



# BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Borden Grammar School  
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To Parents of students in Years 7 – 12

01 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Proposed School Skiing Trip to Vallnord, Andorra – February 2025

Following the popularity and success of previous skiing trips to Aprica, Sestriere, Claviere & Artesina, and most recently in Passo Tonale, I have decided to book a similar trip next year. The trip will run during the school holiday from Saturday 15 February 2025 to Sunday 23 February 2025. We will be going to Vallnord, Andorra. It is set amongst the picturesque valleys of the north-west of Andorra and includes three main sectors of Arinsal, Pal and Ordino-Arcalis. Vallnord affords visitors the possibility of a great variety of skiing with fantastic slopes which are good for all levels of skiers. The Vallnord ski resort provides 93 km of marked runs, efficiently served by a modern lift system of 45 lifts. It is a particularly family orientated ski resort which sits at a base altitude of 1550 m with a top elevation of 2625 m.

The cost of the trip will be **£1500**, which can be broken down into a deposit plus monthly payments. The price includes:

- return transportation by executive coach
- return cross channel ferries – Dover/Calais
- 6 nights full board accommodation which includes hot lunches
- all ski equipment (ski, boot, pole and helmet) hire for 6 days
- ski lift pass for 6 days
- 6 days skiing x 5 hours of tuition per day with fully qualified staff
- in-house apres-ski programme
- winter sports travel and medical insurance
- the backup of a ABTA and an ATOL bonded travel company with special expertise in group travel

The trip offers your son/daughter an amazing opportunity to try this exhilarating sport and experience the atmosphere and culture of a skiing resort. We will be travelling with Ski Team 4, an established provider and travel company that specialises in creating tailored school trips.

If you would like your son/daughter to be considered for inclusion on the trip please complete and return the attached slip along with a non-refundable deposit for **£300 by Friday 15 March 2024**. However, places are limited and will be allocated using a ballot system. Once the deposit is paid and a place is confirmed remaining payments can be spread out in monthly instalments with the final payment due by Tuesday 1 November 2022. The payments schedule will be as follows:



Headteacher: Mr A Tomlin MA NPQH



- ❑ deposit of £300 to be paid by Friday 15 March 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Monday 01 April 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Wednesday 01 May 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Saturday 01 June 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Monday 01 July 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Thursday 01 August 2024
- ❑ payment of £200 to be paid by Sunday 01 September 2024

Your son/daughter will need a passport, which must be valid for at least six months after the date of return (i.e. 23 August 2025), have a GHIC (Global Health Insurance Card) which is free and can be applied for online via the NHS website. (Go to <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card> for more information.)

We prefer that payments for trips are either made by cheque which can be deposited in a named envelope through the letter box in the Finance Office, or via the BGS online payment system. Details of how to make online payments have been issued in personalised letters for each student's parents. If you require a new copy, please contact the Finance Officer, Mrs Rich, at [rich@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rich@bordengrammar.kent.sch.uk) and she will send one out. If cash payments are made for trips, students must deliver them in person to the Finance Officer or Bursar and a receipt will be issued. Cash payments can only be accepted at morning registration or morning break and MUST NOT be posted through the Finance Office letter box.

Yours faithfully,



**Mrs E Carter**  
**Head of Mathematics**

**Borden Grammar School Skiing Trip to Vallnord, Andorra 15 – 23 February 2025**

*Please tick each box that applies below*

Name of Pupil \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information about the proposed skiing trip on 15 – 23 February 2025 and wish my *son/daughter* to take part in the visit.

I enclose £\_\_\_\_\_ towards the visit. *Cash / Cheque\** payable to Borden Grammar School. *\*please delete as appropriate*

**OR**

I have made an online payment of £\_\_\_\_\_ *please note Scopay available from 04/03/24*

**Please return to Finance Office by Friday 15 March 2024**