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Dear Parent/Carer,

Pre-Trip Ski Practice Session – Snozone at Xscape Milton Keynes

Sunday 28th January 2018

As a new addition for the 2018 ski trips, we are delighted to be able to offer a pre-trip ski practice session available to all ski trip participants on both the current Y7 trip to Eben and current Y8 trip to Obertauern. The ski practice session will cater for all boys attending both trips, regardless of their skiing experience or ability, and represents a fantastic opportunity for beginner skiers to get their first taste of the sport, as well as for boys who already have any level of experience to further improve their skills as skiers.

Although the pre-trip ski practice session is not compulsory, boys of all abilities and levels of experience will obviously benefit from practising before the ski trip, with beginners gaining a valuable insight into getting used to putting on and wearing equipment, in addition to learning and building confidence in basic skiing technique under professional instruction. The practice session will also benefit boys who can already ski by them being able to practise and improve their skiing under professional instruction, regardless of their current standard.

We have managed to negotiate a fantastic price on a 3 hour session of instruction and coaching suitable for all trip participants on Sunday 28th January 2018 (the penultimate weekend before the ski trips depart for Austria) at the Snozone facility within the Xscape centre at Milton Keynes. The Snozone is an indoor real snow ski slope, with a 170m long main slope serviced by two drag lifts, and a separate shorter nursery slope serviced by two magic carpet lifts. For the 3 hour instruction and coaching session at the slope, boys will be placed into small groups appropriate to their experience and ability and given professional instruction and coaching by Snozone instructors, with the aim of either introducing them to skiing, or helping them to improve their existing level of skill, thereby helping all trip participants to get the most out of their ski trip over the February half term.

The total cost for the trip will likely be in the region of £40-£50 (depending on uptake of the offering, with the final price dependent on the number of boys opting to come on the trip). The price includes coach transfers between TBSHS and the Snozone, 3 hours professional ski instruction in small groups appropriate to experience and ability from Snozone instructors, equipment hire (skis, boots, poles and helmet) and insurance.

We would envisage that the meet time for the trip will be around 13:00 on Sunday 28th January, with a return time to TBSHS of around 20:45. Boys will need to bring their own ski wear and enough food and drink for the duration of the trip. Boys with their own skis, boots, poles and helmets may also bring their own equipment to the practice session if they wish to.

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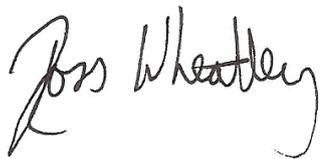


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To reserve a place for your son, please fill out the slip below and return to **Mrs Kitching** in the **Pastoral Administration Office** by **Wednesday 5th July**. Once all replies have been received, I will then make contact with you again to confirm the latest details, give instructions for how payment can be made, and collect parental consent and any other relevant information from you that both ourselves and Snozone will need to make the necessary arrangements for our visit.

Yours faithfully



Mr Ross Wheatley

Trip Leader

To: Mrs A Kitching
Re: Ski Practice Session – Snozone at Xscape Milton Keynes

I would like to reserve a place for my son Form on the ski practice session at Snozone at Xscape Milton Keynes on Sunday 28th January 2018.

I understand that the cost for the trip will depend on the numbers attending, with the likely cost being likely to be in the region of £40-£50, which I agree to pay when I receive the trip confirmation details.

Signed (Parent / Guardian)