Brookfield Community School

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Headteacher: Mr K Hirst

14th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Visit – December 2024

I am organising a ski visit for Brookfield Community School to Santa Caterina, Italy, for 6 nights from Saturday 14th December 2024 (exact date to be confirmed). We will be skiing in Santa Caterina, an excellent resort for beginners and experienced skiers. The approximate cost of the trip is £1,040.00. This price, however, cannot be guaranteed at this early stage as it is subject to any changes in the currency exchange rate. We will, of course, advise you of the final price when it has been confirmed by the tour operator. The cost of the trip includes:

- Winter sports travel insurance
- Return transport from school by luxury coach and flight

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- Full board accommodation with a hot mid-day meal
- Five days skiing with full lift pass
- Hire of quality skis, ski helmet, boots and poles
- Five hours of instruction daily with qualified instructors

The trip offers the chance to learn or develop skills in a challenging sport whilst giving students the opportunity to develop independence and resilience away from home. The trip also offers cultural enrichment, breath taking views of the Italian Alps and the chance to converse with the Italian ski instructors, who also speak excellent English.

The accommodation is excellent with private facilities in all rooms. The hotel provides authentic Italian main meals and a continental breakfast. In addition to bread and a salad bar there is generally a pasta dish for starter, followed by a main meat dish with a selection of deserts to finish. The boot room is a short walk from the hotel followed by a brief coach journey to the gondola.

Please be aware skiing is physically and mentally demanding and students who are not active will find it challenging and uncomfortable. There is an expectation that students ski every session; it is not an option to sit out.

The ski trip always proves to be very popular. If this visit is over-subscribed a draw will take place to allocate places. All students' behaviour is checked; those who accumulate a concerning number of behaviour points may not be considered. All students in Years 10 to 13 should be aware of any <u>subject deadlines</u>. Unfortunately, students in Year 11 who are not returning to Brookfield in Year 12 to continue their studies will not be considered for the trip.

Expressions of interest need to be returned via the slip below by Friday 1st March 2024. Parents will be contacted via email to advise if your child has been successful in securing a place and the first non-refundable deposit of £200 will need to be paid by 14th March 2023 via ParentPay and the second non-refundable deposit of £200 four weeks later (*please note that deposits are only refundable if the trip is cancelled by school*). If your child is unsuccessful, they will automatically be placed on the reserve list. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr James on <u>BCS-SkiTrip@brookfieldcs.org.uk</u>

Yours faithfully

L Ridgeway

Miss L M Ridgeway Teacher i/c Skiing

Reply Slip - Ski Visit to Santa Caterina, Italy - December 2024 Expression of Interest

Student's Name:

Form:

Parent's Signature:

Date:

Email address of Parent:

