

March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

Re: Coombe Federation Ski Trip 2019 to Masella, Alp 2500, Spain

After seven hugely successful school ski trips in the past years, it gives us great pleasure to offer your son/daughter the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Coombe Federation 2019 ski trip to Masella in the Alp 2500 ski area in Spain with Halsbury Ski. The trip will take place during February half term, from the **Friday 15th February 2019 to Friday 22nd February 2019**. We have had two very successful trips to Masella in 2015 and 2018 and we are very excited to be returning. This may seem like very early planning, but it does mean that payments can be spread over a longer period of time and we will be able to secure the most appropriate hotel for our group. The trip is open to pupils who are currently in Years 7, 8 and 9. Please do have a look at our twitter feed @Coombefedski to get a taste of the trip.

The cost of the trip will be £915. This price includes: luxury coach travel to and from resort, full board accommodation, hire of ski boots, skis and helmet, a lift pass, 5 hours a day of ski instruction, a program of evening entertainment and comprehensive travel and winter sports insurance. The only additional costs that you may incur will be for the hire / purchase of appropriate ski clothing, dry slope ski lessons (optional) and spending money. We will be giving details of a payment plan to spread the cost over the course of the year.

There are, **25 places for boys and 35 places for girls** available on the trip. **In order to secure your son/daughter's place, make a payment via ParentPay for £100 by Friday 23rd March 2018. This deposit is non-refundable once a place has been allocated. Please see cancellation terms overleaf.** After this date, if the maximum number has been reached, we will operate a reserve list. If we exceed the maximum number, names will be chosen at random and those who are not chosen will be put on a reserve list. If you are successful, your son/daughter will receive a slip letting you know what place he is on the reserve list and your payment will be retained by the school and a payment plan letter will be sent to you.

Overleaf we have provided a fact sheet about this superb resort and more details on what is included in the package. Towards the end of the Autumn Term 2018 we will also be organising a Parents' Information Evening to give you more details.

Please be aware that the schools reserves the right to withhold or withdraw this opportunity from pupils who have an exclusion record or who are regularly removed from lessons, as well as for any incidents that may occur up until date of departure which place a doubt over a pupil's suitability to the trip and/or impact on the safety of the travelling party.

Please contact either of us if you have any questions or queries regarding the trip on enquiries@coombeboysschool.org / enquiries@coombegirlsschool.org or 0208 949 1537 (CBS) or 020 8942 1242 (CGS).

Yours faithfully,

Mr G Taylor - Coombe Boys' School
Miss E Osborn and Miss M Elliot - Coombe Girls' School

Ski Trip Organisers

Federation Snowsports Trip to Masella, Alp 2500

Resort

Linking the two ski towns of Masella and La Molina, Alp 2500 is the largest ski area in Catalonia and offers a fantastic Pyrenean skiing experience. And there's no need to worry that all that lovely Spanish sun will turn the slopes to slush – most of the slopes are actually north-facing and set high up the Pyrenees. In fact, Alp 2500 is considered a 'dead-cert' for snow! Plus, you'll be able to enjoy these fantastic skiing conditions without the high prices and crowds that are sometimes associated with skiing in the Alps.

Skiing

The two main areas, La Molina and Masella, offer your students different skiing experiences. La Molina offers gentle, wide runs, which are ideal for beginners to practise and improve on. Masella offers exciting tree-lined runs, which are better suited to more experienced skiers looking for their next adventure. But both offer extensive beginners' areas at the foot of the mountain, as well as good progression runs from the top of the mountain all the way back to the resort. As well as a wide variety of runs for all abilities, the resort also has two snow parks and a superpipe. The infrastructure throughout Alp 2500 is highly developed and features high-speed 'jet' lifts and an integrated artificial snow-making system. Skiing starts high, at 1700m, and the north-facing slopes mean that all 141km of pistes are snow-sure.

Alp Hotel

This impressive 3 star hotel with modern facilities and doorstep skiing is the perfect location for school ski trips. The 4 to 6 bedded rooms are spacious and comfortable with private ensuite facilities. Your 3 meals will be served in the hotel restaurant, including a hot lunch.

Facilities:

There is a large bar, games room, restaurant, indoor swimming pool, excellent disco plus a large lecture room with giant TV - great for apres ski meetings and film nights! And more importantly, the Alp Hotel offers free Wifi!!

Location

Located right on the piste you couldn't ask for a better location being situated just 50m from the ski school and nursery slopes!!

Cancellation Terms- *As mentioned in the Trip letter the £100 deposit is non-refundable, unless you placed can be filled by a new participant.*

Between 6 weeks after booking and up until 10 weeks before departure: Loss of 50% of invoiced price.

Between 2 & 10 weeks before departure: Loss of 75% of invoiced price.

Within 2 weeks of departure: Loss of 100% of invoiced price.

Please note: If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges from your insurer.