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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are now in the process of planning our next ski trip for February 2025. It was excellent to be able to provide a ski trip to Austria during the February 2024 half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to participate in a residential trip, which will cater for beginners as well as more experienced skiers.

The trip is being offered to students in current Years 7 to 10 and will run during the half term in February 2025. Skiing is a physically demanding sport and I would ask students, parents and carers to consider this carefully before signing up as pupils will be participating in lessons for 5 hours per day and possibly walking around slopes with their equipment each day.

There are enormous benefits to be had from outdoor education, residential courses and adventurous activity, and the experience of participating in a ski trip is highly recommended for many reasons including:

- The opportunity to enjoy a healthy, outdoor physical activity in a new environment
- The chance to succeed in a new challenge through learning a new skill
- Helping to build self-awareness, self-confidence and a sense of achievement
- Improving and forming relationships within the school group.

We do reserve the right to withdraw or refuse access to this trip for those students whose behaviour is of genuine concern, due to health and safety reasons. Unacceptable behaviour could relate to behaviour either in or out of school, as students will be representing the Academy whilst away. This may also affect the non-refundable deposit.

Details of the trip and what is included in the price are as follows:

DATE: SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY to SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025  
SKI RESORT: GRANDVALIRA, ANDORRA - <https://www.grandvalira.com/en/ski-resort-grandvalira>  
ACCOMMODATION: THE HOTEL AUSTRIA, SOLDEU, ANDORRA –  
<https://hotelesapartamentosandorra.com/establecimientos/hotel-austria/>

TRANSPORT: BY COACH

INCLUSIVE OF: Return Transport (Coach Transfer / Ferry)  
Full board accommodation (Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal. Hot lunch on the slopes)  
Transfer to ski slopes on a daily basis  
5 days skiing with lift pass  
5x5 hours ski tuition in Grandvalira areas -  
1:12 Ski instructor ratio maximum  
5 Day hire of carving skis, boot, poles and helmet (Helmet is compulsory)  
Fully comprehensive snow sports insurance  
Local taxes and security levies  
ATOL / ABTA bonding for complete peace of mind  
Services of a dedicated Inspiresport representative in resort – 24/7.  
A Selection of Evening Activities – Pizza Night, Bowling and others.  
Hoodie - Personalised

TRAVEL COMPANY: We will be using InspireSport: <http://www.inspiresport.com>

PAYMENT: **TOTAL COST: SKI - £1290**

**DEPOSIT: £290** (Non Refundable if you decide not to attend – TO BE PAID BY WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024)

4 x £250 further payments (**BY: 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY; 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY; 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER; 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**)

PAYMENTS MADE VIA PARENT PAY – If you do not have an account one will be set up when you return the reply slip below.

**We expect parents/carers to keep up to date with our payment schedule, as we must make payments to the travel company. In the event that non-payment of the instalments we reserve the right to withdraw the pupil's place on the trip.**

NB: Correspondence with Parents / Guardian will be made via the email address for Parent Pay.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST: Passport fees; any required GOVERNMENT COVID TESTING; Meals en route; Pocket money; Ski clothing.

We are aware that some may be discouraged by the cost of the trip. If this is the case, please contact me to discuss whether your child is eligible for further assistance to attend the trip.

### **TRAVEL / COVID CONDITIONS**

#### **PASSPORT**

- All pupils are required to hold their own passport, which must be valid for 3 months after our return date.

#### **GLOBAL HEALTH INSURANCE CARD (GHIC) / EHIC**

- All pupils must carry with them a valid GHIC card to cover emergency medical treatment should this be necessary while in resort. If a pupil still has a valid EHIC card then this can be used, however ample time needs to be given for a replacement.

#### **TRAVEL REGULATIONS / COVID-19**

- The situation on this may change. At the time of departure we will follow government travel requirements.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

For reference we are considering a ski trip to Canada for February 2026, although this had not been confirmed. The cost of this trip could be in the region of £2000 should this impact on your decision for this trip.

### **WHAT TO DO NOW!**

1. Complete the DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM – Select Link or scan the QR Code below. (Open the link in Google Chrome) <https://forms.office.com/e/tteQhEdMZu> - **LINK WILL GO LIVE FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024 @ 7PM. DECLARATION OF INTEREST WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024.**
2. If a pupil is selected to attend the trip the Parent / Carer will receive an email as soon as possible.
3. Make the Non-Refundable Deposit on ParentPay and complete the EDUCATIONAL VISIT PARENTAL CONSENT FORM.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at the school.

Yours sincerely

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