



6th October 2022

Dear parents/guardians,

We are pleased to let you know of three exciting Off Island trips that are coming up:

1. Victoria College Ski Trip - February Half Term

For Years: 8,9,10,12

This academic year College will be offering a ski/snowboard trip for our boys over February 2023 half term. The outline of the trip is as follows:

We will depart on the evening of Friday 10th February 2023 for Saint Malo with Condor Ferries (departure time will be confirmed when Condor Ferries publish their winter schedules). A coach will then take us overnight to Cauterets, in the Pyrenees.

Upon arrival on Saturday morning at the resort accommodation the Relais du Lys, which is situated opposite the gondola accessing the ski area 'Cirque du Lys,' the boys will move into rooms. The rooms are bunk bed dormitories sleeping eight.

The rest of the day will be spent preparing for ski lessons to start the following day, by collecting the ski/snowboard equipment.

Ski lessons/guidance will be for two hours each morning and two hours in the afternoon for six days, finishing on Friday afternoon.

The departure from Cauterets will be at 20:00 on Friday 17th February for the overnight journey back to Saint Malo, in time for the morning ferry to Jersey on Saturday 18th February morning.

The cost will be **£1650** per student, which covers all food, accommodation and equipment hire. Students would need their own ski clothing.

We will need to book with our provider swiftly, so please can I ask parents to respond using this form (FORM HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/7V5bjW0Kck>) by Sunday 9th October, with places being allocated on Monday 10th October. At that point, a deposit of £450 would be required, with the remainder of payments being made in equal amounts at the end of November, December, and January (£400pm).

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2. Geography Trip to Iceland - 14th - 17th July 2023 (Activities Week 2023)

The geography department is planning an exciting trip to Iceland, one of the most stunning areas in Europe. Its dramatic volcanoes and beautiful waterfalls provide the perfect backdrop for the department's teaching of the physical and human environment. This trip will enable students to experience a unique and beautiful geographical area. The aim will be to use the attractions across the island as 'outdoor classrooms' to look at natural hazards, tourism, and the unique geomorphology of the area. Below is a copy of the draft itinerary of the trip, which has been designed to cover significant areas of both GCSE and A-Level specifications, so that students might gain directly in preparation for their examinations. While the trip has been put together with the demands of those sitting Geography in mind, I encourage any student at Victoria College who feels they would like to participate in this exciting experience to join us.

We are still awaiting a final quote; however, we estimate the all-inclusive cost, based on an attendance of 30 students, should be no more than £1350 per pupil, payable in three instalments of £300 and a fourth of £450 over the next nine months. The initial instalment will be non-refundable. Financial support for the trip is also available by completing the form attached to this letter and submitted to the school Bursar Mrs Carolyn Ferguson c.ferguson@vcj.sch.je

Please may I ask for no replies of interest at this time, whilst we put the finishing touches to the quote. The department is confident we should be able to publish final details very shortly, and another message will appear in the bulletin with applications for interest.

3. History Trip - Northern France and First World War Battlefields (Activity week 2023)

For Years 9 and 10, First World War and Second World War battlefields trip:

We will travel to Northern France and Belgium by coach and visit historic sites such as Ypres, The Somme and Albert, and hear the stories of soldiers who walked these sites. We will also experience the Last Post ceremony at Ypres' Menin Gate, which has taken place every night at 20:00 since the end of World War One.

We will stay in purpose-built student accommodation, which is well served for evening entertainment and great food. After three days, we will return to Normandy and visit the beaches and battlefields of World War Two, learning about the heroic tales of the brave soldiers.

It is anticipated that that the approximate cost of the trip will be between £1,000 - £1200.

Kind regards,

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