

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Braunton Academy Snowsports Trip: Saturday 16th to Saturday 23rd December 2023

After a very successful trip recently we are excited to announce the launch of our Snowsports trip for December 2023. We will be travelling with Interski again; a large well-established and experienced company with whom I have worked with for a large number of years leading school trips. We will be based at Pila in the Aosta Valley, Italy at The Hotel St Nicolas. Further information about the company and hotel can be found online at www.interski.co.uk.

The trip will take place at the beginning of the Christmas holiday departing on **Saturday 16th December and returning on Saturday 23rd December 2023** (times to be confirmed).

The trip will be offered out to current Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students.

The cost is **£1055 for skiers**.

Snowboarding is available but subject to viable numbers and is **£36 extra**. If there are insufficient numbers then the students will ski.

The price includes travel by executive coach, accommodation, full board, lift pass, equipment hire (boots, skis, snowboard), insurance and four hours tuition per day for five days. It also includes evening activities and hot meal vouchers that can be used for breakfast at a motorway services on the first day (Sunday 17th December), lunches at the resort and breakfast on the ferry during our return trip home.

One advantage of such a package is that students do not need to take much money with them at all. The ski trip, I'm sure, will be popular among students; however, **places are limited to 43 in the first instance**.

As places are limited, the school will consider students who have excellent attendance and behaviour for learning as a priority.

If you would like to book a place for your child please complete the form on ParentMail and make the **non-refundable deposit of £150 by 9.00 am on Friday 3rd February. This will be paid as a deposit to the company and will not be refunded if your child drops out unless replaced by another student.**

Full balances must be paid by 9.00 am on Friday 29th September 2023 and may be paid in instalments or in one lump sum. This payment is also non-refundable unless replaced by another student.

To support in the planning of the trip we will monitor payments and expect **£750 to have been paid by 9.00am on Monday 24th July.**

Anyone booking a place on the ski trip should be prepared to be flexible to comply with government rules surrounding travel. Although there is Snowsports insurance provided with our booking we would highly recommend that families read it carefully to understand the financial consequences of inability to travel. I have attached a copy of the insurance document for you to check prior to booking. All students are expected to have a valid EHIC/GHIC card.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or require further information.

Yours faithfully

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