

5th June 2019

To: Parents of Pupils in Years 3 to 10



Dear Parents,

***HOLLYGIRT SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2020 – GRANDVALIRA, ANDORRA
SUNDAY 29th MARCH 2020 – SATURDAY 4th APRIL 2020***

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 2019) and I believe offers them a superb opportunity.

Resort

The pupils will be staying at the excellent Hotel Panorama in Escaldes, 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 Panorama. 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, and it is close to the main shopping and leisure hub of Andorra. More information is available at <http://www.andorrapanorama.com/EN/hotel.html>. Hot lunches will be served in an excellent restaurant on the slopes each day.

Price

The price will be in the region of £1200 and this includes:

- Flights to/from Barcelona from East Midlands, including hold baggage
- Transfer from Barcelona to the resort (about 3.5 hours) and return
- Fully catered hotel accommodation (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
- Après-ski activity programme (previously, we have been ice skating, bowling and visited a thermal spa)

Not included in this price:

- Transfer to / from East Midlands (we shall meet there on departure and return)
- Drinks in the hotel (juice is provided at breakfast and mineral water at dinner)

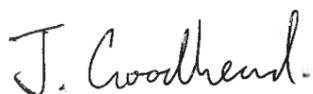
The price quoted is an estimate at this stage, as it depends on final numbers. The price may vary a little, but I will endeavour to keep the price as low as possible. I believe this offers excellent value for money, given the quality of the hotel, the meals, the excellent skiing and that it is nearly all inclusive (with the exception of drinks).

Booking

If you would like to provisionally book a place for your child, please send a deposit of £250 by Monday 10th June (cheques should be made payable to Hollygirt School or BACS with the reference "ski2020"). 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, and we will need a final written confirmation from you that you wish to take up the place. Following this, the deposit becomes non-refundable. The opportunity to pay in instalments will be offered (50% of the balance will be due 1st July 2019 and the remainder in January 2020).

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
Deputy Head of Junior School