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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Year 10 Ski Trip 2025

It is with great pleasure that Southam College have decided to organise another Ski Trip and we will be travelling to Bardonecchia, Italy in February 2025 with Inspire Sport. This is an exciting opportunity to travel and ski in Italy, which is renowned for its fabulous skiing.

The trip will leave school on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and return on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**. We will be travelling by coach to Bardonecchia via either Ferry or Eurotunnel. All the transport to the resort in Italy is also included.

The total price for the 2025 Ski Trip is **£1450**, including all transport, winter sports insurance and full board in the hotel. The students will receive five hours a day skiing tuition for six days. They will have an English-speaking instructor to give them expert advice for all of this time, whether they are a novice or an experienced skier. The price also includes a six-day lift pass, ski, boot, and helmet hire and some evening entertainments which may include a mountain coaster.

We will organise a payment schedule so that payments can be spread over several months, this will be outlined in a further letter if your child is successful in obtaining a place on the ski trip. The other financial considerations to consider outside of the price above are ski clothing, spending money and a highly recommended Snow Dome Trip (approx. £45) to learn the basics before the trip and assess ability levels.

Students in receipt of Pupil Premium may opt to use their allowance against the cost of this trip. The allowance will be applied to future payments and the deposit should be paid in full.

Students will need a passport valid for 6 months after the trip return date and also a GHIC/EHIC card giving access to emergency healthcare whilst abroad.

During 2024 the European Union are expected to introduce the European Travel Information and Authorisation system (ETIAS) as an entry requirement for non-EU passport holders to enter EU countries. It is expected to be similar in format to the ESTA that is required to enter the USA and you can find out more here: [FAQs on ETIAS \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/faq-etias) We do not yet know the start date of this scheme or whether this trip will be affected by it, but we wanted you to be aware of it and we will keep you informed of any developments.

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If you would like to know more information about the trip please don't hesitate to get in touch. Please note that this is planned as a skiing trip only.

If you would like to reserve a place on this trip for your child, please make a deposit payment of £200 via ParentPay by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. The trip is limited to 45 students and if oversubscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat and deposits refunded to the students who haven't been selected. These students will then be placed on a reserve list should there be any cancellations. Please note that the price is based on 45 pupils attending the trip and therefore the cost may alter if less than 45 students pay their deposit.

Yours sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right, separated by a small gap.

Mr Turton      and      Mr MacGibbon  
Ski Trip Leaders