



10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Dawn House School - Ski Trip 2026**

You will all know that one of my main ambitions since becoming Principal at Dawn House School was to ensure that our children have just the same range of opportunities here, that any child anywhere gets in school. We have increased the number and breadth of residentials now so that each Key Stage gets at least one opportunity to go away with school each year. My ultimate ambition was for us to be able to run a ski trip.....Well,

We are excited to announce that we are planning to run the first ever Dawn House School Ski Trip to Saméon in France for a week in January/February 2026. This trip will be for a group of around 10/12 Key Stage 4 and 5 pupils, and will be open to current Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 pupils – taking into account the planned departure date.

We believe this will be an exceptional opportunity for pupils to create lifelong memories and Dawn House will become one of few special education settings in the country to provide such a trip.

To gauge interest and share key information, we will be holding an initial meeting at **5pm on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October**, in the school dining hall. Pupils are welcome to attend alongside parents/carers should you wish.

During the meeting, we will outline the details of the trip, including the itinerary, ideas around costings, requirements and the incredible experiences your child could have. Mr Norman has been part of various school ski trips in previous roles to Italy and France and such trips offer pupils exceptional opportunities to develop confidence, independence and resilience, as well as to experience a new culture and environment.

We hope that a ski trip will become a regular event, with plans to run it every other year. If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to contact me directly for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and sharing more about this exciting opportunity.

Kind regards,

**J McConnell**

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