

November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Easter SKI TRIP 2025**

Thank you for your interest in the 2025 Castle School Easter Ski Trip. We will be going back to Courchevel in France and staying at the same hotel for the 14<sup>th</sup> time! Courchevel is a fantastic resort, which offers a superb ski opportunity for skiers of all abilities and the opportunity to experience skiing in the largest and one of the most popular resorts in Europe. The holiday will be organised by the Ski and Adventure group PGL, a company that the school has used for a number of years and which has a well-established reputation for successful school trips.

The details are as follows:

- Departure date: Friday 4 April 2025 (time will be confirmed at a later date)
- Return date: Saturday 12 April 2025 (lunch/early afternoon – time to be confirmed at a later date)
- Transport – coach journey and ferry crossing to and from France.
- Basic cost: £1780

The increase in cost from 2024 is due to a number of factors including increased fuel and cost of living expenses.

The above price includes:

- All travel including coach and ferry transfer.
- Full comprehensive insurance from Fogg Travel.
- Six nights' full board at Les Hotel Chalets, Brides Les Bains (breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal).
- Evening activities included, ice hockey, swimming, spa night, crepe night, pool competitions.
- Hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles.
- 5 hours ski instruction per day with the Courchevel 1850 ski school.
- 6-day Lift pass for Courchevel.
- Snow guarantee.
- Personalised Castle School ski hoodie.

### Ski Clothing

The price does not include ski clothing. If required, the school has some very good quality kit and equipment which can be used at no extra charge for the week.

If you would like your child to take part in the trip, please complete the permission slip attached and return to Student Reception by Monday 4 December. There are only 42 places on the trip so if the trip is over-subscribed after the deadline then student names will be placed in a ballot. You will then receive confirmation of your child's place on Tuesday 5 December. Once confirmed you will be required to pay a deposit of £250 per person by Tuesday 12 December to secure your child's place on the trip. Please note that if your child has to withdraw from this activity for any reason and we cannot refill the place, the school reserves the right not to provide a refund.

Please pay either via Scopay, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone).

Once numbers have been confirmed you will receive details of the ski meeting where you will have the opportunity to fill in all the forms required for the trip, make payments, try on hoodies, hand in passport details, collect details on the dry ski and watch a ski trip presentation from the ski team.

**Payment Schedules**

First deposit due date – ASAP - £250

Remaining balance due date – January 2025 (see payment schedule on Scopay for instalment dates)

**FSM**

Students who currently receive Free School Meals are entitled to one free residential trip during their time at the school. However, for trips costing over £1500, parents/carers are asked to pay the deposit, which in this case is £250. The balance is then covered by government funding.

**Year 10 and 11 Students school expectations**

It is important that all Year 10 and 11 students are aware of the school’s requirements for going on a residential trip. Students must be on track in all subjects, on top of coursework and revision and showing the correct effort and behaviour in lessons and around school. I hope that this will not be a problem for any students with the trip being so close to final exams. In cases where students do not meet these requirements, it could result in them not going on the 2025 ski trip.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or if you wish to discuss any details outlined in this letter. My school email address is [rjones@castle.bep.ac](mailto:rjones@castle.bep.ac) and if you have any queries I will reply to you as soon as I can.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Jones– Castle Ski Trip Party Leader**

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**Ski Trip – Courchevel – Easter 2025 - Please return to Student Reception.**

Name of student..... Year group they will be in when trip commences.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip to Courchevel from Friday 28 March – Saturday 5 April 2025.

I am currently receiving Free School Meals

Printed name (Parent/Carer) .....Signed..... Date.....