

15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Ely College and Bishop Laney 6<sup>th</sup> Form - Ski Trip: Winter 2025/2026 - Expressions of Interest**

Having run the college ski trip for a number of years, I am keen to continue offering this opportunity to students but am conscious of the financial increase of such a trip over the past few years, but also the demand for the trip this last year.

With this in mind, I have opened up an [expression of interest](#) to gauge the viability of organising and running a ski trip over New Year 2025 and/or February 2026 half term.

We have opened an 'expression of interest' MS Forms for this trip and if your child is keen to participate, then please indicate via Forms by 2.00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024:

<https://forms.office.com/e/anGc4y0Jg2>

Ski trips proposed (to support previous years interest):

- New Year to Austria (Approx £1300) – numbers dependent
- February half term to Italy (Approx £1450)

You can register an interest on both trips, if your son/daughter would be able to travel on either. These are not year groups assigned, they are open to all years.

*\*An option for snowboarding is available, but again dependent on numbers. Please express an interest in either skiing or snowboarding when completing the online expression of interest.*

Both trips are limited on numbers but do require a minimum. Decisions moving forward will be based on these expressions of interest.

Once confirmed, a deposit would be opened on WisePay for payment of £330.

Students' names would be selected at random to offer the initial places if it is oversubscribed, by a randomised number selection.

An option to snowboard for the week is available, which is an additional £40, but is dependent on numbers for New Year.

Payment Plan:

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 - £330 - 1<sup>st</sup> Deposit

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - £150 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 - £150 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit

The cost would include:

- Return travel by coach, ferry crossing, 2 drivers and use of coach on a daily basis while abroad
- Full board accommodation (breakfast, hot lunch and evening dinner)
- Ski/board, boot (possibly helmet hire)
- Ski/snowboarding tuition (for 5 days) plus lift pass
- Evening entertainment
- Travel insurance and medical insurance

This is a great opportunity for students to try a new activity, or continue their progress within the sport, while at the same time learning a variety of key life skills.

Please also be aware that a student's behaviour could jeopardise their place on the trip.

Should you have any queries or questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me via email: [spatman@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:spatman@elycollege.co.uk) or the college telephone number above.

Yours faithfully



Stuart Patman  
Ski Trip Organiser