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Dear Parent/Carer

Sixth Form Snowsports Trip to Killington Resort, East Coast USA Wednesday 27th March – Friday 4th April 2013

In line with Comberton Sixth Forms' commitment to offer remarkable opportunities to all pupils during their time at the college, we are very pleased to be able to offer pupils the chance to experience a 9-day Snowsports Trip, visiting not only one of the best resorts in the world, Killington in New England, but also experiencing a stopover in one of the most vibrant and exciting cities, New York where pupils will have the opportunity to have Dinner in Times Square, and shop at one of the many Outlet Shopping Malls.

We will be travelling to the world-class resort of Killington, on the East Coast of the United States of America which is known for its diversity of terrain, providing 191 interconnected trails of snow to ski or board. Covering over six mountains, it is the largest mountain resort in New England earning its reputation as the 'Beast of the East', thus providing an enormous variety of snow types and runs for pupils to develop their abilities.

Our external provider, SkiPlan have become one of the largest and most trusted names in school ski trips and the all-inclusive prices offer excellent value for money. We plan to stay at the 3* Holiday Inn near Downtown Rutland which is ideally positioned for the access to a Shopping Mall as well as a number of in-house facilities including a swimming pool, fitness and games rooms.

This course is open to all pupils in the Sixth Form, and we hope to keep the trip to what will be Year 13. Due to the nature of the trip though, it is very much dependent on numbers as to whether we open it up to Year 12 in order to run the trip. It does not matter how much experience your son/daughter has, as long as we are made aware on the attached form for grouping purposes and possible introductory lessons prior to the trip leaving.

Costs:

The cost is very much subject to change due to taxes and flight costs constantly changing, but we have received a current quote at **£1500**. This has been calculated by Ski Plan for a group of 40 pupils. For a smaller group there will be a slight increase and for more the price could go down.

Included in the price for the Course:

- Return flights based upon a London departure, with overseas transfers to Accommodation
- 6 nights Half Board resort accommodation
- New York stop-over includes 1 night accommodation with continental breakfast, dinner in Times Square (Hard Rock Café, Planet Hollywood or Bubba Gumps TBC), and 3 hour outlet shopping stop en route to New York
- All local taxes
- Daily shuttle to resort
- Resort representative service
- Resort lift pass for 5 days
- Ski lessons – 20 hours of ski tuition (4 hours per day)
- Hire of skis/ snowboards, boots and poles for 5 days



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Not included in the price:

- Spending money in US Dollars. We suggest a maximum of \$200 in smaller denomination notes & coins.
- Ski/ Boarding clothing (although hiring can be arranged through the Ski Exchange @ Dry Drayton)
- Dry slope ski lessons/snowboard taster lessons. These can be arranged as an optional extra through Bassingbourn Dry Ski Slope, (depending on numbers for the groups we hope to arrange at least one session at Milton Keynes Snow zone to gain basic experience).

The school insurance policy covers pupils for medical, personal accident, and personal effects and money. Further details are available from the college on request.

Payment Arrangements

To make budgeting for the trip easier, you will be able to make payment in four instalments. It is critical that all payments are made on time, since we need to be able to reserve accommodation and pay for travel early in order to meet our budget which includes the payment of a **non-refundable deposit of £200** to be paid by **Monday 12th December 2011**. If your son/daughter is successful in securing a place on this visit we will write to you to confirm this giving full detail of payment arrangements beyond this. Due to the costs involved in organising this trip, we will not be able to refund any monies paid once you have signed up and committed your place on this trip with your payment.

Allocation of places:

If your child would like a place on the Sixth Form Snow Sports Trip in 2013 please complete the attached **Snow Sports Booking Form** clearly stating skiing or boarding and any previous experience. Please return the application form to Mrs Fisher in the PE Office by Monday 12th December 2011 and pay the deposit using Wisepay or to the Finance Department. Once allocation has been organised you will receive a letter of congratulations on your place, only then will we ask for any other paperwork/money to be sent.

When you receive your letter of Congratulations:

- The finance department will have set up your wise pay payment system which you can access via the college website www.combertonvc.org. This is now our preferred method of payment. You may still pay by cash or cheque to the finance department, cheques must be payable to CVC and the Pupils' name, tutor group and the name of the trip written on the reverse of the cheque. The dates for the four instalment payments along with meeting dates and all other details will be sent out at this time.

Should you wish to discuss any aspects of the Sixth Form Trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Fisher or Mr Mannas via the College on 01223 262503.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Paula Fisher
SSCo and PE Teacher



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SNOW SPORTS BOOKING FORM 2013

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Please fill in one form per person

First name: Surname:

Age (**on trip**): Tutor Group (**on trip**):

Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Home address:

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Postcode

Home telephone number:

Daytime telephone number:

Course and place applied for (please delete as appropriate)

Preferred Option

Skiing - Yes/No Experience on the snow (in weeks).....

Snowboarding - Yes/No Experience on the snow (in weeks).....

Signed: Date:

Parent/Guardian