

22/09/2021

Dear Parents,

Ski Trip 19-26th February 2022 – Sestriere, Italy
Price: £1175 fully inclusive

I am delighted to announce that we are now launching the February 2022 Senior Ski Trip for students currently in Years 10 - 13 to Sestriere in Italy. Sestriere is a fantastic destination which offers access to 400km of piste along the famous Milky Way and is the highest and most snow-assured of the resorts in the area.

Please read this letter very carefully as it contains a number of points about COVID matters and also how to book a place.

We will be travelling with Halsbury Ski, winner of the School Travel Award 2020/2021 best tour operator. Please take time to look at the company website: <https://www.halsbury.com/ski>

We will be staying at the Hotel Duchi d'Aosta which is ideally located 150 metres from the slopes and 300 metres from the centre of the resort.

The trip includes:

- **British Airways flights** – departing and returning London Heathrow
- **Coach Travel** – For both UK and Italy airport transfers
- **Accommodation** - 7 nights hotel accommodation including breakfast and evening meal
- **Hot lunches** - Lunch vouchers for daily one hour fully supervised lunches on the mountain
- **Lift pass** - 6-day lift pass
- **Tuition** - 6-days of 5 hours per day skiing tuition by fully qualified English-speaking instructors
- **Instructors** – Five ski instructors 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** – In house après-ski activities (eg. quiz, games, film night, swimming)
- **Hotel facilities** – Lifeguarded swimming pool, theatre and mini club with video games. These will be reserved by us at various points during the week to facilitate our après-ski activities
- **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

There are 45 pupil places which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The Parent Pay portal will 'go live' for receipt of the trip deposit of £200 at **10am on Monday 27th September**. Please be aware there will be a further payment of £500 and £475 due in late October and November respectively.

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT THESE PLANS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CHANGES OR CANCELLATION DUE TO UPDATES IN COVID GUIDANCE OR ISOLATION PROCEDURES. In the event of any changes or cancellation the School, to the best of our ability, will look to reschedule or recover any costs committed. Halsbury Ski has COVID guarantees in place and the School has undertaken due diligence checks. However, there

always remains the possibility that some of the funding is unrecoverable and parents/guardians understand this when signing students up. Full details of Halsbury Ski's COVID guarantee can be found at:
<https://www.halsbury.com/ski/guide/viewguide/?guidename=Halsbury%20Ski%27s%20Covid%20Guarantee>

At this stage we do not know what the COVID travel procedures will be. However, we feel it is important to make you aware that currently there are additional requirements which would incur extra cost as your son would be required to undertake PCR tests at your expense. Additional paperwork may be required, but this would be facilitated by the School.

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

If you would like your son to go on this trip, please log on to Parent Pay, look up 'Senior Ski Trip Sestriere 2022', and pay an initial deposit of **£200**. The portal will 'go live' at **10am on Monday 27th September**. You will not be able to reserve or book your place before then. Once the places have been taken you will no longer be able to pay a deposit. In this instance please email mes@rgshw.com to be put on the reserve list.

There will be a presentation evening for parents and boys at School later this term to give out important information about the trip, updates on COVID travel 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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