



9th October 2007

Dear Parent or Guardian,

I would like to take this opportunity to invite your son/daughter to come on an enrichment experience trip to Switzerland. It is aimed at all current Year 9 and 10 students who would like to see new things and visit a new countries. A provisional booking has been made to take a group of 40 students for a visit to the Saas Grund area in Switzerland from **25th October to 1st November 2008** (Half term holiday).

We will be staying at the Hotel Rodania in Saas Grund. Each day will be spent visiting local attractions including going inside a glacier, visiting Italy, going in cable cars to alpine areas, seeing the Matterhorn etc. Evening entertainment will include a quiz, pizza night and a disco. Students will not be asked to do any class work or coursework on this trip, as it is purely an 'enrichment trip'. However, it will benefit GCSE Geography students (or potential students) as it will provide them with useful real life case studies which they can take into examinations. It will also benefit language students, especially those taking GCSE German.

The cost of the trip will be **£475**. Included in this price will be:

- Return travel from the school, all executive coaches fitted with lap belts.
- Full board accommodation while in Switzerland.
- A full programme of excursions.
- All entrance fees to places of interest.
- Full comprehensive insurance.

The only additional cost will be spending money, including some food needed on the journey. Any surplus payment in excess of £5 will be refunded.

The trip will be run by Miss Parrott and Mr Bhura, in conjunction with PGL School Tours. PGL is a first class operator with a solid reputation for organizing school holidays with almost 50 years experience in the school travel business.

If you would like your child to take part in this exciting trip, please detach, complete and return the form below, with an initial deposit of **£35 by 16th October 2007**. The final four installments will be due on:

- **25th November 2007 - £60**
- **24th February 2008 - £120**
- **5th May 2008 - £120**
- **10th July 2008 - £140**

Cheques are preferable and should be made payable to 'Mount Grace School' and on the back please add your son/daughters name, form group and 'Switzerland Trip'. Payment should be placed in the 'Cheque Post Box' in reception. Please note that once payments have been paid to PGL they are non-refundable, and they are a commitment to your child attending the visit.

Forty places have been booked and we will be allocating places on a first come first serve basis. The visit is a 'low risk' activity although there is always the possibility of falls/injuries in snowy/icy conditions. For the point of view of health and safety this is a visit which will require from students total and immediate compliance with staff instructions. Students wishing to go must have an excellent behavioural record with no internal or fixed term exclusions for poor behaviour/bullying/defiance/refusal to follow staff instructions. Any student we agree to take who subsequently is involved in bullying or incidence to non-cooperation with staff will not be allowed to go, but will be refunded any payment made other than the deposit.

I hope your son/daughter will be able to take this opportunity to come on this trip. Confirmation that your son/daughter has managed to get a place on the trip will be given out just after the date of the initial deposit. A meeting giving more details about the trip, for parents, will subsequently happen.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss E C Parrott.

Mr Y Bhura

Pupil's name: Form group:

I wish my son/ daughter to be considered for a place on the school trip to Saas Grund, Switzerland. I enclose a **deposit of £35.00**. I understand that once deposits have been paid to PGL they are non-refundable.

Signed: Date:

Please return to Reception by **16th October 2007**.