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Ski Trip 2027

Parent Information Evening



Who is looking after my child?



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Mrs C Rosen – Deputy Head Teacher

Mr N Ameh – Assistant Head Teacher

Ms E Morrissey – Pastoral team

Mr Kusi-Addai – Pastoral and mentor

+ 1 other member of staff

Plus– InspireSki Representative





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Behaviour and expectations

- Exemplar St Thomas More students
- Listen carefully and follow instructions
- Ensure they are always in a group of 4 or more at all times
- Be respectful of other people (within our group and in the public)
- Poor behaviour will result in withdrawal from apres-ski activities. Serious poor behaviour can lead to further sanctions upon our return to school.
- Your child's behaviour will be monitored between now and the trip, and they may have their place revoked.

Itinerary Overview – Travel days

- Sat 23rd – Pick up from St Thomas More in luxury coach (afternoon). Travel to Dover and cross the English Channel. Evening meal on the ferry. Overnight sleep on the coach.
- Sunday 24th – Travel south through France to Andorra. Arrive in time for a delicious dinner at the hotel. Meet with tour representative. Collect skis and boots.



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Itinerary Overview - Monday 25th - Thurs 28th

- Breakfast ready for the day ahead
- Morning ski lessons
- Lunch to recharge the batteries
- Afternoon session of ski lessons
- Ski drop off ready for the next day
- Dinner, time to replenish missing calories!
- Apres ski activities, to include 'pizza night' and bowling



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Itinerary – Day 7 – Friday 29th January

- Breakfast ready for the day ahead
- Morning ski lessons
- Lunch to recharge the batteries
- Return equipment to the ski shop
- Explore local shops
- Ski school presentations and certificates
- Dinner and pack your bags
- Evening departure from resort
- Travel overnight back to the UK



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Itinerary – Day 8 – Saturday 30th January

- Breakfast on route
- Arrive back at your crossing
- Ferry crossing back to the UK
- Arrive back to school.



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The resort: Grandvalira

- The resorts of Soldeu, El Tarter and Pas de la Casa have merged to create the largest ski area in the country: Grandvalira.
- Grandvalira is now one of the world's 30 biggest ski resorts with more than 200km of piste and the first resort outside the Alps to officially offer more than 200km of ski runs, moving it into the global big league. Its 66 lifts, which include 20 high-speed detachable quad and six-seater chairlifts, along with three gondolas, give a combined uplift of more than 100,000 skiers per hour – a combination of speed and capacity matched by less than a dozen resorts worldwide.
- It is also now one of the planet's biggest and most modern snow-makers with more than half of its terrain covered by 1,000 snow cannons.



Accommodation

- Hotel Austria
- 3* accomodation
- Towels will be provided – no need to pack
- Recently renovated rooms
- Restaurant on site
- Rooms to be determined by staff (no mixed sex rooms)





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Ski lessons and equipment

- 5 hours of ski lessons with expert local teachers, over 5 days.
- Groups of 12
- Break for a hot lunch
- Ski boots, poles, helmets and skis will be provided
- Ski pass will be provided
- **Lost ski passes or equipment will be paid for by the parent/carers**

Ski clothing



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- Under layers – leggings/long-johns, vest tops, long sleeve tops. Layers rather than bulky items. (I wear a vest top, a long sleeve top and a thin jumper under my ski jacket)
- Ski jacket
- Ski trousers/sallopettes
- Ski gloves/mittens
- Ski socks
- Ski goggles
- Neck warmer/scarf

Clothing hire/purchase



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- <https://www.adventurekithire.co.uk/collections/st-thomas-more-catholic-school>
- Vinted
- Decathlon

1. Outerwear



Jacket



Trousers



Gloves



Goggles



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2. Clothing



2 x Thermal Tops (Base Layer)



Microfleeces (mid layers)



Hat



Neck Warmer

Bridge the gap between jacket and helmet



Socks x3 pairs (minimum 3)

Layering up!



Layer 1: Thermal top / base layer – fits like a 2nd skin close to skin. Keeps you warm!

Layer 2: Mid Layer – retains heat. Warm but light layer. No hood.

Layer 3: Jacket – protects you from the elements- balance of rain & wind resistance and breathability. Allows freedom of movement.



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3. Accessories



Glove Liner



Glove Leash



Sunglasses



Hand Warmers



Suncream & Lip salve



Backpack



Luggage Bag



Snow Boots



General clothing



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- Extra pants/knickers!
- Warm comfy clothes to wear in the evenings – jeans/tracksuits etc
- Socks
- Substantial trainers or walking boots
- Pyjamas



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Toiletries

- None provided!
- Shower gel/soap
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Sanitary products
- Tooth brush and tooth paste
- Hair brush
- SUN SCREEN!!!



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Information we need

- Passports – will be collected in November. You will require a **minimum of 6 months from January 30th**. Please update passports over the summer if required.
- Other information we will collect in September:
 - Allergies and medical conditions
 - Dietary requirements (not preferences)
 - Height, weight and other information required for ski hire
 - Previous skiing experience

Mobile phones



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- Pupils will be permitted to bring a mobile phone on the trip, which will be handed to the staff for safe keeping once we arrive at the hotel.
- Pupils will be given their phone for approximately 1 hour each evening. During this time they will be able to contact you.
- Pupils are not permitted to take phones onto the ski slopes.
- No pupil will be permitted to take their phone into their hotel room. Pupils found with phones in rooms will have them confiscated for the duration of the trip and will be sanctioned upon return to school.
- Photographs will be taken using a school camera and will be shared with parents upon return of the trip.

Questions



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