

8 September 2014

**Discovery College Ski Trip: 14 -22 February 2015**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your interest in the Ski Trip 2015. This year we have again joined forces with Renaissance College to enable a larger group of students to travel, learn and enjoy together, and to provide the most cost-efficient trip. We are also able to provide a 1:7 teacher to student ratio this year.

We will be staying at the Hotel Pension Heino, at Saas Grund, a premier ski resort in the Swiss Alps, with Snowtraxx International providing the instruction and programming. They have an excellent reputation and years of experience running school ski trips. Further information about the company can be found on their website [www.snowtraxx.co.uk](http://www.snowtraxx.co.uk). They are able to provide a 1:6 instructor to student ratio in order to provide a safe and memorable experience for our students. We are excited at the prospect of providing students of all skill levels, the chance to ski/snowboard in such a fantastic world-class setting. It is also a great opportunity for students to experience the Swiss culture, develop their English-language skills, improve their health and fitness, have fun and make new friends!

We are unable to guarantee the exact final cost of the trip until students are signed up and flights are purchased, however, it will be approximately HK\$25,000-30,000. This price include all airfares, full board accommodation, evening entertainment, ski equipment hire, lift passes, transfers and insurance. The students will enjoy outstanding facilities, superb local cuisine and brilliant, highly qualified instructors. The price of the trip is all-inclusive except for a small amount of spending money and optional ski suit hire.

The trip falls in the Chinese New Year holiday, so no school days will be missed. At this stage flights are with Cathay Pacific Airways. The itinerary is as follows:

Departing Hong Kong **14 February 0045** and arriving in **Milan 0700**  
Departing Milan **21 February 1220** and arriving Hong Kong **22 February 0640**

The breakdown of the costs are as follows:

1. Snowtraxx all-inclusive package: CHF1,450 (approximately HK\$12,225)
2. Flights: HK\$13,000-18,000

Places on the trip are limited and are open to all Years 9-13 secondary school students on a first come, first served basis. In order to secure your child's place on the trip, the following is required by Friday 26 September 2014:

1. Deposit of HK\$13,500 payable to 'Discovery College' (this is non-refundable except in the event that we do not get the required minimum number of participants)
2. Photocopy of child's passport

Following confirmation of your child's place on the trip, a second payment of CHF300 will need to be paid into the Snowtraxx account; details to follow. The final payment will be confirmed and due later this term.

Please fill out the consent form attached, and return with the aforementioned deposit and passport copy by Friday 26 September 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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**PERMISSION SLIP – PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

I hereby give consent for my child to participate in the DC trip to Switzerland from 14-22 February 2015.

I have enclosed a cheque for HK\$13,500 made payable to 'Discovery College' and a copy of my child's passport.

I understand that, whilst staff in charge of the members of the group will take all reasonable care for their health and safety, they cannot be held responsible, unless they are found to be negligent, for any injury, illness, damage or loss suffered by my son/daughter during or arising out of the activity. I authorise the leader of the activity or any member of the school staff present, to consent to such medical treatment which, in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner, may be necessary for my child in the course of the activity. The school will always attempt to contact parents prior to any medical treatment being administered. I, therefore, agree to indemnify the English Schools Foundation, its employees and agents against all liability for injury (including death), illness, loss to a person or person's or damage of property caused by my son/daughter unless this can be shown to be due to the negligence of the English Schools Foundation or any of its employees.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian contact email: \_\_\_\_\_