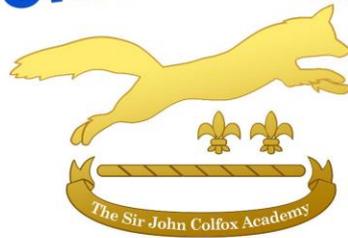


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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March 2022

Dear Parents

Ski Trip 2022-2023

I am pleased to announce that we are going to organise a ski trip for 2022-2023, departing school on Friday 30 December 2022 and returning on Friday 6 January 2023. After two years since the last trip and the challenges of Covid, I feel it is now appropriate to provide another opportunity for students to go skiing. This trip will be for the current Year 9 who will be Year 10 at the time of travel. For this trip, we will be travelling to the lovely resort of Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy, and Hotel Dujany. We will be travelling with Interski a company that I went with as a secondary school student 18 years ago and had a fantastic time!

Pila

I have skied for over three weeks at this resort. It is a lovely ski area for skiers of all abilities. Interski are a fantastic company to travel with and offer an excellent experience for students. They have a longstanding relationship with the resort and the local people and a very good reputation there.

Pila has a bewitching natural landscape with a magnificent view sweeping the Alps, from Mont Blanc to Monte Rosa and the Matterhorn. There are 70 kms of perfectly maintained pistes, modern ski lifts, 400+ snow cannons (meaning superb snow-making) and a tempting mix of tree-lined runs and vast, wide, open spaces. Interski 2022.

Hotel Dujany is a traditional hotel less than a 5-minute walk from the centre of the village of Nus. The hotel is approximately 20 minutes by coach from the gondola; the hotel has a spa, a small TV room and a larger meeting room. The hotel also has a small swimming pool. All of the rooms have an empty fridge, hairdryer, TV and private facilities, and are mostly for 2 or 3 people.

Why Go?

This is a fantastic opportunity for complete beginners or intermediate/advanced skiers to enjoy skiing in breath-taking mountain scenery whilst also benefitting from the cultural experience that a foreign country offers. Travelling and staying away from home will also help pupils become more independent, develop more confidence and strengthen many of the great friendships that they have. Many students who go on school ski trips pick up a new skill (and passion) that stays with them for life. We understand this is an expensive trip but it will be a wonderful experience and give life long memories.

How much does it cost?

The cost per person is **£1100.00**, which can be paid in instalments prior to the trip via Wisepay. Below I have included a payment schedule.

The cost includes:

- Return travel by coach.
- 24 hours of tuition with qualified instructors.
- 5 Day Lift pass.
- Ski, boot, pole and helmet hire.
- Full board accommodation.
- Hot lunch on the slopes.
- Winter sports insurance.
- Evening entertainment package.
- A trip hoody.

Meals en-route and pocket money (no more than £10-15 per day recommended) are not included.

I am hopeful that this will be the final cost of the trip but there may be additional costs depending on world events and Covid 19 travel restrictions.

What do I need to do next?

For the trip to go ahead we need a **minimum of 35 students** to go. **However, we may be able to take a higher number of students but we will only be taking one coach.** If you would like your child to go on the trip, please complete and return the slip below and return to me **by Monday 14 March. From 8.15am tomorrow morning Friday 11 March, I will be at main reception ready to collect slips. Emailed slips will not be accepted.** I will receive slips on a first come first served basis. If we reach a point where we have too many students wanting to go, I will begin a reserve list. If you do not trust your child to return it to me, then you can hand it into the main reception yourself if you wish! The last ski trip was heavily oversubscribed within two days and there was a long waiting list at the end of week one.

Those students who secure a place on the trip will then be advised of this by Friday 18 March and will need to meet the following payment schedule:

Initial Deposit (Non-refundable): £200 by Thursday 31 March.

Instalment 2: £250 by Friday 25 May

Instalment 3: £200 by Friday 8 July

Instalment 4: £250 by Friday 9 September

Instalment 5: £200 by Friday 14 October

It is important that this payment schedule is followed so that the final payment to Interski can be made on 21 October 2022.

Please note that once initial deposits have been paid to Interski they are not refundable, and terms and conditions apply.

Useful links from Interski

Why choose Interski and Interski videos

<https://www.interski.co.uk/Schools/whyinterski.php>

<https://www.interski.co.uk/Schools/videos.php>



Hotel Dujany -

https://www.interski.co.uk/Downloads/Schools/Resorts/Pila/Hotels/Dujany_Fact_Sheet.pdf

Pila

<https://www.interski.co.uk/Schools/resort.php?rld=3>

Insurance

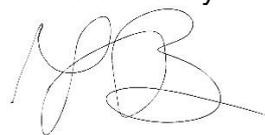
https://www.interski.co.uk/Downloads/Schools/Insurance/Promotion_Pack/

Finally

Should you have any questions regarding your child's participation in the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me as trip leader.

Mr Bartlett: BartlettN@colfox.dorset.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



Nathan Bartlett

Head of Year 9/Ski Trip Leader



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PLEASE RETURN TO MR BARTLETT

To: Nathan Bartlett. Ski Trip to Italy 30 December 2022 - Friday 6 January 2023

I would like to put my child's name down for this trip and understand I will be sent another letter later to tell me if they have been given a place.

Student's Name: Tutor Group

Signed Parent/Guardian Name (Please print)

Date