiing and should get better over the next few weeks. The connections to the resort are also well maintained.

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Students have a meeting on Friday 25th January (tomorrow) in A10 at 13.15 to arrange rooms for the trip. Students have been sent a message about this, but please could you remind your son/daughter too.
- There will be a final meeting for students on Friday 8th February, also at 13.15 and also in A10.
- Any students who have arranged to rent ski clothing from the ski exchange should come and see me to pick up the clothing from next week (w/c 28th Jan). I will be in the Science Office at break times and at the end of lunch.
- A packing list can be found on our ski trip website: <https://swchssixthformski.weebly.com/>
Please remind students they need to pack a towel.
- To make the coach journey a bit more comfortable, it's a good idea to bring a pillow. Also please could I remind you that the first meal we are provided with is dinner on the Sunday evening. Food is available to purchase on the ferry and at service stations on the way. Food can be consumed on the coach, as long as no mess is left.
- Please note that the school building will not be open when we depart and please could you drop your child off in either the visitor parking spaces or behind the school in order that the coaches can use the turning circle.



- If students would like to watch films on the DVD player in the coach, DVDs should be dropped to me before we go with names clearly placed on them.
- I have received information from the hotel that there is WiFi available for students at a cost of €10, payable in cash on arrival.
- For info, the apres ski activities are confirmed as being the following:
 - Monday evening: trip into Salzburg straight after skiing followed by a later dinner.
 - Tuesday evening: Snooker and Pool bar visit.
 - Wednesday evening: Swimming and spa visit (for those who wish to; Mocks revision will happen at the hotel for those not wishing to go on this trip).
 - Thursday evening: Ski School presentation followed by dinner at a Pizzeria and packing.
 - Friday evening: depart after dinner.
- Please can I remind you that **Passports** and **EHIC** cards need to be handed in at main Reception as soon as possible and certainly by Wednesday 30th January 2019 at the latest.
- Should you there be an emergency that we need to be aware of whilst we are on the trip, please call the school trip number on 01799 252 251 and your call will be diverted to our trip mobile or to a member of the senior team who will be able to reach us.
- For general news on the trip please follow @6thski and our Instagram account @swchs6thskitrip. This is also where we will aim to post updates on our return in the event of us being delayed.

Main Itinerary

Outbound:

- Meet outside SWCHS main Reception at 16.30 on Saturday 16th February. Coaches will depart promptly at 17.30. **Please do not park in the coach bays!**
- P&O ferry departure at 22.30
- Arrive Calais at 00.35 (local time).
- Arrive at hotel 14:00

Inbound:

- Depart hotel at 19:00 Friday 22nd February.
- Drive overnight to Calais for morning arrival.
- Arrive at SWCHS for **14:00 pick-up**. Again, please avoid parking in the coach bays and please ensure that you have a plan for picking up your child so that staff members are not having to remain for many hours after this point - they will also want to get back to their families!

Thank you for your support in ensuring the students have everything they need for the trip. We are all very much looking forward to it.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Russell Milne
Trip Leader