

JR/P:/MEB/SpainSkiTrip2021

29 January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Ski Trip - Spain February 2021

Pending approval of the Risk Assessment by the Governing Body, Shirley High School would like to run a ski-trip which will be open to all students currently in Years 7-10. It will be an amazing opportunity for the students to visit a beautiful part of the world and learn to ski on some of Europe's most beautiful slopes. The trip will run during **February half term 2021** (exact times & dates TBC) and will involve coach travel to the ski resort of **Masella in The Pyrenees in Northern Spain**.

We would like to offer your son / daughter the opportunity to go on this trip in February 2021. Masella is an excellent Spanish resort with skiing to cater for all abilities. It has access to world-class slopes as well as top-quality ski-tuition and many other local facilities that we can use when we come off the slopes after a day's skiing. We will be staying in a beautiful hotel which is located at the bottom of the slopes which will offer an amazing ski-to-door experience for the students.

The cost of the trip is **£990**. This is an excellent price for a skiing holiday and includes 6 nights full-board accommodation, luxury coach travel, insurance, hire of skis, poles, boots & helmets, lift pass, services of the resort representatives and evening entertainment. The students will have a full five-day course of ski lessons, 5 x 4 hours with complete supervision and expert instruction. It is an extremely good value package and one that will provide an amazing experience for all involved we are sure.

What's included in trip price:

- Return luxury coach travel direct from SHS to Masella, Spain.
- 6 nights full-board accommodation at ski resort, including breakfast, packed lunch and dinner.
- Excellent ski-to-door hotel with first class facilities in the heart of the Pyrenees.
- In resort representation and 24 hour emergency service.
- Excellent ski facilities in the resort.
- 5 full day lift pass.
- 5 days hire of quality skis, boots, poles & helmets.
- **5 x 4 hour** ski tuition from qualified instructors.
- Evening entertainment / après ski e.g. bowling, ice skating, swimming etc.
- Fully Comprehensive travel & ski insurance.

As well as the sheer joy and exhilaration of skiing, students will get to take in the breathtaking scenery of the area, as well as seeing and participating in many local customs.

We appreciate that the cost of a ski holiday is high but we have booked well in advance and travelling in a large group which helps keeps the cost down. Please see the "Payment Plan" which will help to make paying for this amazing trip more affordable. The trip is also limited to 40 places so please make the payment and return the reply slip to Mr Rayner as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

PAYMENT PLAN: Following receipt of the 1st non-refundable deposit payment of £130, the following minimum payments (also to be made via Parentpay) will be due as follows:

Payments due by:

14 FEBRUARY 2020	£130 (1st non-refundable deposit)
29 FEBRUARY 2020	£130 (2nd non-refundable deposit)
30 MARCH 2020	£105
30 APRIL 2020	£105
31 MAY 2020	£105
30 JUNE 2020	£105
31 JULY 2020	£105
31 AUGUST 2020	£105
<u>30 SEPTEMBER 2020</u>	<u>£100</u>
TOTAL:	£990

HOW TO BOOK: If you would like your child to participate in the Spain Ski-Trip 2021 please return the reply slip to Mr Rayner by **Friday 7 February 2020** and make a **NON-REFUNDABLE** first deposit payment of **£130** via ParentPay by **Friday 14 February 2020:**

- Log in to Parentpay.com
- Click on 'Items for Payment' and select "Ski Trip Spain 2021"
- Please note: You **cannot** use your Paypoint Card to pay for trips as this is only compatible with school lunch payments

PLACES ON THIS TRIP CAN ONLY BE SECURED BY RECEIPT OF THE NON-REFUNDABLE FIRST DEPOSIT PAYMENT ON PARENTPAY.
PLACES ARE OFFERED TO ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN YEAR 7-10
PLACES WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS (40 PLACES ONLY ARE AVAILABLE)

These dates must be adhered to, but you can pay more than the monthly minimum should you so wish. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the payment schedule, please feel free to contact me.

Please make your payment at www.parentpay.com

If you need a reminder of your login details or are having difficulties using your Parentpay account, please contact the school.

Please note that once you have been allocated a place on this trip you will be required to pay the full cost of the trip even if you or your son/daughter subsequently change your mind about participating. We would of course make our best endeavours to mitigate the cost to you in these circumstances but you should be aware that we will be entering into a contract with the tour operator based on your request for a place and you will be liable for any charges which are payable under that contract.

Please be aware of the following important information:

- The first 2 deposits totaling £260 are non-refundable.
- Payments will need to be made by Parentpay. No cash or cheques will be accepted.
- In the event of cancellation, refunds can only be returned for illness. Should a student be excluded from school, or his / her behaviour causes concern within the school after having been accepted on a school trip, the Principal has the right to stop the student going on the trip. In this event money paid cannot be refunded unless a replacement can be found.
- Passport arrangements: all students will require a full individual passport, which must have at least **6** months to run on our return date. Money paid cannot be refunded for failure to make arrangements in time for either renewing or applying for a passport.

If you would like your son / daughter to participate in the Ski trip, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to Mr Rayner in the PE Department ASAP or if you have any questions please email me on rayner@shirely.croydon.sch.uk.

Please note that the school reserves its right to withdraw students whose behaviour or school discipline is not up to the required standard.

Yours sincerely

J Rayner
Trip Organiser
rayner@shirely.croydon.sch.uk

SHIRLEY HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT – REPLY SLIP

To: Mr J Rayner – Trip Organiser
Re: Ski Trip Spain February 2021

I would like my son / daughter to be considered for the Spain Ski Trip in February 2021.

I confirm that I have paid a **£130** non-refundable 1st deposit on Parentpay and that I agree to pay the remainder of the payments over the coming months.

I confirm that I have read and understood the important information, in particular the details regarding cancellation and the passport arrangements.

STUDENT'S NAME**TUTOR GROUP**

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE**DATED:**.....

Please return to Mr Rayner in the PE Department