



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Ski Trip to Andorra – February 2025

We are proposing to run a skiing trip to Pal Arinsal, Andorra during the February half Term break in 2025. The company we will be using are Equity Ski. They have received the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge, which is a national accreditation scheme, combining the essential elements of provision – learning and safety.

The Ski Trip will include:

- Return executive coach travel and flights from Orpington to Pal Arinsal, Andorra.
- 6 nights half board and accommodation, with hot lunches on the mountain, hire of skis, boots, helmets and poles, and full lift pass.
- 4 hours skiing a day for 5 days.
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance including medical, travel delay, personal liability, 24-hour emergency service and ski breakage insurance\*
- All additional evening entertainment, hoodies, tips and resources for the trip.

\*Please note that there is an excess on this insurance payable by the claimant.

We will stay at the Marco Polo hotel in Pal Arinsal, Andorra. The hotel's modern bedrooms sleep between 2 and 4 students, each with private shower and WC, plus hairdryers. Rooms also have satellite TV and a safe.

Our departure date is **Sunday 16 February 2026**, returning **Saturday 22 February 2025**. The cost for the trip is **£1660**. Not included in the cost is pocket money, the cost of hiring or purchasing ski clothing and the cost of having the required 3 hours of lessons before departure if your daughter is a beginner. Your daughter will also require a valid individual passport (3 months left on the passport is mandatory and 6 months is recommended). Travellers with non-British passports may require a full visa for travel.

If you would like your daughter to go on this trip, please complete [this form](#).

If the trip is oversubscribed, the following criteria are in place to select students:

- Year 8 students will have priority followed by Year 7 and lastly Year 9.
- Having a serious interest in taking PE at GCSE.
- Behaviour in school.

**Headteacher:** Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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If the student numbers are still greater than the 40 available then names will be selected at random.

Once your daughter's place has been confirmed, which can only take place once the online form is completed, then deposits will be required, and I will send out a letter to confirm your daughter's place and payment details. Please note that some of these payments become non-refundable as they are forwarded directly to the tour operator. As part of the guaranteed price scheme additional payments will be required before the end of the Summer Term. Again, these payments become non-refundable once they have been paid to the tour operator. The final balance will be due by **Friday 27 September 2024**.

Please note that this trip does not have access to the hardship fund, thus it is expected that students attending this trip are fully self-funded. I do not envisage the cost increasing but with the current economic climate please be aware that this is a possibility.

If you have any questions about the trip, please telephone or email me at school ([ameader@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:ameader@newsteadwood.co.uk)). I look forward to taking your daughters on what I know will be an exciting and enjoyable trip.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Meader', written in a cursive style.

**Mrs A. Meader**  
**Ski Trip Leader**