

17th October 2023

Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: 2025 Ski Trip

Over the last few years, we have had great success with various ski trips. We would once again like to offer this opportunity to our students. Therefore, we are excited to launch our next ski trip to the San Martino di Castroza resort in Italy, where we will be staying at the charming Hotel Primiero. The trip will take place during the February 2025 half term holidays. Dates will be confirmed closer to the time.

Students will ski for 5 days under the supervision of a qualified ski instructor. Instruction will be in small groups dependent on ability. We will be travelling by coach. Unfortunately, there will not be the option to snowboard on this trip.

During the trip, there will be a number of après ski activities in the evening. These will be confirmed nearer the time of the trip but are likely to include bowling, quiz night, ice-skating or curling. Students will be accommodated in en-suite dormitories. Students will be provided with a breakfast, a packed lunch and an evening meal.

The ski trip is a fantastic opportunity for students to push themselves out of their comfort zones, but it can present challenges, especially for beginners, and it is vital that students approach the experience with a positive and determined mindset. It is important to consider that skiing can be physically demanding, and that students will need to show courage and perseverance to be successful, especially as they may find skiing tricky to begin with.

The cost of the trip will be **£1395**. We appreciate that this price is significantly more than previous ski trips, but this price is competitive at current costs. This cost covers the following:

- All travel by ferry/euro tunnel and executive coach
- 5 nights full board accommodation
- Ski pass
- Ski hire (skis, boots, poles and helmets)
- Ski instruction

The Academy has added approximately 5% to the overall cost of the trip, to create a contingency fund; the prices stated above include this 5% contingency. This is standard practice for educational institutions and covers areas such as administration, extra kit, specialist equipment, awards, specific 'dinner' nights, emergencies, production of pre-trip and post-trip materials and gifts. On return, if there is any money left over, the Academy will divide remaining funds amongst the pupils and refund appropriately.

Payment schedule:

Deposit	£100	By <u>Friday 10th November 2023</u> (This is non-refundable if your child changes their mind.)
Payment 2	£350	By <u>Friday 9th February 2024</u>
Payment 3	£350	By <u>Friday 24th May 2024</u>
Payment 4	£350	By <u>Friday 7th September 2024</u>
Payment 5	£245	By <u>Friday 22nd November 2024</u>

More details of the trip will follow, including a parent information evening.

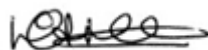
If your child is interested in taking part in this trip, then please complete this online Microsoft Form – *this is not a commitment* – **by Friday 27th October**. Please be aware that there are 40 spaces available. Once their place has been confirmed you will be able to pay the £100 non-refundable deposit on Parent Pay to secure your child's place on the trip. Please be aware that we cannot refund a non-refundable deposit.

If you wish to discuss any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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