



St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent/Guardian

St Robert's Annual Ski Trip December 2023 (GCSE PE)

We have great pleasure to invite your child to our annual ski trip for the next academic year. We will be going to Pra Loup, French Alps, France, departing 16th December 2023, and returning 23rd December 2023.

The cost of the trip is £1350. This price includes return flights from a local airport, full board accommodation, door to door skiing, 4 hours of ski tuition per day, lift passes, ski equipment hire, travel insurance and evening activities. Students are instructed each day by expert certified instructors with the opportunity to cover over 180km of skiing terrain. During the evenings, there are opportunities to relax and visit the local area.

GCSE PE Students, who are invited on the ski trip, will be assessed as part of their GCSE course (10% overall mark). Students prior to going would be expected to be able to begin to demonstrate the following according to the exam board criteria (AQA).

1. Basic turning – turning both ways using parallel or carved.
2. Stopping/parallel stop/skid to halt – stopping to the left and right.
3. Linked turns over distance –including narrow and wide turns at different angles.
4. Traversing in both directions – different speeds/angles.
5. Skiing at speed – slalom through gates/round poles or moguls or tight turns.

All payments are to be paid through the Parent Pay system. You can log into Parent Pay at www.parentpay.com using your unique login and password. If you have any problems with Parent Pay, please contact our Finance Team at finance@str.bwcet.com for help. If anyone is unable to pay the full amount, please speak to your child's Head of House as you may be able to receive financial assistance and support. Any student in receipt of Pupil Premium allowance will get funding for the trip, either in part or in full.

The school reserves the right to remove any pupil from the activity at any time if the attitude and behaviour of that pupil does not come up to the high expectations of this school. We monitor student behaviour very closely and this may affect a student being permitted to participate in a certain trip, visit or work placement.

If you wish your child to be considered, please complete the reply slip no later than 27th March 2023. If your child is successful in being offered a place, a non-refundable deposit of £150 will be required no later than Friday 21st April 2023 and is to be paid via the Parent Pay system. The remaining £1200 will be paid in instalments.



If the trip proves to be oversubscribed, then all accepted applications will be treated equally, and places will be allocated by means of random draw. If a student is not successful in the draw, then they can opt to go on the waiting list. If your child is successful in gaining a place, but then has to withdraw, any money paid can only be returned if this is due to exceptional circumstances or his/her place is filled by another student.

Yours sincerely



Ms K Gittins
PE Department

SCHOOL SKI TRIP 2023 (YEAR 9 GCSE) - France

DUE BY 27th March 2023

Student's name:

Tutor Group: (to be handed in to Student Reception)

Parent Signature:

Date:

