

15th May 2018

To: Parents of Pupils in Years 3 to 10



Dear Parents,

HOLLYGIRT SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2019 – GRANDVALIRA, ANDORRA

SUNDAY 7th APRIL 2019 – SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2019

Having recently returned from a hugely successful and fun ski trip, by popular demand, 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 4-11 inclusive (as of September 2018) and I believe offers them a superb opportunity.

Resort

The pupils will again be staying at the excellent Hotel Euroski in El Tarter, Andorra, which is just a short drive on the courtesy coach to the lifts (around five minutes). 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.

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.

Price

The price will be in the region of £1250, 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 in a mountainside restaurant)
- Ski hire (helmets, boots, skis and poles)
- Ski school (five hours per day for five days)
- 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, as this year, 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)
- An après-ski activity programme (this year, we went ice skating, bowling and visited a thermal spa)
- Drinks in the hotel (juice is provided at breakfast and mineral water at dinner)

The price quoted 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, and I can personally testify to the quality of the hotel, the meals and the excellent skiing.

Booking

If you would like to provisionally book a place for your child, please send a deposit of £250 by Monday 21st May. (Cheques should be made payable to Hollygirt School or BACS with the reference "ski2019"). I can then 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 in July 2018 and the remainder in January 2019).

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