



Ballakermeen Ski Trip Andalo February 2025 Information Meeting.





Agenda

- **Travel**
- **Accommodation**
- **Equipment**
- **Ski/ Snowboarding**
- **Evening Activities**
- **Staff**
- **Contact**





Travel

We will be looking at getting a direct flight from the Isle of Man to Verona, Italy.

Flight time:- Around 2 hours, 30 minutes

Transport from Verona to Andalo via Coach

Travel Time:- Around 2 hours, 30 minutes

Hotel to the slopes is around 10 minutes via Coach.





What the package includes

- **Hire of Skis/Snowboard, boots, poles & ski Helmet**
- **4 hours per day in ski school – students are not allowed to ski on their own irrespective of level of competence.**
- **Souvenir Hoodie**
- **Half Board accommodation at the hotel**
- **Resort and Departure taxes.**
- **20kg Luggage Allowance – 15kg suitcase & 5kg ruck sack.**



Accommodation.

Hotel Pian Castello – Andalo, Italy.

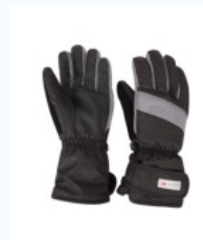




Equipment

Must Have!

- Ski Jacket
- Ski gloves
- Salopettes
- Ski Socks (multiple pairs)
- Base layers
- Gloves
- Wrist guard if snowboarding (will confirm this)





Ski/Snowboarding!

What your ski experience will look like

- **2 Hours in the Morning**
- **2 Hour Lunch Break**
- **2 Hour in the Afternoon**
- **Everyone will start their ski school experience on the nursery slopes. From there, depending on experience and how quickly you learn, you will head up into the mountain to hit the different level runs/slopes.**
- **Interested in Snowboarding? We would like to get at least one group of snowboarders.**





Interested in Snowboarding?

We would like to get at least one group of snowboarders for the next trip, however there is an additional cost of £42pp for the week.

For this to fully go ahead, we need a minimum of 10 opting to snowboard.

Please write on your completed form if you want to snowboard.





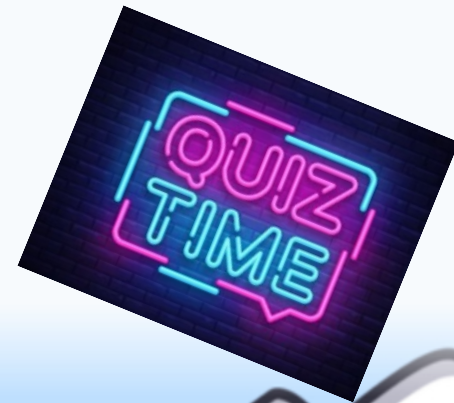
Evening Activities

We are most likely to do the following:

- **Ice Skating**
- **Ice Racing Karts**
- **Free Time**



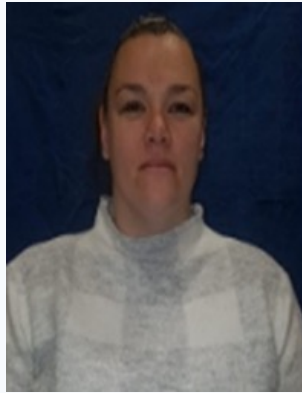
- **Pizza Night**
- **Games/Quiz Night**





Staff

Miss Dale



Mr Merrick



Mr Godwin



Mr Crilly



Miss Dunne



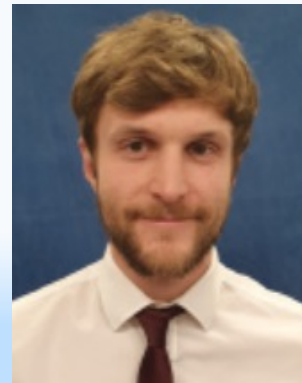
Mr Lewis



Mr Corlett



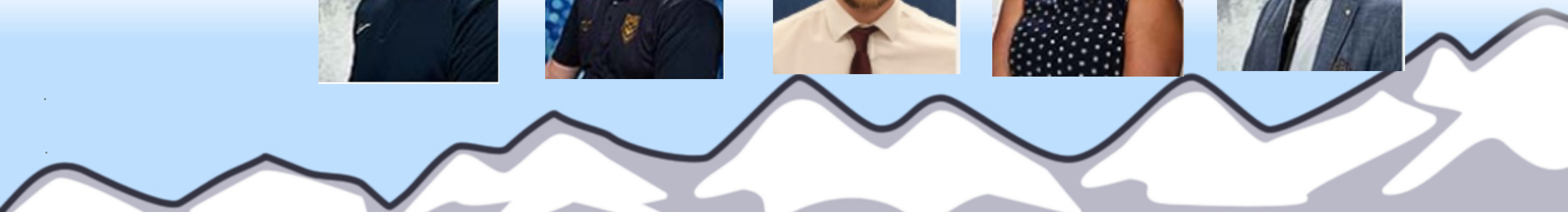
Mr Klimach



Mrs Murphy



Mr Maylin





Finance/Paperwork & Passports.

The provisional cost of the trip is around

£1985.00

and we are using Topflight, a well-established travel company who specialise in school trips, as our Tour Operator.

The travel will either be a direct charter flight or scheduled flight/s. This will be determined as soon as possible.



Letters



Ski trip letters will be issued to those who have expressed an interest, which will include a *permission reply slip* to be signed by a parent/carer and a 'Form C' Department of Education - Parent/Carer Consent for an Educational Visit.

Parent/carer to *complete both forms in full* and provide a copy of student's passport. This information will be updated at a future trip meeting, but the details are required at the time of booking.



PLEASE NOTE:

Students will not be considered for a place on the trip if they do not return the permission slip, completed C form, and a copy of their passport (or written indication that a passport will be obtained imminently).

Places are limited. You will be advised if your child has been successful in obtaining a place on the trip.



The signed and completed form is the parent/carer's commitment to pay a deposit of **£300.00** directly to Topflight via their portal.

We have no choice but to use the portal so parent/carers need to be aware that they have to sign up using the details provided by Topflight and pay them directly via the online portal. This will require card payments, and is their only method of payment. Ballakermeen High School cannot take or make payments on behalf of parent/carers.



Once the parent/carer has received the login details, they have *7-10 days to pay the deposit* directly to Topflight via the portal. Failure to do so will result in the student being immediately removed from the trip and they will be replaced with a reserve student.



Once deposit has been paid, it is the responsibility of the parent to pay Topflight directly through the portal in full by the required time i.e. 10 weeks prior to departure. This can be in staged payments but must be done by the deadline.





Failure to meet the payments could mean that the parent/carer is liable for further costs and cancellation charges. This could also jeopardise the rest of the trip and could result in the whole trip being cancelled for everyone.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please let the finance office or trip leader know ASAP so every effort can be made to replace a student if necessary.



Parents must accept the separate terms and conditions as indicated on Top flight's portal (tick box). The T&Cs can be viewed during the expression of interest meeting and a copy will also be included with the trip letter.



If a student withdraws from the trip, they will lose the deposit and may incur further charges depending on the cancellation terms at that stage.

Every effort will be made to replace a student but this cannot be guaranteed.

Replacements will also incur a name change fee.



A separate amount must be paid directly to the school to cover après ski (activities), hotel damage deposit and resort tax, which is not included in Top flight's price but is included in the total provisional cost of £1985.00

We estimate this to be around **£256.00**, which can be paid to the school at any time, and must be paid in full 8 weeks prior to the trip departing.





Students *must have a valid passport* that it is still in date for 6 months after the date of return from the trip. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure the passport is in date.

If a new passport is required, please allow plenty of time to do so. In the meantime, we still require a copy of the student's current passport if they have one.

Failure to obtain or renew a student's passport in good time before the trip departs may result in the student being withdrawn from the trip with no refund.



• SCHENGEN VISA •

- If a student's passport was issued outside of one of the 27 European Schengen countries, they will require a Schengen visa to travel. It is the responsibility of the parent to check this, and to ensure that they contact the appropriate embassy in good time to make an appointment to obtain a Schengen visa, for their child to travel. The visits have to be made in person and cannot be left until last minute. The earliest you can file a visa application is six months before travel.



SCHENGEN AREA

The main purpose of the Schengen Area is to enable people to freely move throughout the 27 Member States. This includes traveling without going through internal border checks, no queuing at airports, sea- or land borders. In addition, third-country nationals in need of a visa to any of the participating countries can travel throughout the 27 of them with a single Schengen visa.

Schengen refers to the EU passport-free zone that covers most European countries. It's the largest free travel area in the world.

Failure to obtain a Schengen visa before the trip departs may result in the student being withdrawn from the trip with no refund.





Further information regarding Top flight's portal and Schengen visas:

<https://topflightforschools.ie/parents-portal/>

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/>



Contact.

Should you have any questions at any point regarding the trip, please use the following email address:

BHSEnquiries@sch.im

With the Subject title : Ski Trip.