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Dear Parent/Guardian

BRYMORE SKI TOUR TO FOLGARIDA-MARILLEVA RESORT, ITALY SATURDAY 13TH - 20TH DECEMBER 2025 (8 days / 7 nights / 6 days skiing or snowboarding)

In December the annual Brymore Ski Tour will again be in the Folgarida-Marilleva ski resort in Italy. Folgarida-Marilleva is in the well-known Val di Sole area. It is a wonderful ski area with an excellent snow record that caters for all abilities with plenty of easy sunny slopes for beginners and intermediates. Folgarida itself is an attractive purpose-built resort set amongst pine trees, down the valley from the World Cup resort of Madonna di Campiglio which is connected to our ski area.

We will be staying in the Hotel Luna, a 4-star spa hotel located in Folgarida village, which offers views of the Dolomites and primarily is a four-minute walk to the gondola lift in Folgarida, so no ski bus in the morning. Students will be staying in 2-6 bedded rooms all with en-suite, TV, balconies and wi-fi. Breakfast and dinner will be served in their restaurant with vaulted, wood-beamed ceilings. The spa includes an indoor pool and hot tub. Folgarida village itself is only a few minutes' walk from the hotel where there will be a regular aprèsski shopping opportunity. Evening entertainments include ice skating, a cultural visit to the World Cup resort of Madonna di Campiglio, pizza restaurant, games/quiz night, karaoke and movie night as well as our usual presentation evening. We have found our tour company Max Ski to be great value for money, highly flexible and tailoring the experience to Brymore's specification every time.

www.hotelluna.it/en/ www.maxski.com

The price is £2,090 for skiing or snowboarding, however snowboarding is subject to there being eight boarders of similar ability, which is why we ask for your activity preference and experience in the reservation form below. This price is based on 48 students signing up and represents great value for money for a ski holiday in a 4* hotel during the Christmas holidays that includes 6 days of ski school, boot and ski rental, lift pass, all-inclusive quality catering - buffet breakfast, hot piste-side lunches, a three course evening meal and action-packed evening entertainments.

This trip fills up quickly and we already have a waiting list from last year. A non-refundable deposit of £150 is required by Friday 7th February 2025 please, when I shall confirm the booking and the hotel. A second deposit of £260 is required by Friday 7th March 2025 when flights will be reserved. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis although Years 8, 9 and 10 are given priority. A further six instalments of £280, (payable on the first of every month April to September) will be required to secure your son's place, payable by BACS payment or set up on the school's on-line payment facility 'Schools Cash Office' (Mrs Warton-Browne our Finance Officer will be happy to help with these details and can be reached by calling 01278 655569 or by email Finance@brymoreacademy.co.uk

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Included in the price:

- All return transfers from Brymore to a UK airport, flights into Venice and transfers into resort
- Full-board accommodation starting with an evening meal on the day of our arrival, buffet breakfasts and hot lunches in a mountain restaurant
- 6 days x 4 hours of skiing or snowboarding tuition by fully qualified instructors and lift pass
- Hire of skis, poles, or board plus helmet and boots
- Evening entertainment package to include a cultural visit to the nearby World Cup resort of Madonna di Campiglio, daily shopping and swimming, ice skating, pizza restaurant, quiz, karaoke night and our usual presentation evening
- Brymore Ski Tour hoodie
- Full travel and medical insurance

What is **NOT** included:

- Passport (each student must have an up-to-date passport with at least six months of validity remaining from date of travel, so valid until at least 13th June 2026)
- Ski clothing (all students must wear appropriate clothing)
- Pocket money in Sterling and Euros (collected pre-departure in small denominations)
- Ski or snowboarding lessons on a dry slope, approximately ten weeks before the trip arranged as an evening activity **for beginners only**. (Unfortunately, this is not optional for beginners and usually costs £150 for a course of 4 x 2 hour lessons)

All cheques should be made payable to Brymore Academy. Please note that deposits are non-refundable in the event of your son withdrawing (or being withdrawn by the school) from the trip - I am sorry, but we adhere strictly to this policy unless it is for an injury or medical reason. Disinclination to travel is unfortunately not covered by our insurance.

PLEASE NOTE:

The main aim of our ski tour is to ski or snowboard - an exhilarating but physically demanding sport, sometimes in challenging conditions. The ski tour is a school activity and school rules apply, so standards of behaviour need to be exemplary. While exciting and enjoyable, activities such as skiing/snowboarding can be dangerous if simple instructions are not followed. Safety is also of paramount importance and your son's behaviour at school will determine their place on the trip.

Your reservation means that your son must attend the Brymore Christmas Carol Service on Friday 12th December, this is not optional and absence on this day would imply they are unfit to travel.

If you would like your son to take part in the ski tour, please complete the attached form and return it to the school in an envelope together with cash/cheque for £150, made payable to "Brymore Academy" or paid online via Scopay no later than Friday 7th February 2025.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email, ian.ashton@brymoreacademy.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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