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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Ski Trip February 2024

I am hoping to organise another Urmston Grammar ski trip for February half term 2024 and would, therefore, like to gain some idea of levels of interest through parent pay.

The trip will depart the UK by air on Sunday February 11th 2024 and return on Saturday February 17th – 5 days of skiing. I have reserved a hotel in the Italian resort of Claviere through the travel company Halsbury. The trip is open to all students who will be in years 9-13 at the time of departure. All abilities of skier are welcome on the trip. I will run a series of trips to the Chill Factor in the months before the trip so that beginners can learn the basics before taking to the mountains.

The cost of the trip will be £1625. This includes flights to Italy, transfers to the resort, full lift pass, five hours of guided skiing/lessons per day for six days, full board accommodation at the Hotel Passero Pellegrino in the ski resort, equipment hire (including helmet), comprehensive insurance and all evening entertainment activities. There are a number of other costs involved – ski clothing hire/purchase and spending money. However, the cost of the trip can be spread out over the next thirteen months. Students in year 11 who are uncertain about attending UGS VI form can join the trip in September 2023. I will save several places to be released at that time.

The cost of the trip is for skiing only. If your son/daughter would like to snowboard, then this will incur an additional cost. This is because we may need an additional instructor(s) to cover the smaller snowboarding groups and the equipment hire is also slightly more expensive. If the numbers and ability levels work out, then the additional cost will be minimal, but it could amount to an additional £200 in the worst case scenario. Please drop me an e mail when you pay the deposit to let me know that your son/daughter would like to snowboard instead of ski. We can then work out the additional cost for you based on the total number of snowboarders. Unless you do e mail me at the time of paying the deposit, I will assume your son/daughter will be skiing.

If you would like your son/daughter to take part in the UGS 2024 ski trip please make a payment of £200 on parent pay to cover the cost of the initial non-refundable deposit. We will need a second deposit of £200 in by January 6th, a third payment of £200 in February and 70% of the cost of the trip must have been paid into your parent pay account by the beginning of September 2023. The first deposit will be refundable until the end of term, at which point, we will pay it to the travel company to hold flights etc. However, if the numbers signing up do not make the trip viable then all payments will be returned promptly. Please also note that the students have not been informed about this trip in school. The trip will go live on parent pay at around 1pm on Wednesday December 7th and places on the trip will be limited to 75.

If you would like any further information about the trip, please feel free to e mail me on:
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I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Matthew McPartland
(Ski Trip Leader)

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