



10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

## Ely College and Bishop Laney 6<sup>th</sup> Form - Italy Ski Trip February 2024

Having run the college ski trip for a number of years, I am keen to repeat this opportunity to students, but am conscious of the financial situations globally at this current time and how this may impact the costings of such a trip.

With this in mind, I am offering a trip for February 2024 and at this stage wish to gauge interest. We have opened an 'expression of interest' on WisePay for this trip and if your child is keen to participate, then please indicate via WisePay by 3.00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

Following this, I would be able to plan the trip accordingly and a £100 securing deposit for your child would be required. If the trip is over-subscribed, I would look to see the maximum numbers I can take with a tour operator, or students' names would be selected at random to offer the initial places, by randomised number selection.

Whilst I have some initial quotes, I feel more time is needed to source the best deal, and also giving parents enough time to plan and budget for such a trip. The costing of the ski trip for February 2024 is currently looking in the region of £1250-£1300. I wouldn't be looking to plan a trip in excess of this, where possible it will be lower.

When initial deposit(s) are paid to the college, these will be held in the account until confirmation of a booking is made, at which point you would be informed. I would not be looking to exceed the price outlined above and hope to find a deal that lowers the price, this would be communicated to those signed up giving time for final confirmation.

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 (including COVID covered)

Timeline of events:

- From 11<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November – expression of interest via WisePay
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – initial £100 deposit (further sign up can be made after this date if places remain available)
- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – second deposit required of £150
- April/May 2023 (dates to be confirmed) – third deposit required of £150
- October 2023 (date to be confirmed) – final payment due

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 my college email: [spatman@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:spatman@elycollege.co.uk) or the college telephone number above.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Stuart Patman', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Patman  
Ski Trip Organiser