

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER



Mobile Phones



As a school, we recognise mobile phones are now part of life and if used correctly, bring many advantages and we do not want to ignore this technology.

However, a number of students are spoiling the right to bring a phone to school by using them in class and disrupting learning. Our aim is to educate students into making the right choice of when and how to use their phones.

In the weeks up to the Easter holidays we have been and will continue to remind students as to what is and is not acceptable use of phones. Texting, social media or taking calls (even from their parents!) is not acceptable use in lessons, assembly or form time, nor is listening to music.

Students will be given the option of putting away their phone and earphones immediately as they enter class, assembly or form time. After Easter, inappropriate use could lead to confiscation and you, as parents, having to come and collect the phone.

We would ask you to discuss this at home and support us in developing an understanding of the right and the wrong time to have phones and earphones out of a pocket or bag.

Finally, we would remind you that if you allow your child to bring a phone to school, it is yours and their responsibility and the school can not support with loss or damage.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Clayton

Temporary Bus Passes

May we remind students and parents that we are only able to provide a temporary bus pass for those who are awaiting a replacement or new bus pass. We are unable to provide temporary bus passes for students wishing to visit friends after school. Spaces on school buses are allocated to students who require transport to and from school on a daily basis and we are unable to provide space for 'ad-hoc' trips. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Year 11 Yearbook



Order forms are available for the Year Book from South Site Reception and Mrs Hollidge's office. The cost of the Year Book will be £18, and they will be available for collection on GCSE results day. Photographs from the Year 11 Prom will also be included.

Mrs Hollidge

Year 8 and 9 Interim Reports

Interim reports for ELP2 are now available via 'My Child at School'. We encourage all parents to review these grades at home with their son or daughter. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of House. Equally, if subject teachers have any concerns they will contact you at home.

World Book Day Winners

Congratulations to Eleanor Chapman and Evie Bowers in S2, who came first in the World Book Day mini book world competition. They created a fantastic Harry Potter themed mini book world of a Quidditch pitch. In second place was Theo Royall and in third place was Aaron Kidell, both of V8. Well done to everyone who took part. They will each receive a book voucher as their prize.

World Book Day vouchers expire this Sunday, so you have a couple more days to get your free book or receive £1 off a full priced book.



Dates for your Diary

*A reminder that school finishes for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31 March 2017 at 3:05pm
Summer Term begins on Tuesday 18 April 2017*

24 March 2017

THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM SKI TRIP
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2018
FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018 – SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2018

COST: £1017 for skiing - Snowboarding option - £1032

DESTINATION: Ponte Di Legno (Tonale-Italy)

Details of the trip:

- Travel by luxury coach with reclining seats, DVD player, toilet and air-conditioning
- Channel crossing by ferry or Eurotunnel out and return
- Six nights full board accommodation
- Hot lunch each day at a restaurant on the mountain
- Skiing for six full days, Sunday to Friday inclusive
- Six hours skiing each day
- Ski pass for 6 days
- Hire of skis, boots and helmet
- Ski lessons each day from qualified mountain instructors
- All skiing under full supervision from qualified staff
- Insurance will be covered by Aviva. Further details are available on request
- Booking form needs to be filled in and handed in with the deposit
- Hand in at the Student Payment Point or give to Mr Bowman
- £200 non-refundable deposit secures a place on the trip. One instalment of £100 to be paid by the end of April 2017 and a second £100 deposit payment to be paid by the end of May 2017 (Please make cheques payable to Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form)
- Organising Tour Company is TM Ski and Travel.



Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form Ski Club are returning once again to Ponte di Legno and Tonale in Italy for the 2018 February half term ski trip. We will be staying at the Hotel Mirella in the village of Ponte di Legno. Ponte di Legno itself has several tree lined ski runs ideal for different abilities of skiers. The majority of the skiing will take place in Tonale, which is a short bubble lift trip further up the mountain (approximately 20 minutes).

Tonale is high on a pass, above the trees, with gentle slopes for the beginners and more difficult runs for the intermediate skiers with several black runs for the advanced skiers. The resort is extremely 'snow sure' because of its height, as it is situated at over 3000m. It also has a glacier on the north side of the slopes and snow making equipment on the south facing slopes. The glacier is reached via a 12 man gondola.

There is a wonderful 7km run through the woods back down to Ponte di Legno. The journey takes you past little farms and a Husky dog training school on a lovely forest trail which can be managed by skiers of all abilities. Ponte di Legno is a beautiful old town with many ski runs of its own.

There are 26 lifts in Tonale and the checking system for the lifts is hands free which enables the ski pass to stay in student's pockets for the full week. The ski pass also allows entrance to the swimming pool in Ponte di Legno for a reduced charge, although hats must be worn.

The Hotel Mirella is a very friendly hotel with excellent service and superb food. It has a games room with a pool table and table tennis table along with a small cinema room where the students can watch a film in the evening. It is a five minute walk away from the centre of Ponte di Legno where there are a variety of different shops and an ice skating rink as well as a swimming pool. The hotel is also a five minute walk away from the ski slopes. The cost of the trip includes a two course hot lunch each day at a restaurant on the mountain in Tonale as well as a three course evening meal at the hotel each night. There is always a good breakfast supplied to start each day of skiing.

The website adamelloski.com has more information including photographs and a number of webcams showing the resort. If you have any questions, please see Mr Bowman or telephone 497754.