

11/07/2022

Dear Parents,

Year 9 Ski Trip 11-18th February 2023 – Ponte Di Lengo Italy
Price: Circa £1200 TBC fully inclusive

Unfortunately, due to issues beyond our control, we are now running the Ski Trip for students who are currently in Year 8 to Ponte Di Lengo in Val Camonica in Lombardy. I apologise for the disruption; however, I have been assured by the tour provider that the new location and hotel are equal in quality to the previous location and that all dates and costings remain the same. The new hotel also gives us access to the Passo Tonale pistes allowing us to enjoy 100km of well-connected slopes as well as glacier skiing. Please see below for more details.

Hotel website - <https://pontedilegno.swadeshi.it/?lang=en>

Passo Tonale - <https://www.skiclub.co.uk/italy/resorts/passo-tonale>

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 the hotel 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** – One evening of night time skiing, one evening of snowtubing and other activities TBC.
- **Insurance** - Comprehensive winter sports insurance
- **In resort Halsbury representative** – a dedicated member of Halsbury staff will join our party for the week to ensure the smooth running of the trip

This trip is normally run on **45 pupil places** and is typically an extremely popular trip. This year all parents who wish to request 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 **on Thursday 30th June** and will remain open until **8am on Monday 11th 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 £400, £400 and £300 in mid September, October 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 nxc@rgshw.com.

There will be a presentation evening for parents and boys at School in on Monday 10th October (date to be confirmed) 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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