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Snowsports Trip - 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 2022 has had to be postponed due to the current restrictions on international travel. The trip has been moved to January 2023. Many of the pupils that were due to come in 2022, 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 January 7th - Saturday January 14th 2023.**

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 six days of downhill skiing/boarding, four hours of instruction from ESF instructors each day; lift pass and hire of equipment (£50 supplement for Board hire); full board; all flights and transfers from the Airport (tbc); après ski activities, for example ice skating, quiz nights, disco and ceilidh. The inclusive price for the 2023 trip will be **£1100**. This will be paid in instalments from November 2021 to October 2022. There is an additional cost of approx. £13 Air Passenger Duty for pupils over 16 years, and an additional adult lift pass supplement of approx. £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 2023 trip, could you please complete and return the attached slip **directly** to Mrs Knight (PT Geography) by **Weds October 6th**. 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 Friday October 8th, 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

Grantown Grammar Snowsports Trip 2023 – Note of interest

I would like my son/daughter..... Class
to be considered for a place on the 2023 Snowsports Trip to France.

Please tick the correct box below for skiing or boarding;

Ski	Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate the number of weeks experience that your child has by ticking the relevant box below;

Experience	Tick
A = Total Beginner (0 weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/>
B = Able to complete controlled snow plough turn (1 week)	<input type="checkbox"/>
C = Can ski/board intermediate slopes (2-4 weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/>
D = Able to complete controlled parallel turns (5-8 weeks)	<input type="checkbox"/>
E = An experienced parallel skier/boarder (9 weeks+)	<input type="checkbox"/>

I understand that pupils will miss 5 days of school and will have to catch up with missed work and assessments.

Signed..... (Parent/Guardian)

Email contact.....

Telephone contact

Please return directly to Mrs Knight by Weds 6th October.