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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Following communications from a few parents I firstly want to express my sincere apologies to any student/family who have been in any way upset about the process around selecting students for our first ever school ski trip for TY students, but I do feel it is important for me to clarify some points.

- In April two teachers approached me about organising a ski trip for TY students and following deliberations with Ms. Tarrant and Mr. Delahunty it was felt that if there was a demand among students that it may be a very positive trip to introduce into our TY programme following nearly thirty months of Covid restrictions.
- At this point seventy students expressed interest in the trip and a letter was issued to these parents/guardians.
- Three internal meetings were held teasing out dates for the trip and seeking quotations from different companies.
- On May 24th our trip organisers agreed dates and itineraries/prices with the tour operator.
- On June 1st a form was issued to parents/guardians outlining details of the trip. This stated that a deposit of €150 needed to be paid to school SMT by June 10th and that a draw would need to take place if demand exceeded available places. This form could not be issued until we knew exactly what students were opting into TY for next year.
- 68 deposits were received by the school and on the 10th of June the Chairperson of our Parents Association drew 35 names for the trip in the presence of our teachers organising the tour.
- The trip organisers then informed parents/guardians of the outcome of this draw. Unfortunately, this was during Junior Certificate Exams, but the Tour Operator needed stage payments to be made by 12th of June (we have got an extension to the 15th of June)
- **The dates of the trip will be given to other schools waiting if this deadline is not met so the reality is that we needed to communicate the outcome of the draw at this time.**
- The Tour Operator deadline payment dates were stated on form issued on June 1st and are not under our control as they are the commercial body providing the service and airlines, accommodation etc must be booked by them.
- If the trip proves to be a success the process will begin in September for next year's Third Years.
- Unfortunately, the school is limited to the numbers that can travel on a Ski Trip given the staffing needs required and the realities of running a school on a day-to-day basis.

I know students are disappointed at not receiving a place on this trip, but we did everything in a fair and transparent manner and the €150 deposit paid to school will be refunded to all who were not draw.

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