

3rd May 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Skiing Trip in Passo Tonale, Italy.
Saturday 10th – Sunday 18th February 2018**

The Judd School will be visiting the ski resort of Passo Tonale in Italy during the half-term week of February 2018. The trip is being operated by The School Travel Company, an ABTA and ATOL bonded company, whom we have used as a school for the past six years.

Passo Tonale is situated on the high mountain pass at the head of the Val Vermiglio, straddling the provinces of Trento and Lombardy. With an altitude of 1800 meters and most skiing above the tree line, good snow cover is guaranteed. The resort is very popular with school groups for a simple reason – it is probably the best beginners' resort there is. There are 80 km of pistes, and these are ideally suited to beginners and intermediates. Beginners' nursery slopes are linked to the many blue runs, which make it convenient to achieve fast and satisfying progress onto more challenging slopes.

Included in the price of the trip are the following;

- Six days of five hours ski instruction plus ski equipment hire, including helmets.
- Insurance.
- Full board accommodation (three meals each day included).
- Doorstep skiing.
- Personalized 'hoody' for the trip.
- Executive coach transfer to the resort and back. All coaches have seat belts.
- In-house evening entertainment will be provided throughout the trip.

Height of resort	1833m
Top station	3069m
Marked piste	80km
Number of lifts	28
Lift pass photo required	No
Snowmaking	70%
No of runs	Blue 13
	Red 15
	Black 4

Where we are staying – Hotel Piandineve, Passo Tonale

This is an excellent 3 star hotel, conveniently located near to the slopes and only a short walk from the town centre. The hotel has fantastic facilities including a gym, big games room, plenty of meeting space, bar and disco. The boys are usually in spacious 4 bedded en-suite rooms which include satellite TV and telephone. Staff will decide on room allocation shortly before departure.

Cost - the cost of the trip will be **£1043 per person (subject to all places being filled)** and it is open to the current years 7 and 8.

If you would like your son to take part in this trip, please can you pay the **non-refundable deposit of £100 via Joinos by 12th May 17** to secure his place. The slip below should be returned to the Finance box in reception, along with a photocopy of the photo page from your son's passport, both **by Monday 15th May**. The balance will then be due as follows:

Second payment	£310	Tuesday 20 th June 2017
Third payment	£313	Friday 22 nd September 2017
Final Balance	£320	Friday 17 th November 2017

If your son is keen to go, we would advise prompt payment of the deposit as this trip is always very popular and places tend to fill up quickly, sometimes within a few hours. If the payment is sold out on Joinos, please see point 3 below for what to do. There is a possibility that we may be able to secure a small number of additional spaces in a few months if the hotel is able to release further rooms, so registering your interest is recommended.

A draft itinerary will be provided once a place on the trip has been secured. Hire of ski equipment, including helmets, is included in the price but ski clothing is not. In December, we will need a medical form and code of conduct form for your son – these will be attached to the final payment offer on Joinos and a reminder will be given nearer the time.

Conditions of Booking

In addition to the normal accepted booking conditions, we should like to add or underline the following conditions:

1. The place is conditional on meeting Judd expectations in terms of behaviour and academic performance within school from the time of offer until departure. We reserve the right to withdraw the offer should the above criteria not be met with no refund. Normal school rules and sanctions will apply and members of staff, being in loco-parentis, reserve the right to take any reasonable measures regarding discipline. In extreme cases this may require the flying home of the student. Any costs that have to be incurred will be at parents' expense.
2. The initial deposit is **non-returnable**. It is forwarded to the travel company, The School Travel Company, and is a condition of their booking contract.
3. A provisional booking for 43 pupils is being held for us and consequently there are 43 places available on Joinos. Once these have been filled, the offer will show as 'Sold Out'. In this instance please email Mrs Marriott in the Finance office (vmarriott@judd.kent.sch.uk) as we will keep a reserve list in order of receipt of the email.
4. A photocopy of your son's passport needs to be included with the booking form.

If you require further information, please contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Robinson
Ski Trip Leader

Passo Tonale, Italy 2018

BOOKING FORM

Please complete and return this form to **Finance via the box at student reception.**

I should like my son Form..... Date of Birth.....

to be considered for membership of the skiing party in February 2018. I have paid the deposit of £100 on Joinos and understand that, if he is accepted, it is a non-returnable deposit. **I have noted the points set out in the letter and accept all conditions of booking.**

Copy of photo page of passport enclosed

Student Signature Date.....

Parent Signature Date.....

Please print the name of the person (s) to whom correspondence should be addressed.

Mr/Mrs/Ms

Daytime telephone number

Email address