

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Hartismere Snowsports trip Italy 2025, 13th - 20th February (February half-term holiday week)**

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in attending the Hartismere School Snowsports trip. The trip is open to years 9 to 13. The cost of the trip will be (approximately) £1500 per student. This price includes transport to and from the resort, lessons, evening activities, food and equipment hire.

**Trip details:**

**Destination:** We plan to return to the beautiful Ponte di Legno, Tonale, Italy. Situated amidst stunning mountain scenery, Tonale offers a wide range of slopes suitable for all skill levels, from beginners to advanced skiers and snowboarders.

**Date and Duration:** The ski trip is scheduled to take place from 13th February - 20th February. We have carefully chosen these dates to ensure optimal snow conditions and minimal disruption to the academic calendar.

**Transportation:** We have decided to fly this year, it does add a little to the price but we felt it was less disruptive than the long coach ride.

**Accommodation:** Our students will be staying in Temu, in a well-equipped 3\* hotel located conveniently near the ski resort. The accommodation has been chosen for its safety, comfort, and proximity to the slopes.

**Activities:** In addition to skiing and snowboarding, students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of other winter activities, such as sledging, swimming, and a pizza night. These activities are designed to cater to different interests and skill levels, ensuring that everyone has a memorable and enjoyable experience.

**Equipment and Gear:** Students are encouraged to bring their own ski gear if they have it. However, rental options will be available for those who need them (ski, boot and helmet hire are included in the cost). We will provide further information about equipment rental and what to bring closer to the trip date.

**Cost and Payment:** The total cost of the ski trip, including transportation, accommodation, meals, and activities, will be £1545 per student (based on 30 students). We understand that this may be a significant expense for some families, so we are happy to offer payment plans and financial assistance options. Please contact us if you require assistance, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

**Safety Precautions:** The safety of our students is our top priority. We will be implementing strict safety protocols throughout the trip, including supervision by trained staff, adherence to ski resort rules and regulations, and emergency procedures in place. Additionally, we will require all students to wear helmets while skiing or snowboarding.

**Permission Slips and Forms:** In order for your child to participate in the ski trip, we will require a signed permission slip and medical form. We kindly ask that you return them to us as soon as possible.

The non-refundable deposit of £200 is due on 29th March to confirm flights.

We believe that the ski trip will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to bond with their peers, challenge themselves, and create lasting memories. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the ski trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to provide support and assistance every step of the way.

Thank you, we look forward to providing your child with an unforgettable ski trip experience!

Kind regards,

Caroline Aldous-Goodge