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# SCHOOL SNOWSPORT COURSES

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For the 2012 ski season Ogwen Cottage is organising ski courses to Torgon, Switzerland in partnership with 'The Ski Company'

The village of Torgon is situated in 'Les Portes du Soleil', a true winter sports playground offering 650 kilometres of runs, 694 snow cannons, over 300 mountain restaurants, 266 runs, 206 lifts, 12 resorts, 9 snow parks, 2 countries, this is the biggest inter-linked international ski area in the world.

The Goldtest Centre is virtually on the ski slopes and has been built specifically for The Ski Company's needs making it one of the best-equipped centres in Europe.



The ski pass 'Evasion' covers 150kms of runs in and around Torgon and offers a wonderful variety of terrain and something for every level of skier. Even better, it is almost never too busy, even at the height of the season.

The village of Torgon has arguably the most stunning views in the Portes du Soleil, with views from Lake Geneva to Mont Blanc, Western Europe's highest mountain. The accommodation has about 170 beds in three chalets and all rooms and apartments have private facilities. Breakfast, packed lunch, afternoon tea and cakes and evening meals are all included; tea and coffee is available all day.



There is always plenty to do after a day of activities and there is plenty of space to relax, with 2 lounge areas, one of which has a grand piano and a separate and dedicated beanbag filled TV room, which has a large flat screen LCD television and DVD player. The programme makes good use of the excellent facilities, which include our climbing wall, sports hall, snooker and pool tables, table tennis, and snow shoe-ing all of which are on-site at the Goldtest Centre.

# **What's included**

## **On Snow**

5 hours a day tuition for 6 days and ski pass  
Tuition by the Swiss Ski School (All English speaking)  
All equipment including helmet (not clothing)  
Lunchtime supervision  
Skiing or snowboarding available  
Wrist protectors for snowboarders  
Equipment stored on site, no more trips to the hire shop

## **Off Snow**

Full activity program for each resort  
No hidden extra costs  
Assessment with award and ceremony  
An experienced resort team  
Snow shoe-ing; torch lit ski, disco, charity bingo, movie night, skating, climbing wall (not all activities are available in every resort)

## **Accommodation**

6 nights (7 nights flying) full board accommodation  
Mostly 2, 3 or 4 students per room  
Carefully chosen accommodation  
Buffet breakfast, a packed lunch and a 4 course evening meal

## **Travel**

Return travel from school to resort by coach or by air  
We travel exclusively to Switzerland  
P&O ferry crossing Dover/Calais

## **Additional Support from the Ski Company**

Offices in Switzerland  
Help with insurance claims  
Promotional support  
Full risk assessment  
Subsidised ASCL courses  
An experienced resort team

## **Additional Support from Ogwen Cottage**

Dedicated snowsport course leader  
Leadership and group management co-ordination  
Emphasis on Personal and Social Development  
Risk Management  
Qualified nurse

## Who are Ogwen?

Owned by Birmingham since 1964, Ogwen combines the best of tradition with modern developments and is nationally recognised as a leader in the provision of high quality Outdoor Learning.

## Why an Ogwen snowsport course?

As part of this provision Ogwen snowsport courses will be backed up by an ongoing process which will look at ensuring, not only the courses themselves, but also consider new developments such as: free/subsidised SCO and ASCL courses, Snowsport for the disabled, either independently or as part of a bigger course, bursary places and, dare I say it even snowboarding to name but a few and will work to promote the ongoing and sustainable provision for all Birmingham schools.

## Other courses

As well as the snowsport courses, Ogwen's stunning location in the heart of the Snowdonia National park, enables us to provide a unique residential experience in some of Britain's most dramatic scenery and with venues for climbing, kayaking and mountain walking within easy reach plus the Marine and coastal environments of the nearby island of Anglesey, it is ideally situated to provide inspirational outdoor learning opportunities

For many of Birmingham's secondary schools, a trip to Ogwen is a regular and well established feature on the school calendar and is used in various educational areas such as GCSE/A Level PE and Geography, Environmental courses, Btec sport, Duke of Edinburgh Award, and ASDAN in addition to Adventurous Activity courses. All courses have an underlying ethos geared towards PSHE, Citizenship and personal development.

In addition to the schools programme, Ogwen also runs various skills and national governing body award courses for activities such as Mountain Walking, rock climbing and skiing.



# Course Cost

# £580

For further information on courses, activities or for  
general information call on

**01248 600 581**

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**[www.ogwen.bham.org.uk](http://www.ogwen.bham.org.uk)**

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