

Thursday 25th May 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Year 9 Ski Trip 10th - 17th February 2024, Pila Italy**

**Price: Circa £1150 (TBC) fully inclusive**

I am delighted to announce that we are now launching the February 2024 Junior Ski Trip for students who are currently in Year 8 to Pila, Italy. These students will be in Year 9 when they go on the trip.

We will be staying in the charming 3\* Hotel Casale. It is a longstanding, family-run hotel where we are assured of a warm and friendly welcome. The hotel has a lovely traditional alpine appearance and ambience. All 25 rooms have private facilities (showers, hairdryers and a TV). Most also have balconies with lovely views along the valley.

The food is renowned as being amongst some of the best in the valley. It is one of only a few Italian restaurants to form part of the acclaimed 'Unione Ristoranti del Buon Ricordo' – a private association of gastronomic entrepreneurs, whose aim is to take care of and promote the values of Italian local cuisine.

**The trip includes:**

- Coach Travel from RGS to Italy with ferry crossing.
- Accommodation – 5 nights full board hotel accommodation including breakfast and evening meal.
- Hot lunches – Provided at hotel restaurants 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 – Bowling, Pizza night & Tour of the town with other activities TBC.
- Insurance - Comprehensive winter sports insurance.
- In resort Interski representative – a dedicated member of Interski staff will join our party for the week to ensure the smooth running of the trip.

This trip is normally run on 40 pupil places and is typically an extremely popular trip. This year all parents who wish to request a place for their child are required to pay a £100 deposit via ParentPay. Paying the deposit will not guarantee a place for your child. 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 on **Thursday 15th June 2023** and will remain open until **8am on Monday 26th June 2023**. 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 £350 in September, November and January respectively.

In the event of any changes or cancellation the School, to the best of our ability will look to recover any costs committed; however, this may still mean some or all of the funding is unrecoverable and parents/guardians understand this when signing students up. Should students choose to withdraw after signing up, any funds paid to School (and subsequently the tour provider) may be forfeit under the booking terms and conditions.

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 [anm@rgshw.com](mailto:anm@rgshw.com).

There will be a presentation evening for parents and boys at School in October to give out important information about the trip, the full finalised itinerary and to answer any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any more urgent queries.

Yours sincerely,

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