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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is just under four months to go until the ski trip to Italy, so I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some upcoming events relating to the trip.

I would like to hold a trip parents' evening in the school hall on Thursday November 9th. I will go through all the logistics regarding the trip and other arrangements. I will provide you with a trip booklet and answer any questions. I have arranged for a ski hire company to be in attendance at the parents' evening to take any reservations for clothing hire. First-time skiers, unsure of making the commitment to purchase a ski jacket and trousers, can hire the clothing for around £25 for the week. Ski Equip from Stockport will deliver the clothing to school two weeks before the trip and pick it up from school in the first week back after half term. The clothing they provide is good quality, waterproof and warm. They will be able to measure up students at the parents' evening and will bring a range of jackets to try on. They will also have ski socks, hats, gloves, goggles, base layers (fleece) and helmets for sale on the night. (however, helmet hire is included in the cost of the trip). Ski Equip will be in attendance from 5.45pm and the parents' meeting will start at 6.30pm after everyone has had a chance to buy/rent any equipment they need. Ski Equip also have an online ordering system and you can visit their website here:

[Senior Ski Clothing — Ski Equip School Clothing \(squarespace.com\)](http://squarespace.com)

If you do not need to hire clothing, there is no need to be in the main hall before 6.20pm.

I am also in the process of arranging three 2-hour beginner lessons at the Chill Factor in December and January for any students interested in learning the basics before the trip. I am hoping that the Chillfactor can run these lessons at 4.30/5pm on three Thursdays - December 7th, December 14th and January 11th. (These dates are **TBC**) Students will need to make their own way to the Chill Factor or secure a lift but they must meet UGS staff there 45 minutes before the lesson. I will need parents to pick students up from the Chill Factor at around 7pm after the lessons. All times and dates will be confirmed at the parents evening. The cost of the course is £90.

If you would like a place on the Chillfactor lessons a payment of £90 can be made through your parent pay account. Please make payments by November 3rd so I can let the Chillfactor know our numbers. If you do not want to book lessons then please ignore the Chillfactor payment link. If we do not get enough students to fill the lessons then we will not be able to run the trip. Please also be advised that the cost of the lessons does not include the cost of hiring clothing – a ski jacket and trousers. These can be pre-booked online for £11.20. Students will also need warm socks, waterproof gloves and a fleece/base layer.

Finally, can I please ask you to ensure that payments for the trip are up to date by half term. We need £750 by half term and £1200 by December 1st.

I look forward to seeing you all in the main hall on November 9th.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr M McPartland  
(Ski Trip Leader)

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