

July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Budmouth 2024/2025 Ski Trip

Budmouth Academy, in conjunction with Ski Gower, are pleased to offer the adventure of a lifetime over December 2024/January 2025.

The ski trip has been extremely popular in previous years and we are excited about the opportunity to start preparing for our next adventure. The trip is open to all students, however considerations regarding students behaviour and school conduct will be taken into account. Anyone considered to be a safety risk may not be permitted to travel.

We will be using a local company called Ski Gower who have been travelling to the Swiss Alps for over 60 years. In addition to providing us with quality service and competitive prices, we have made the decision to travel for new years to make the trip accessible as possible.

A typical day in the resort is breakfast, morning ski lesson, hot lunch, afternoon ski lesson, teacher led ski (familiar slopes appropriate to level of group). We then head back to the hotel for some free time before dinner/evening entertainment. The hotel is located a short walk away from a gondola ride up the mountain to Fiescheralp (2212m), where students will store their ski equipment. Students will stay in rooms of approximately 3-4 which are all ensuite, with great views and big radiators! The Sports Resort has fantastic facilities: sports halls, indoor swimming pool and bowling, as well as exclusive use of a common room.

Resort - Fiesch (Switzerland)

<https://www.skigower.co.uk/fiesch>

Hotel - Sports Resort, Fiesch

<https://www.sport-resort.ch/en/>

Dates - Saturday 28th December 2024 - Sunday 5th January 2025

Travel - Coach to resort from Budmouth Academy

Cost - £1459.00

(Please note: there is an additional cost of £70, for students who are born in 2008 or earlier, totalling £1529).

The above price includes:

- Hoodie
- Return coach transport
- Ferry Crossing + Included Meal
- Full board accommodation with hot lunch provided on the slopes
- 6 days of lift pass.
- 6 x 5.5 hours ski lessons
- 6 days hire of carving skis, boots and poles
- Ski helmets
- Evening entertainment (bowling, games, pizza night, disco and more)

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During the trip we will make sure students contact home to check in and share exciting stories. We will also update our social media account with stories and activities throughout the trip. **We will have an emergency contact number for the trip.**

Below is a layout of the payment plan to spread out the cost:

Payment	Amount	Payment By
Deposit	£200.00	29th September 2023
2nd payment	£125.00 (or £205.00 16+)	31st October 2023
3rd payment	£120.00	30th November 2023
4th payment	£50.00	29th December 2023
5th payment	£120.00	31st January 2024
6th payment	£120.00	29th February 2024
7th payment	£120.00	29th March 2024
8th payment	£120.00	30th April 2024
9th payment	£120.00	31st May 2024
10th payment	£120.00	28th June 2024
11th payment	£120.00	31st July 2024
12th payment	£124.00	27th September 2024

Spaces are limited and we ask that the £200.00 deposit is paid via Parentmail by **Friday 29th September**. Please note due to transitioning payment systems, **deposits are not able to be made until September 1st**, therefore pre-booking places is not possible. Once the trip is full, we will open a reserve list for students. Students interested in the trip will need to have their own passport and Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) at the time of travel. Please note that any payments after the deposit are non-refundable unless an alternative student can take their place.

Current Year 10 students need to consider their application to this trip. They should be intending on staying in 6th form; I cannot take students who are not enrolled at Budmouth.

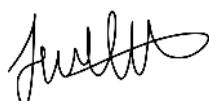
Ski Lessons Warmwell

We highly recommend students attend at least two sessions at Warmwell Ski slope prior to the trip, in order to learn the basics like putting on skis and boots, carrying equipment and recovering from a small fall. These skills really do make a massive difference to student enjoyment before they enter the alpine environment (at altitude).

We will run sessions in October 2024 and November 2024 which will cost £12.00 per session. Once the students have signed up, a letter will be sent and they can select a convenient time-slot. Alternatively, students can arrange to visit Warmell individually, however, this might be more expensive.

If you have any questions about the Ski Trip, please do not hesitate to email me, jwebber@budmouth-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely



Mr J Webber
Trip Leader