

14th January 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Spain Ski Trip 2017

I am writing to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to take part in an eight day trip to Masella, Spain which will take place during the Easter holidays from Saturday 8 April – Saturday 15 April 2017. This trip will be an invaluable experience for your son/daughter to learn to ski or to improve their skiing skills.

The total cost of the trip will range between **£840 and £880** depending on uptake.

This includes return flights, airport transfers, 6 nights full board accommodation including hot lunches, 6 day hire of skis, boots, poles and **helmets (which are compulsory for all students)**, 6 x 4 hours ski tuition, 6 day lift pass plus fully comprehensive Travel Insurance inclusive of medical cover, as well as the cost of Après-Ski entertainment. We will be staying at the Alphotel Masella, which is in walking distance of the lifts. The rooms have multi-person occupancy with en-suite facilities. Please note that the cost of ski wear is not included, although we anticipate to be able to give an option to hire ski-wear such as salopettes etc at a later date. There will be a **supplementary cost of approximately £50 for all students aged 18 and over at the time for the lift pass.**

A trip to Hemel Hempstead ski centre will be offered as an extra for students who have not skied before or who would rate their level as beginner. Students will receive this extra tuition at a supplementary cost. Although this is not compulsory, I would recommend that students use this opportunity to pick up the basics in order to make the most of their experience in Spain.

I would like to offer snowboarding as an option on the trip; however this will depend on the number of students showing interest. Depending on the uptake my intention would be to have both snowboard and ski groups. Snowboarding would be a supplementary cost of £49; more information will follow to those who express an interest. On the reply slip if you are interested please indicate snowboarding experience as well as skiing.

If you would like your son / daughter to take part in this trip, please complete the reply slip (making sure that you **use your child's full name as it appears on their passport**) together with a non-refundable deposit of £200 and return it to the appropriate box outside the Finance Office by **Monday 8th February 2016**. Please make all cheques payable to Beaumont School and ensure that your child's name and form are written clearly on the reverse. This trip is classified as an optional extra, and the school is therefore entitled to charge for it.

The dates for further payments are as follows:

Friday 1 st April 2016	£250
Friday 25 th November 2016	balance

We are happy to accept smaller instalments or to discuss a different schedule for parents who may find these dates difficult; please contact the Finance Office in confidence to discuss.

Students will need their own passports and EHIC cards. Please advise us if your child does not have an EU passport. In the event of a cancellation please be aware that we may not be able to refund any monies which have already been paid over by the school. I would also like to draw your attention to the schools Trips and Visits Policy, which requires that pupils participating in school visits have a good record of behaviour.

In the event of over subscription, places will be allocated by lottery. It may also be necessary to select by skiing ability to provide viable skiing groups of differing abilities. We would also want to ensure that the groups are able to cater for all abilities from beginner to advanced. In the event of your child not getting a place, the deposit will of course not be processed.

I believe that this trip will be an enriching experience for your son / daughter and that it will help to develop their confidence in their ability to ski. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Jay, the Trips and Visits Co-ordinator at school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Woolley
Trip Organiser

Ski Trip – Saturday 8th April – Saturday 15th April 2017

Return to the box marked 'Spain Ski Trip' outside the Finance Office by Monday 8th February 2016

Pupil's Surname: (**as on passport***).....

Pupil's Forenames: (**as on passport***).....

Form

I do wish my son/daughter to participate in the ski trip to Spain 8 April - 15 April 2017 and enclose a non-refundable deposit of £200. I undertake to make full payment by the given deadlines.

I agree to his/her taking part in the activities described. I also consent to any emergency medical treatment, including the use of anaesthetics, necessary during the course of the journey. I understand that for the school's insurance policy to cover any pre-existing medical condition, I must provide a letter from my GP stating my son/daughter is fit to travel.

Emergency contact/medical details. Please tick either box A or B.

- A I confirm that all details held by the school on the gold form concerning emergency contact telephone numbers and/or medical conditions affecting my son/daughter are correct, or that I have already notified the school of any changes.
- B Please note the following change(s) to the above details, which is/are for this visit only permanent.

Skiing Ability

Please tick the appropriate box to indicate any previous skiing experience; if you are interested in snowboarding please **also** indicate any previous snowboarding experience. This information may be used in the event of over-subscription for the trip to determine appropriate ski groups.

Previous Experience	Skiing (compulsory)	Snowboarding (optional)
None		
1-2 weeks on snow		
3-4 weeks on snow		
More than 4 weeks on snow		

Signed Father/Mother/Legal Guardian Date