

Dear Head Teacher,

We are writing to invite your school to enter the Devon Schools Alpine Ski Championship to be held at Torquay Alpine Ski Club, Barton Hall, Torquay on Sunday 17 May 2009. A copy of the Entry Form is enclosed. Forms may also be downloaded from our website: [www.skitorquay.co.uk](http://www.skitorquay.co.uk)

This year we are seeking to promote a greater team perspective to the Championship and it has therefore been decided to award prizes to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams in both the primary and secondary school categories. We are expecting some keen competition for this increased number of prizes and hope that your school will encourage at least 3 of your pupils to enter in order to have a chance of winning a team prize. As skiers of all abilities are welcome, there will also be a special prize in each individual age category for novice skiers. Novices are defined as all who are not members of a recognised ski racing club.

Torquay is not just Devon's longest established ski slope - it was the very first outdoor dry ski slope to be established in England and dates from 1963. The club has a proud history having produced a number of British and European Junior Champions and has been a race venue for many years. The Club committee is therefore very pleased to invite pupils from your school, both experienced and inexperienced, to participate in the challenge of ski racing.

The slope will be moving to its Summer timetable on the 5th April with reduced opening hours for open public skiing. However, the club would be happy to arrange session bookings for groups from those schools wishing to practice prior to the Championship.

We look forward to seeing you at the race! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 01803 313350.

Yours sincerely,

Torquay Alpine Ski Club