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Dear Parent/Carer

Ski Trip 2027 Saturday 13/2/2027 – Friday 19/2/2027

After another successful trip to Austria, it is time to think about next year's trip, and this time we are changing things.

In 2027 we are going back to Italy. Also, given how well the flights to this year's trip to St Anton were received, we are going to fly again next year from Manchester Airport.

We are going to be visiting the ski area of Cortina D'Ampezzo, which as many of you will know is the location of the recent Winter Olympics 2026. This should give us a fantastic opportunity to visit some of the sites and slopes that many gold medals were won.

We will be staying in the nearby town of San Vito Di Cadore. San Vito di Cadore is in the middle of Boite valley, the ski area of Cortina is 11km away. Cortina chic resort is known as the "Kitzbühel of Italy", an extremely attractive upmarket resort, offering extensive, big-mileage skiing with great beginners' slopes, good progression and lots of expert skiing too. It is a short coach transfer each day to the ski lift in Cortina where we have our lessons.

Accommodation is on a full board basis with breakfast being served as a buffet style, while dinner is served to the table and includes a salad buffet. Guests can make up their own packed lunch over breakfast and water is available with all meals. Casa Montana hotel <https://www.skiteam4.com/hotel-detail/casa-montana-s-maddalena/> is situated in the centre of San Vito di Cadore – there are amenities within walking distance such as cafes, restaurants and a supermarket. The hotel is comfortable and simply furnished. All rooms have private facilities. International cuisine and local specialities are served.

The cost of this trip is likely to be **£2050**, assuming that all 60 places are filled. This is a similar price to last year, however a significant increase on previous years. Not only do we have the increased travel costs going by air, but there are also other costs involved when we do not have a coach with us to arrange transfers and trips.

Cost

This price includes:

- Return travel from Altrincham to the resort via air and road.
- Travel to and from the slopes daily.
- 5 days' ski instruction (5 hours per day) including lift pass, ski, boots, and helmet rental.
- Instruction will be in groups of around 1:9 students on average.

- All breakfast and evening meals. A packed lunch, although many will choose to purchase a hot meal option on the slopes.
- A selection of evening activities which have included bowling, pizza night and a trip to a nearby town in previous years.
- A tour 'hoodie'
- Relevant Health Insurance

We are planning to take 60 students alongside 7 staff members on the trip during half term next February.

It will be paid in instalments, with the first instalment of £500 due in early May 2026 via ParentPay. The deposit will be non-refundable once places have been allocated.

A word of warning for students presently in Year 8.

Often the Y9 Barcelona football trip overlaps with the ski trip departure. If you sign up for the ski trip and subsequently wish to swap onto the football trip, we cannot guarantee that any payments will be refunded.

We wish to make it clear that if the visit takes place, no student will be denied participation on the grounds that no contribution has been made on their behalf. However, please be aware, if insufficient contributions are made, we will be unable to proceed with the trip. Full details about Pupil Premium and/or Bursary support for trips can be found on our website [here](#).

Application process

Please discuss this with your child and if you wish them to take part in this trip, please can you complete an [Expression of Interest Form](#) by clicking on the link.

Deadline for your Expression of Interest Form is by 9am on 17th April, at the latest.

Once the deadline has passed places will be allocated using our Random Allocation Algorithm and you will be informed of the results. Successful applications will be asked to complete an online consent form and to pay the deposit payment of £500.

Additional information

We would like to make it very clear that skiing is an extreme sport. A certain level of fitness is required to be able to ski and maintain the pace of your group to not negatively impact the trip for other students. You should be able to run for 30 minutes (at any pace) as a minimum level of fitness by the time you come on the trip next February. If you cannot do that currently you must train prior to the trip so that you can properly enjoy the trip.

Please read our new terms and conditions sheet attached which contains **important information** regarding medical, passports, EHIC/GHIC requirements and Covid compliance etc.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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