



Mrs Claire McGonigal, Head Teacher

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Snowsports Trip 2022 - France

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may be aware that the school runs a school ski trip each year to the European Alps. Unfortunately, the trip which was due to take place in January 2021 has had to be postponed due to the current restrictions on international travel. The trip has been moved to January 2022. Most of the pupils that were due to come in 2021, are remaining on the trip for the following year. However, we do have some spaces to fill, and we have been told that we would be able to book extra places also. Therefore, we are now able to offer spaces on this trip to other pupils. The trip is open to pupils currently in S1-S5, who wish to learn to ski/snowboard, or to improve their abilities in an alpine resort.

The dates for the trip will be **Saturday 8 January 2022 - Saturday 15 January 2022.**

This will be a joint trip with Kingussie High School. Previous trips have been extremely successful with pupils enjoying the challenge of tackling new and exciting slopes in the French Alps. The chance to experience time away from home with friends, learning and speaking a new language, and taking in the French culture have been just some of the highlights. Previous ski trips have shown themselves to be a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience for all pupils, whether they are a beginner or a more advanced skier. The trip is available for all no matter what level they are at, even if they have never tried before.

The trip includes:

- 6 days of downhill skiing/boarding
- 4 hours of instruction from ESF instructors each day
- lift pass and hire of equipment (£50 supplement for Board hire)
- full board accommodation
- flights and transfers from the Airport (tbc)
- après ski activities, i.e. ice skating, quiz nights, disco and ceilidh.

The inclusive price for the 2022 trip will be £1000. This will be paid in instalments from November 2020 to October 2021. There is an additional cost of £13 Air Passenger Duty for pupils over 16 years, and an additional adult lift pass supplement of £140 for pupils over 18 years. All pupils will also need to have a valid Passport and European Health card, EHIC (tbc). Please contact either Mrs Knight or Mrs Crane if you would like to discuss this further.

Pupils will miss the initial 5 days of their timetable following the Christmas break. Any work missed **must** be completed on return to school. Prelims for seniors will commence soon after the trip returns, so this should be taken into consideration by pupils if wishing to attend this trip.

If your son/daughter is interested in a place on the 2022 trip, could you please complete and return the attached slip **directly** to Mrs Knight (PT Geography) by **Friday November 13th**. Please can you also provide a contact email address and telephone number. This will allow us to email all correspondence, as well as send letters home. When we have final numbers, we shall ask for an initial deposit of £200, by Wednesday 25th November, but please don't send this yet. Please note that once the deposits are paid to the travel company, they unfortunately cannot be refunded if you change your mind about the trip.

Places on the trip will be confirmed as soon as possible after the deadline and are subject to the signing of pupil/parent agreements and behaviour contracts.

Grantown Grammar Schools' expectations, with regard to punctuality, attendance, behaviour and the extent to which classwork is kept up to date, will also be considered.

"Parents, carers and young participants should be aware that adventurous activity can result in accidents, and on rare occasions, some of these can be serious"

Thank you for your interest in this trip.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Rachel Knight and Mrs Lorna Crane