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Dear Parents,

Ski Trip 15th-21st February 2025 – Alagna, Monterosa, Italy
Price: Circa £1549 TBC fully inclusive

We are delighted to announce that we are now launching the February 2025 Senior Ski Trip for students currently in Years 9 - 12 to Alagna in the extensive Monterosa ski area in Italy. Alagna is an exciting destination. It offers stunning scenery - a massive, high, quiet snow-sure ski area that boasts over 130km of pistes, friendly locals and great traditional Italian mountain cooking. Alagna itself is a traditional, rustic village and gives us the opportunity to offer a brilliant après-ski programme.

We will be staying at the Baita Reale Apartments which are few minutes' walk from the fast cable car up to the slopes. Breakfast and 3 course evening meals will be served in a local restaurant which is a few minutes' walk from our accommodation.

Students will have 5 hours of ski lessons per day in small ski groups (ratio of 9:1 students to instructor) to allow for maximum fun and progression, and the trip will include ice skating, swimming and sauna in a local hotel and Pizza Night in a local pizzeria.

The trip includes:

- **Return Air travel from London airport to Italy**
- **Return Coach Travel from RGS airport**
- **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** – Ice Skating, Swimming and Sauna, Pizza Night, town visits.
- **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 44 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 is live and will remain open until **8am on Friday 19th April**. 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 four further payments – please see the schedule below

Payment Schedule

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| 19 th April | £100 deposit |
| 29 th April | £300 |
| 1 st July | £400 |
| 5 th September | £400 |
| 1 st December | Balance (circa £349) |

The total cost of £1549 includes a healthy budget for flights and any saving in the cost of flights will be reduced from the final payment. However, please be aware that until flights are paid for we cannot guarantee the final price.

We would not want any pupil to not be able to take advantage of this opportunity due to financial hardship. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please immediately contact Mr Clatworthy, Director of Co-Curricular Education (dec@rgshw.com) or Mrs Chick, Headmaster's PA (dmc@rgshw.com) **in strictest confidence** and they will see if there is any funding available to assist you.

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 us if you have any more urgent queries.

Yours sincerely,

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