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21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

## **RE: Andorra Ski Trip – February Half Term 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following a successful trip to Italy this year I am hoping to organise the next Urmston Grammar Ski Trip to **Andorra** in February half term 2025 and would therefore like to gain an idea of levels of interest.

Details of the trip are as follows:

- Departure from the UK by air on Saturday 15th February 2025.
- 6 nights accommodation at Hotel Ransol in the town of El Tarter.
- 5 days of skiing in the Grandvalira ski resort in Andorra
- Return flights back to the UK on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

We are using the school travel company 'Active4 School Tours' for this trip and further details of the package they have put together for us can be found [HERE](#). Any students currently in Years 7-10 and Year 12 are welcome to sign up for this trip. Students currently in Year 11 are also welcome to sign up however there must be an intention to remain at Urmston Grammar Sixth Form in Year 12 and students must currently be on track to meet the entry requirements for the sixth form. All abilities of skier are welcome; we will run a series of introductory ski lessons at Chill Factor<sup>e</sup> in the Oct/Nov 2024 to help beginners master the basics before the trip.

The cost of the trip will be **£1675**. This includes return flights, transfers to the resort, lift pass, four hours of ski lessons per day for five days, half board accommodation at the Hotel Ransol, hot lunches at a slope-side restaurant, hire of skis, poles, boots and helmet, comprehensive insurance and all evening entertainment activities. There will be some additional costs involved which are not included in this price. These include purchase/hire of ski clothing, meals on the outward and return journey and additional spending money.

The cost of the trip is for skiing only. If your son/daughter is interested in snowboarding this may be possible if there are enough students interested, though this will also incur an additional cost. This is because we may need an additional instructor to cover a smaller snowboarding group and the equipment hire is also more expensive. If the student numbers and ability levels work out, then the additional cost to snowboard could amount to an additional £200. Details are below if you would like to express interest in snowboarding.

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**pride, participation, empathy**

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If you would like your son/daughter to take part in this trip the process is as follows:

- (1) Please complete the short online form [HERE](#) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to express interest. This is how you can also express interest in snowboarding.
- (2) If there is sufficient interest to make the trip viable I will then write to you again confirming your son/daughter has a place. At this time a deposit of £250 per student will be required through ParentPay by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Once this has been passed onto the tour operator it will be non-refundable.
- (3) A second payment of £250 per student will be required by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.
- (4) The final balance will be required by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – this will allow remaining payments to be spread across a number of months as you see fit.

Initially I am intending on offering 80 places on this trip, however if there is exceptional interest we will take steps to accommodate as many students as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this trip you are very welcome to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Kennedy-Fowler'.

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