



1st May 2017

Ski Trip

Dear Parents

Ski Trip - 17-24 February 2018

We are delighted to announce that there will be a ski trip to Verbier in Switzerland in February 2018. Over the years DBGS has organised several very successful ski trips including a very enjoyable one only last year. Students find them extremely enjoyable and also gain a great deal.

We have chosen to partner with Les Elfes, a well established school ski trip provider. They have high quality accommodation in one of Europe's top mountain resorts. They are able to provide good instruction, an apre ski programme, excellent food and great access to a variety of slopes suitable for beginners and experts. One of the things we have particularly enjoyed in Verbier is the ability to take lunches high on the mountain or on the slopes. This means that we can spend more time on the snow learning how to ski. It is also less tiring than at other resorts where you have to return to the hotel to eat midday.

This trip is open to all students who are currently in years 7 - 11. We have tried hard to keep the costs to a minimum and feel that we have put together an excellent package. The cost of the trip is SR10,500, though this is liable to some change due to fluctuating exchange rates. The cost includes airport transfers, airfares, all accommodation and food, instruction, chaperones, insurance, ski hire, equipment hire and apre ski programme. The only additional costs will be the rental of ski clothing, if required, and spending money (I would suggest between SR200 and SR500), although students will not really need to spend anything.

More details about the resort and Les Elfes can be found at their website:

<http://leselfes.com/school-trips/ski-trips/>

Please note that no mobile telephones or internet connected devices will be allowed on this trip. Students wanting to take photographs must use cameras not telephones. Regular contact will be maintained with parents via a WhatsApp group and telephones are available in the chalet. If you feel that your son or daughter is unable to comply with this requirement, please do not apply.

We realise that paying for school trips represents a financial burden and so try to spread payments out over a number of installments. This has been designed to allow us to meet the financial commitments necessary to secure the booking, and to make life easy for you.

If you would like your child to participate on this trip, please complete the application form attached and return it to me as soon as possible, along with a deposit of SR1000. Please note that the deposit will only be refunded if your child cannot be offered a place. We hope to take 20 students on this trip. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Monaghan
Geography



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Please complete this form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

I would like my son/daughter to take part in the Ski Trip 2018. I enclose a non-refundable deposit of SR1000. I understand that this will only be refunded if my child is not offered a place on the ski trip. I agree to follow the payment schedule.

Parent's name _____ Parent's signature _____

Student's name _____ Class _____

Have you ever been skiing before? _____

If yes, how would you rate your ability? Please choose one: beginner, intermediate, advanced

Payment schedule

Payment	Amount	Date
Deposit (Payment 1)	SR1000	ASAP
Payment 2	SR3000	1 June
Payment 3	SR3000	1 September
Payment 4	SR3500	1 October