

17 June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

**Ski Trip to Champoluc, Monterosa Region, Italy
27th February 2016**

We are proposing to run a ski trip to Champoluc in the Monterosa Region, Italy on 27th February 2016. This was a new resort last year for Barrhead High and our students experienced some excellent Skiing/Snowboarding at this beautiful resort.

The duration of the trip would be for 9 days with 6 days for skiing or snowboarding. The company we will travel with is Interski who have many years experience in this field and we have travelled with them for several years.

Travel will be by coach and will be via Dover/Calais for ferry crossings.

- Accommodation is a good 2 star rating hotel (Hotel le Soleil) with pupils being accommodated in rooms of 2 , 3 and 4
- 6 nights full board accommodation with hot lunch up the mountain
- 6 day lift pass
- 6 day hire of ski equipment (boots / poles / skis or board – this **does not include ski clothing**)
- 6 days x 5hrs of ski instruction per day (this is an extra hour per day)
- Fully comprehensive insurance (Excess of £40 under 18 and £80 18 and over ~ at local Medical Centre)
- Resort representative
- Skiing is the same price as last year and snowboarding is £10 less this year. The total cost of the trip will be:

Hotel le Soleil ~ **£759** for skiing / **£789** for snowboarding

I would remind pupils and yourselves that in allocating places to trips we look carefully at individuals and take into account a number of factors including attendance, time-keeping, behaviour, responsibility, as well as potential impact on academic performance. Under our Merit Scheme, pupils applying for school trips require to have been on the merit list for at least 3 consecutive months, and are expected to remain on the merit list in subsequent months. It is essential that parents and pupils are aware of this required commitment. Pupils participating on trips are seen to be representing Barrhead High School

and there will be a basic code of conduct that we expect all pupils to adhere to.

If your son/daughter has their own equipment there is unfortunately no reduction in price.

This trip has been very popular over the past few years. If we have too many eligible pupils, a ballot will be held and students will then be informed if they have a place. If a pupil is unsuccessful, they will have their deposit returned.

Payments for the trip would be required as follows:-

June	£100 (deposit – non refundable)
August	£100
September	£100
October	£100
November	£150
December	£150
January	£59 (Skiers)
January	£89 (Boarders)

Payments for trips are made online using the Payments4Schools facility and you can do this most easily from the school website using the Quick Link – Payments for Schools – and then choose the appropriate account ie Italian Trip 2016. Please do not send money into school. This offers a much safer and secure system of payments for pupils, parents and staff. I am issuing a separate sheet from the school office with further instructions regarding online payments.

If you are interested in your son/daughter participating in this trip, please complete the slip below and return it to me at the school office. A deposit of **£100.00** will be required to be paid online by **Wednesday 24th June**. If we do not have enough students to fill places the trip may not run and all deposits would be returned.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wendy Steel – Trip Organiser

HAND THIS FORM TO MRS WENDY STEEL - SCHOOL OFFICE

Name of student: Year:

I wish for my son/daughter to be included in the ski trip to Italy in 2016.
Please tick two of the following boxes for our information.

Skiing ☐

Boarding ☐

Beginner ☐

Intermediate ☐

Advanced ☐

Signature of Parent:  _____

Payment should be made online by visiting the school website: <http://www.ea.e-renfrew.sch.uk/barrhead> and then clicking on the **"Payment for schools"** link beside the **"Pay"** icon. You need to click **"Pay for school meals"** and then choose **"School payments"** at the left handside. In the first drop down menu choose **"Barrhead High School"**, then click on **"Select"** then click on the relevant trip: **Italy Ski Trip 2016**.

You can also access the Council website and click on **"Do It Online/Pay"** and select **"School payments"**. The pupil reference number is your child's candidate number.