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4 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## Ski Trip - 2026

Corfe Hills School has a long history of running Ski trips/Snow Sports trips to Italy. I am writing to inform you of the opportunity for your child to take part in this fantastic trip. This may seem a long way ahead, however, it is necessary to operate on a time scale of this order to secure the best arrangements and value for money, plus provide a payment schedule that makes the trip more affordable.

I believe that the trip outlined below offers superb opportunities in terms of the resort and skiing opportunities for students. Whilst it may seem expensive, it is all-inclusive, the only "extras" are those outlined in "Equipment" below. We have used the company for many years, and I remain convinced by the overall quality of their package that I have detailed below:

### Resort

La Thuile, Aosta Valley, northern Italy (near Mt. Blanc tunnel/Little St Bernard Pass). It has a vast ski area – 160 kms of piste which links with another resort, La Rosiere in France, on the same lift pass.

### Dates

Saturday 28 March 2026 – Saturday 4 April 2026. This is the first week of the school Easter holiday.

### Travel

Travel will be overnight by executive coach - experience proves this is a good deal and more straightforward than flying. The coach remains with us throughout the trip.

### Meals

All inclusive. Breakfast and dinner will be eaten at the hotel. Hot lunches will be purchased by voucher at a mountain restaurant. Breakfast will be supplied on the outward and the return journey back to the UK.

### Hotel

Accommodation will be at the Hotel 'Alpechiara' in Palleusieux, Pre St Didier. This is a small village near the resort – it is a 25 minute coach journey from the telecabine that lifts directly to the main ski area.

### Ski time

Students will have 5 hours of lessons per day for 5 days with qualified instructors and will be supervised at all times.

### Equipment

The specialist gear will be supplied; boots, poles, and skis. Students will need to supply their own basic gear such as goggles and gloves as well as appropriate clothing. This can be hired/purchased at very reasonable rates - see "information evening" below. Helmets are compulsory and are included in the package.

### Evenings

There will be a programme of evening activities and these are all included in the price. This may include ice skating, pizza night, karaoke, crepes, and quiz night.

**Insurance:** Fully comprehensive winter sports included

**Passport:** Full passport required (GHIC also required)

**Cost:** £1475 Skiing. Deposit £125 due November 2024 followed by an interim payment of £150 due January 2025.  
Snowboarding is unfortunately no longer offered by Interski from 2024.

### Payment

**Deposits should be paid via our online payment system, ParentPay.** Once a place has been secured, the £125 deposit will be non-refundable unless a replacement can be found, or if the tour operator has to cancel the trip. This also applies to the second instalment of £150 once paid to the tour operator. The instalment plan will be as follows:

- Deposit: £125 due 8 November 2024
- Instalment 2: £150 due 2 January 2025
- Instalment 3: £300 due 1 May 2025
- Instalment 4: £300 due 1 August 2025
- Instalment 5: £300 due 1 October 2025
- Instalment 6: £300 due 1 December 2025
- **Total payable: £1475**

After the deposit has been paid all remaining instalments should be paid via ParentPay as per the payment schedule. The final balance will be due by December 2025.

Prompt application is advised - previous experience suggests that this will be a popular trip with more applicants than places. It does, however, cause problems when students decide later in the year that they no longer wish to take part. Decisions to apply should be considered carefully.

### Information Evening

There will be an information evening during the autumn term 2025 and I would value the chance to meet you on that occasion. This will include details about the rental and / or purchase of the gear specified earlier. I anticipate that Italian lessons and ski fitness sessions will be repeated for the trip in 2026. A trip like this makes considerable demands upon students in addition to the exertions of skiing itself. They will need to display personal organisation, teamwork and responsibility, all within the context of a foreign culture. I am sure they will benefit from the experience as well as learning or developing a skill that will last well into their adult lives.

Whilst the following points are likely to apply to only a minority of students, if any, it is important that everybody understands the expectations regarding conduct. The trip is open only to students at Corfe Hills School, any student who is suspended or has a significant amount of poor behaviour on record will forfeit his/her place. In this case the deposit and interim payment can only be refunded should a replacement be found. Equally, any behaviour in school that renders participation inappropriate will be subject to the same consequences.

A school trip offers a good opportunity to be away with friends, it also demands appropriate patterns of behaviour. Students must appreciate that sanctions will be imposed should these be abused; these will range from confiscation of lift pass to being sent home at parental expense. The obvious aim of the trip is to maximise the safety and enjoyment of the skiing. I hope you share my view that these policies help ensure that this is the experience for all involved. They are reiterated on the "Code of Conduct" sheet that all parents and students are asked to read and agree to in order to reserve a place on this trip.

Places will be offered to students currently in Year 9 and Year 11 who will be in Year 10 and 12 at the time of the trip. This is to ensure that there will not be a clash with exam preparation for GCSEs and A levels as the trip departs in the Easter holidays. If you are currently a Year 11 student, you must therefore be planning to continue onto Year 12 at Corfe Hills School.

Should you wish to reserve a place for your child, **please confirm your expression of interest on ParentPay by Monday 30 September 2024. If a place is allocated, you will receive an invite to then pay the deposit of £125 on ParentPay by Friday 8 November 2024.** Remember...I may have just solved a Christmas present problem!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries at [SDexter@corfehills.net](mailto:SDexter@corfehills.net)

Yours faithfully



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