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Dear Parents,

Ski Trip 10-17th February 2024 – Folgaria, Italy
Price: Circa £1350 TBC fully inclusive

I am delighted to announce that we are now launching the February 2024 Senior Ski Trip for students currently in Years 9 - 12 to Folgaria in Italy. Folgaria is a hugely exciting destination that boasts over 100km of pistes, guaranteed snow due to the height and extensive snow-making programme, and an opportunity for us to offer a brilliant apres ski programme.

We will be staying at the Casa Alpina which is a 5 minute drive from the slopes. The Casa Alpina is a recently refurbished hotel and provides a large reception room for us to use.

Students will be skiing in smaller groups to allow for maximum fun and progression, and the trip will include snowtubing (racing your friends on inflatable rings down an ice track), snowshoeing (a night, star-lit trek through the snow) and swimming at the local pool in Folgaria.

The trip includes:

- **Coach Travel from RGS to Italy via the ferry**
- **Accommodation** - 5 nights hotel accommodation including breakfast and evening meal
- **Hot lunches** – Provided at a mountain restaurant between ski school sessions
- **Lift pass** - 5-day lift pass
- **Tuition** - 5-days of 5 hours per day skiing tuition by fully qualified English-speaking instructors
- **Instructors** – Additional ski instructor(s) for the party to reduce the instructor to student ratio from the standard 1:12 to 1:9 to maximise student tuition and enjoyment on the slopes
- **Ski, boot and helmet hire**
- **Après-ski activities** – Snowtubing, Snowshoeing, Swimming, visits in to town and a number of fun activities hosted by staff in our private reception room.
- **Insurance** - Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- **In resort representative** – a dedicated tour rep will join our party for the week to ensure the smooth running of the trip

The senior trip is normally run on 45 pupil places and is typically an extremely popular trip. This year all parents who wish to claim a place for their son are required to **pay a £100 deposit via ParentPay**. Paying the deposit will not guarantee a place for your son. Once we have established how many students wish to travel we will finalise the number of student places we can offer and explain how those will be selected.

The Parent Pay portal will 'go live' for receipt of the trip deposit of £100 at **12pm on Monday 3rd July** and will remain open until **8am on Monday 10th July**. There will be no priority given to the order in which deposits are paid during that period; however, anyone wishing to book a place after the period will go to the bottom of the waiting list. For those students who gain a place there will then be three further payments of circa £625 in September and November respectively.

We would not want any pupil to not be able to take advantage of this opportunity due to financial hardship. If you would like to discuss this in confidence, please contact me on tmf@rgshw.com

There will be a presentation evening for parents and boys at School in September to give out important information about the trip and the full finalised itinerary and to answer any questions you may have, but please contact me if you have any more urgent queries.

Yours sincerely,

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