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Dear Year 7-8 Parents,

TDA Ski Trip Saturday 1st April - Saturday 8th April 2028

We are planning to take a party of 55 students to the resort of Sestriere in Italy, during the 2028 Easter Holidays. The trip is open to the students who are currently in Years 7 and 8 and therefore will be years 9 and 10 on the trip. Sestriere is a premier high-altitude resort nestled at 2035m at the heart of the Via Lattea (Milky Way) ski area. It has a range of skiing for beginners and intermediates but also provides testing runs for the more experienced skier.

Our accommodation will be the Hotel Duchi D'Aosta - Sestriere, where we will be 150m distance from the slopes and lifts. This hotel is great value that offers doorstep skiing and a panoramic restaurant, it is also a central location in the village.

The cost of this trip will be £1900 and this will include:

1. Full board accommodation (3 meals a day)
2. Return Coach transfer from school to the Southern Airport
3. Return flights from a Southern Airport
4. Hire of helmets, boots, skis and poles
5. 6-day ski pass covering all lifts in the area
6. 6 x 5 hours ski lessons
7. Hot Chocolate and Crepe Evening
8. Pizza Night including dessert and drink
9. Ice Skating
10. Skidoo Ride
11. Sports Hall activities one evening
12. Howden Travel Insurance Winter Sports
13. Equity Ski representative
14. Trip Hoody
15. Administrative Fees

In addition, students will need to bring their own pocket money, about 100 euros should be sufficient. We realise that this is an expensive trip but also a fantastic opportunity and we will encourage those students participating to organise some fundraising events to maximise their experience of such a tour.



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Prior Knowledge

We strongly advise that your child attends a session at an indoor ski slope if they are beginners to experience what skiing will be like. The trip is very physical and full of activities throughout the week making it very busy and tiring. If this is something you are unable to facilitate and we can get a big enough group together, we can facilitate this as a trip however, this will be an additional cost.

Ski Lessons

Students will be supervised all day by qualified ski instructors, who will take them for ski lessons and guide them round the pistes to practise what they have learnt. At lunchtime, they will be supervised by school staff and their ski instructors. Instruction takes place in groups of about 11. Groups are not rigidly fixed as students learn at different rates and may need to move from one group to another. The aim is to make sure that everyone is in the group that they enjoy most and that best fits their ski standard.

Staff members are not allowed to help students with the adjustment of their ski equipment as this must be left to the professionals. Staff will not take students 'free skiing' and students will remain with their instructors throughout the day.

Clothing

Students will need to bring suitable clothing, including a warm, waterproof jacket and salopettes. In addition, a couple of pairs of ski socks, a pair of goggles and a pair of skiing gloves will be needed. It is not advisable to buy expensive, high-fashion ski wear for young people who might quickly grow out of it. We suggest they borrow or hire where possible and buy only those items which can be worn generally.

Behaviour/ Attendance

Please note that poor behaviour and/or attendance prior to the trip may mean that your child is unable to take part or be accepted onto the trip. It is crucial that we are confident a student will behave appropriately whilst on the trip, and their in school behaviour will be used as indication of this. If a place is initially secured but a student's behaviour declines prior to this trip leaving, this may result in their place on the trip being revoked and their space given to a student on the waiting list. We hope that you understand why positive behaviour, in order to ensure safety of all, is a paramount consideration. This will constantly be reviewed over the two-year period.

Payment

Places are limited and are on a first-come first served bases, with a reserved list. If you would like your child to join the trip, please pay a deposit of £250 on ParentPay, by **Friday 20th March 2026**. **Please note, this will be live on Parent Pay to make payment from Monday 16th March 2026**. We apologise for the late notice; however, spaces are filling up fast with Equity Ski and we need to secure the hotel within a tight window. The initial deposit of £250 per person is non-refundable, but of course your deposit will be returned if we are able to fill the space. Should any student subsequently wish to withdraw from the trip, refunds can unfortunately only be made in accordance with the tour operator's cancellation policy.



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There will be an expectation that £500 of the trip (including deposit) is paid by the end of June, the remaining costs will be spread out with deadlines being September 2026 and then January 2028.

Further details of the final financial arrangements and booking conditions, insurance and the resort, together with a consent form, would be sent to you in due course.

If you have any questions, regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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