



## Ballyclare Secondary School

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Dear Ballyclare Secondary School Families

### **Ski Trip 2025 – Expression(s) of Interest**

We are delighted to offer a ski trip for January 2025 (next academic year).

The destination is likely to be Folgaria (Italy). Folgaria is an attractive village situated in the Trentino region with a ski area of almost 100km of pistes on over sixty-seven different slopes, offering a wonderful experience for beginner and intermediate skiers.

We are hoping to secure departure for the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2025, for a seven-night trip.

This trip is only open to this year's year eight and nine pupils, who will be next year's nine and ten pupils. At this stage we are seeking expressions of interests from families. We will only be accepting thirty pupils (maximum) to avail of this trip.

We, as a school, are very aware of the challenges parents are facing with the current cost of living crisis and will be sending out a suggested payment plan in the New Year. The payment plan will include deposit details. Deposits will be used to secure place on the trip. Families should be aware that a £300 deposit must be paid by no later than the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 to secure a place. The approximate cost of the trip for each pupil will be over £1,000+ (the exact figure is to be confirmed). The cost is subject to change between now and the securing of bookings, but once booked by the school, a detailed payment plan will be drawn up and communicated.

Of importance, only pupils with a positive behaviour and attendance record will be permitted to attend this trip. *The Senior Leadership Team*, reserve the right to decline an expression of interest, should we have concerns about conduct and safety on the trip.

In the event of more than thirty pupils expressing an interest, it will be communicated how pupils will be selected to avail of this trip.

Needless to say, this is an incredible opportunity for young people and trips such as this create fond memories that live with young people for the rest of their lives.

If you wish to express an interest in your young person attending this trip, please send an email to Mr A. Nicholl, *Vice Principal – Pastoral Care (Acting)* by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024**, who is the group leader:

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Yours sincerely



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Acting Principal

