

January 2008

Dear Parents

## RGS Senior Ski Trip December 2008

**DATES** : Sunday 14 December 2008 until Sunday 21 December 2008

**VENUE** : Serre Chevalier, France

We have had a Senior Ski Trip at RGS for over 15 years, with trips going every 2 years. Our next trip is scheduled for December 2008. We have been very fortunate to secure a provisional booking for the French resort of Serre Chevalier. We have access to a good hotel right in the middle of the village of Villeneuve, no more than a couple of seconds from the gondola. The lifts are modern, with hardly any drags, and the pistes are 'superbly maintained'. The immediate ski area covers nearly 280 km of piste and will genuinely cater for all standards, from absolute beginners through to 'fliers'.

The cost of the holiday will be £725. Students must be at least 16 years old on the day of departure to come on this trip ~ there are no exceptions to this I'm afraid. This age limit has to be imposed to comply with alcohol consumption regulations within EU countries. Given these regulations, students are able to consume alcohol whilst on the trip. We will insist that they do so in moderation and under our supervision, and in addition with written parental permission. Parents will have to sign and return a provided form relating to alcohol consumption prior to travelling, even if the student is over 18.

The vast majority of school ski trips nowadays are for 'juniors'. Trips for 'senior' students are a rarity, mainly due to potential repercussions if something goes wrong. Junior trips inevitably involve full supervision on the slopes within a 'ski school environment', and there is no free skiing time. In my experience seniors expect a less rigid learning environment, and we try to tailor the holiday to allow some flexibility. Two hour lessons in the morning are paid for in the package, but parents need to be aware that students will have some 'free time' on the slopes. All the staff on this trip have many years experience of taking senior ski trips and we will make every effort to make sure that every student maximises their 'slope time' in a safe and enjoyable manner. At no time will students be left to simply 'do their own thing' on the slopes outside ski school time, but it is possible that there will be times when groups of students will not be directly supervised.

If parents have any points to raise on this issue please contact me at school before sending in any deposit cheques. My e-mail is [dgb@reigategrammar.org](mailto:dgb@reigategrammar.org). The cost of the trip is a fully inclusive price including return flights Gatwick ~ Turin ~ Gatwick, all foreign transfers, full board in the 3\* Hotel Le Roc Noir, Villeneuve, 6 full days skiing, hire of skis, poles and boots, full comprehensive insurance, including any ski breakage and snow guarantee, 2 hour ski lessons every day, lift pass for the Serre Chevalier ski area and an optional day at Alpe d'Huez or Montgenevre. Full information letters will be posted to you in September when final numbers have been finalised. In order to secure places we have to get deposits in fairly quickly, with the end of this term being the absolute final deadline.

I am sure demand will be high, so places will have to be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to secure a place on this trip please fill in the reply slip below and return to me at School with your deposit cheque. Cheques payable to RGS Senior Ski Trip please.

Yours sincerely

D G Bader

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SENIOR SKI TRIP 14 – 21 December 2008 ~ REPLY SLIP

Please reserve a place on the above trip for ..... (student name)

I enclose an initial deposit cheque for £ 250 made payable to [RGS Senior Ski Trip](#)

Parent's signature ..... Date .....

Please return this form, along with your deposit cheque to Mr Bader as soon as possible. Thank you.