



7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Nether Stowe School Ski Trip 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

At Nether Stowe, we value every possible opportunity to enrich students' lives outside of the classroom and provide opportunities for students to learn different skills and experience different cultures. A lot of these opportunities were stopped or limited by COVID, including our last planned ski trip in 2020. Therefore, we are delighted to announce that we are planning to run our first school ski trip post-COVID during the Easter Holidays in 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to go on a once in a lifetime trip abroad and experience the thrills of learning to ski, immersing themselves in a different culture, whilst challenging themselves to be independent and resilient.

Some of the students who went on our 2018 are now in 6<sup>th</sup> form and the quotes below from them show how special a ski trip can be:

"The last ski trip was a fantastic experience and so much fun. I had never skied before and I absolutely loved it"

"If I was in a younger year group, I would 100% go again – it's an experience I would never have had without school providing it"

At this current stage, we are gauging interest before finalising the booking with our provider – the location and resort will be confirmed once we have the confirmed numbers to run the trip. The trip will take place between 23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (the first week of the Easter holidays) and will include the following:

- UK airport transfers, return flights (including a baggage allowance of 20kg) and transport to and from resort.
- 7 nights at hotel accommodation full board (including lunch back in the hotel)
- 6 Days skiing, with 4 hours tuition per day from fully qualified instructors
- 6 day lift pass and equipment (Skis, poles, boots, helmet)
- Daily evening activities in the hotel/resort
- Fully comprehensive snow sports travel insurance

**The cost of the trip will be approx. £1000-1200.** If successful, students will need to pay an initial deposit of £150 to confirm their place, with payments for the trip taking place monthly.

This will be confirmed once the trip is provisionally booked with our provider – this cannot take place until we can confirm that there are at least 40 students interested. If there is any change in this, we will let you know as soon as possible.

The price will be contingent on numbers and, dependent on resort capacity, this will be 40-50 students. The trip is open to students from all year groups (including Year 12). However, students must be on roll at the time of the trip in order to travel. Please bear this in mind if your child is in Year 11 as they will need to be in our Sixth form to attend the trip. Previously, we have been oversubscribed with a high number of students wanting to attend. At this stage, we will be opening applications from all students for the trip. However, it is important to note that all places offered will be subject to meeting our school expectations for behaviour and attendance.

If your child is interested, you will need to complete the application form and return it, via your child, to the PE office, no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applications will then be reviewed and successful students will be informed by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Yours Sincerely,

*The PE Department*