



Dear Parent/Guardian

Advanced Booking To Support Your Saving Toward The 2024 Year 10 Ski Trip.

I count myself exceptionally lucky being organiser of Ski Trips at Langtree since 2004, this has allowed me to watch and support hundreds of young people conquer challenges and learn life skills they thought they would never achieve. Langtree is in the unique position of running a Ski Trip solely for one year group, year 10. The group come home to Langtree closer to each other than ever before, after sharing stories of the trials and tribulations involved in the physically demanding sport of skiing. I personally think there is nothing more exhilarating in life than flying down a steep hill with only a few millimetres of ski between you and the snow, whilst you absorb the stunning and beautiful scenery of European mountain ranges.

Sadly due to many factors, this sport comes with a premium price that only rises each year. For this reason, The Ski Company and I have decided to try and support parents in the planning of their finances by spreading the payments over two years rather than one. More details later in this letter as to how this will work. First let me tell you more about the trip.

Details of The Trip

The trip will take place during the February Half Term 2024. We will travel on Friday 9th February 2024 and return on Saturday 17th of February 2024. Travel will be by coach via the Eurotunnel or ferry crossing to Calais and then coach to the ski resort Cavalese in Italy.

Langtree has used 'The Ski Company' since the 1990's and has found them perfectly tailored for school trips. This year's trip was again a huge success, not only because of the excellent attitude amongst the participating students, but also because of the facilities and service provided by The Ski Company. Please feel free to visit the companies website where you can learn much more about this [fantastic opportunity](#).

During a typical day, students will have two ski school sessions lasting two and a half hours each, with an hour break for lunch. There will be inclusive evening activities organised by the Ski Company and of course full board accommodation.

There will be a first come first served policy for the trip. If you would like your child to be considered for a place on this invaluable trip, then please read on and fill in the relevant forms and return all to the school office as soon as you can. (one to school - printed and one to The Ski Company - online)

The Ski Company have pointed out a significant decline in numbers requesting snowboarding. It has become a not financially viable option, so has been removed from the forms. However if we were to get a minimum of 10 students of the same ability wanting to board, then we may be able to make this happen. There will be a small additional cost to the trip if this was the case. If interested please indicate later in the attached school form.

Skiing in the mountains is considered to be a high risk activity and the safety of all pupils and staff is paramount to me as the trip leader. Although I wish for all students to experience and gain from such a fantastic experience I will take into consideration pupil behaviour and attitude in the past and from now until the trip date. I therefore reserve the right to remove any pupil from the trip and will not hesitate to give the then unfilled place to the next person on the reserve list instead.

As I pointed out to your child earlier today at school, it is important to note that this is not just a school trip to spend time with friends, we are all going to ski. Skiing is hard work, mentally and physically demanding. I say this as I do not wish for any parent to waste a significant amount of hard earned money on their child to be sat taking up one of my valuable team in the hotel getting bored for a week, because they have given up. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me mvitty@langtreeschool.com

Payment

The cost of the trip is £1390.00. [This link will take you directly to the booking page](#) which will explain the payment options.

I do appreciate just how much this is, particularly in the current financial climate, many will struggle as I did last year for my son's first ski trip last year. My son paid for half of the trip himself, by doing chores like washing our and friends cars and cutting our lawn. All of his Christmas and birthday presents went toward the trip as well. Students that have worked hard for their trip often enjoy the trip more as they really understand the value of what they are being lucky enough to take part in.

I do hope that you and your child will strongly consider this trip as I am so aware of the positives that come from it. All students coming home from it each year repeatedly say it is "the best trip ever!" If you are interested please do the following two things:

- 1) Print out the following form and return it to the school office as soon as you can.
- 2) Complete the [Ski Company application form](#) through this link. If asked for a password it is vitty24

Kind Regards



Mr. M. Vitty
Trip Leader

Year 10 Ski Trip – 2024 – Permission slip.

I wish for my child From tutor group..... to be considered for the school ski trip in February 2021 and give my permission for him/her to take part in the activities run by the Ski Company.

I will pay using a credit or debit card via the school website. Once all slips are in the trip will be added to the online payment system.

Please tick the following options.

- Skiing preferred option.
- My child will only come if they can snowboard. (Additional Charge)
- Snowboarding is preferred, but will ski if boarding does not run.

Ability

Please state the time spent by you child skiing and/or boarding on snow in the past 5 years.

Skiing		Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/>	Zero	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-2 days	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Week	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-3 Weeks	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 Weeks plus	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed Print name.....