

19th May 2017

To: Parents of Pupils in Years 4 to 10



Dear Parents,

HOLLYGIRT SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2018 – GRANDVALIRA, ANDORRA and BARCELONA, SPAIN

SUNDAY 1ST APRIL 2018 – SUNDAY 8TH APRIL 2018

I am looking to organise a Hollygirt School Ski Trip for next academic year and write with details, which I hope may be of some interest to you. The trip will be open to pupils from Years 5-11 inclusive (as of September 2017) and, I believe, offers them a superb opportunity.

Resort

The pupils will be staying at the Hotel Euroski in El Tarter, Andorra, which is a three-minute drive on the courtesy coach to the lifts. Grandvalira is Andorra's premium ski area, with a range of some 210km of runs, offering skiing for all abilities, from beginners to experts. There is a substantial lift network and, given the altitude – with the top lift extending to 2640m – it is snow-assured.

On the Saturday, we intend to visit Barcelona for the day, spending the night there before flying home the following morning. Needless to say, Barcelona is one of the most amazing and vibrant cities in the world.

Accommodation/Meals

We will be staying at the very comfortable four-star Hotel Euroski. Breakfast and evening meals are served at the hotel, and there are leisure facilities suitable for the age-range of the pupils, including a pool. The rooms are very modern and stylish, located in a quiet, secluded mountain resort. More information is available at <https://www.hoteleuroski.com/>. Hot lunches will be served on the slopes each day.

The last night will be spent at the Barcelona House Hotel in the historic centre of Barcelona, very close to Las Ramblas. Again, the hotel offers very comfortable and modern rooms. Breakfast and an evening meal are served here. More information is available at <http://www.hotel-barcelonahouse.com>.

Price

The price will be in the region of £1220, and this includes:

- Flights to/from Barcelona, including hold baggage
- Transfer from Barcelona to the resort (about 3.5 hours) and return
- Fully catered hotel accommodation in Andorra (with hot lunch served on the mountains)
- One night's hotel accommodation with evening meal and breakfast in Barcelona
- Ski hire (helmets, boots, skis and poles)
- Ski school (five hours per day for five days)
- Full Grandvalira area pass (210km of runs)
- Snow guarantee insurance
- Full and comprehensive travel and winter sports insurance
- Tourist taxes, where applicable

Not included in this price:

- Transfer to / from British airport (we are hopeful to book from East Midlands and so meet at the airport, but the worst case scenario is Luton, in which case, we may offer a transfer service at an additional price)
- Some evening activities may attract a small charge, as may tourist attractions in Barcelona
- Drinks in the hotel
- Lunch in Barcelona

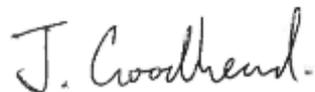
The price quoted above is an estimate at this stage, as it depends on final numbers. The price may vary a little, but I will endeavour to keep the price as low as possible. I believe this offers excellent value for money.

Booking

If you would like to provisionally book a place for your child, please send a deposit of £250 by Wednesday 24th May. (Cheques should be made payable to Hollygirt School). I will then be able to ascertain the feasibility of the trip, the final numbers and the final price. I will then confirm this with you before sending any deposit to the ski company. At this stage, your deposit holds your place. If sufficient numbers are achieved, the final price will be confirmed before half term, and we will need a final written confirmation from you that you wish to take up the place. Following this, the deposit will be banked and becomes non-refundable. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered (50% of the balance will be due on 5th July 2017 and the remainder on 14th January 2018).

If you have any questions about the trip or would like to know more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J. Goodhead
Ski Trip Leader