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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to run another UAH ski trip to Formigal, in the Spanish Pyrenees during the February half term 2027. The recent trip to Mont Sainte Anne and Stoneham, Canada was amazing, with the pupils in attendance making excellent progress and experiencing a different culture and scenery.

The trip is being offered to students in current Years 7 to 10. Skiing is a physically demanding sport and we 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. Please consider this carefully prior to showing an interest in a place on the trip.

There are limited spaces available on the trip (42), and if the trip is over-subscribed, a random selection will take place. In the event that your child is not successful in the process you will be informed via email – we appreciate that this may be upsetting for them, but demand previously has exceeded the spaces available. It is expected that if your child is successful, then a non-refundable deposit will be required by the deadline date below.

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 or if they are not participating in Physical Education lessons for extended periods of time, 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 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2027 – SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2027

SKI RESORT: FORMIGAL, SPAIN - <https://www.skiresort.info/ski-resort/formigal/>

ACCOMMODATION: SNÖ Argon Hills / SNÖ Villa de Sallent / SNÖ Hotel Formigal - <https://www.snohotels.com/en/> (We will be in one of the SNÖ hotels in Formigal – TBC)

TRANSPORT: BY COACH

INCLUSIVE OF: Return Transport by coach  
Half board accommodation (Breakfast & Evening Meal)  
Hot lunch on the slopes – included in the price  
Transfer to ski slopes on a daily basis  
5 days skiing with lift pass  
5x5 hours ski tuition  
1:12 Ski instructor ratio maximum  
5 Day hire of carving skis, boot, poles and helmet (Helmet is compulsory)  
Fully comprehensive snow sports insurance  
1 Evening Activity – Bowling

ATOL / ABTA bonding for complete peace of mind  
Services of a dedicated Inspiresport representative in resort – 24/7.  
Hoodie – Personalised

NB: UK residents traveling to Europe need a valid passport (issued under 10 years ago and valid for 3+ months beyond return) and can stay up to 90 days in a 180-day period without a visa. Starting late 2026, UK citizens must obtain ETIAS travel authorization (€20, valid 3 years) before travel. From 12 Oct 2025, new EES rules will require digital fingerprints/photos at the border.

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

**PAYMENT: TOTAL COST: SKI - £1520**

**DEPOSIT: £420** (Non Refundable if you decide not to attend – **TO BE PAID BY WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**)

2 x £375 + 1 x £350 further payments (**£375 by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026; £375 by 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026; £350 by 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026**)

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.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST: Passport fees; Meals en route; Pocket money; Ski clothing.

**TRAVEL CONDITIONS**

**PASSPORT**

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

**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/EBCRLCtXxW>

**LINK WILL GO LIVE FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2026 @ 7PM. DECLARATION OF INTEREST WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026 @12AM.**

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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